



NOTICE OF RACE

19th Sint Maarten Budget Marine Optimist Championship

Sint Maarten Yacht Club
November 28th - December 1st 2024

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The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No protest) against another boat when infringing this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1.	RULES
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- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.2 The IODA class rules will apply: [IODA CLASS RULES](#).
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2.	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
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The sailing instructions will be available after Thursday November 21 2024 on the official notice board.

3.	COMMUNICATION
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- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at: [NOTICE BOARD](#)
- 3.2 [DP] [NP] Except in an emergency, a boat racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4.	ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
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- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the Optimist Class.
- 4.2 Classes are defined as follows:

Optimist	Optimist sailors born in 2012 or earlier
Optimist Benjamin	Optimist sailors born in 2013 or later
Optimist Green	Beginner fleet

- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at: [REGISTRATION](#)

5.	FEES
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5.1 Entry fees, including dinner on Thursday November 28th, Breakfast and Lunch on November 29th, 30th and December 1st are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until November 15th 2024	Standard Fee
Optimist, Benjamin, Green	\$180	\$210

5.2 Other fees: 1 Coach per team is included for dinner, breakfast and lunch on days stated above. Additional people have to pay a fee. Boat rental fee is \$25 per day, for the hull only.

6.	ADVERTISING
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6.1 [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

6.2 The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

7.	SCHEDULE
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DATE	REGISTRATION	SAILORS BRIEFING	1st WARNING SIGNAL
28/11/24	9:00AM - 14:00PM		15:00PM (Practice Race)
29/11/24		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
30/11/24		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
01/12/24		8:00 AM	9:30 AM

7.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 12:00 PM.

8.	EQUIPMENT INSPECTION
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8.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9.	VENUE
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9.1 NOR addendum 1 - shows the plan of the event venue.

9.2 NOR addendum 2 - shows the location of the racing area.

10.	THE COURSES
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10.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions (SI's).

11.	PENALTY SYSTEM
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11.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5

11.3 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

12.	SCORING
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12.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13.	SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS
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13.1 [DP] [NP] Support boats shall have on board:

- Life jackets (mini 50N) worn at all times by all persons on board

- VHF radio

- A knife

- An anchor and a suitable mooring line

- A floating towing line 10mm in diameter and 15m long

- A kill cord which shall be connected to the pilot while the engine is running.

Support boat pilots shall comply with all requests from the officers or representatives of the organizing authority, particularly those concerning assistance.

Support boats shall comply with local sailing regulations, in particular speed limits in the various zones.

14.	BERTHING
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14.1 [DP] [NP] Boats shall remain in their places being allocated, while remaining in the boat park

15.	RISK STATEMENT
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15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

16.	PRIZES
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16.1 Prizes will be given as follows :
Optimist 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
Optimist Benjamin 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
Optimist Green 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
Additional prizes may be awarded.

17.	OTHER INFORMATION
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Addendum - 1 : PLAN OF VENUE



Addendum - 2 : RACING AREA

