

2025 Spring Championship

15th and 16th of March 2025

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is the International Optimist Class Association (UK) in conjunction with **Royal Torbay Yacht Club – 12 Beacon Hill, Torquay, TQ1 2BH.**

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee at a hearing.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 IOCA (UK) implements the [RYA Racing Charter](#) and competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.3 RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race (NoR) and the IOCA (UK) Major Event Sailing Instructions (MESI), the MESI shall prevail. In the event of a conflict between the NoR or the MESI and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI), the SSI will prevail.
- 1.4 RRS G3 applies. A boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

2 ELIGIBILITY ENTRY AND FEES

- 2.1 Entry is open to all boats of the International Optimist Class.
- 2.2 Competitors shall be members of IOCA (UK) or an equivalent National Optimist organisation.
- 2.3 Competitors shall complete the online Equipment Declaration <https://forms.gle/RUyJsceSdxdejmb66> before the end of registration.
- 2.4 The closing date for entries is on the Monday prior to the event at 23.59hrs on the 10/03/2025.

- 2.5 Entry shall be made via the IOCA (UK) [OurClubAdmin](#) page, and the official Entry Form shall be submitted with the declaration of the Parent/Guardian prior to midnight on the closing date.
- 2.6 In line with the standard IOCA conditions of entry, entries will only be confirmed once the entry fee has been paid. While the entry fee remains unpaid that entry will remain on the waiting list.
- 2.7 All promotions from waiting list to confirmed entries will depend on payment of entry fees and available space at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 2.8 An entry request made after the closing date may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 2.9 The Entry Fee is £70.00 per boat per event and shall be paid via OurClubAdmin.
- 2.10 An entry made a week prior to the closing date will be subject to an additional late entry surcharge of 20% of the entry fee (Total £84.00).
- 2.11 For entries withdrawn before midnight on the closing date 80% of the fee will be refunded otherwise, there will be no refunds.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The IOCA Major Event Sailing Instructions (MESI) will apply and are available online at [Class Documents](#).
- 3.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be published on the official notice board (ONB).

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB). The ONB will be on-line, on the event page on IOCA OurClubAdmin [[OurClubAdmin](#)].

5 [NP] FLEETS

5.1 Main Fleet

- 5.1.1 The Main Fleet is intended for experienced racers able to be reasonably self-sufficient for several hours afloat at a time. More details on the fleets are available on the Class website, under the racing tab [Class website](#).
- 5.1.2 The Main Fleet may be split into flights, the details of which will be displayed on the ONB at registration.

5.2 Racing Regatta Fleet

5.2.1 The Racing Regatta fleet is intended to provide a full, competitive, race experience for developing sailors proportionate to their experience and capabilities, without the physical demands of the Main Fleet.

5.2.2 The Racing Regatta Fleet will sail in their own race area, with the aim of completing a greater number of shorter races than Main Fleet.

5.3 Coached Regatta Fleet

5.3.1 The Coached Regatta Fleet is intended for younger, less experienced sailors, generally in their first year of travelling to events. Sessions afloat will be shorter than other fleets and support will be provided.

5.3.2 The Coached Regatta Fleet will participate in a mixture of coaching activities and racing depending on the ability of the sailors and the conditions. The sailors may return to shore for lunch.

5.3.3 A competitor who has achieved two top 5 results in previous events is not eligible for the Coached Regatta Fleet.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Up to 8 races are scheduled for the Main Fleet and up to 12 races for the Racing Regatta Fleet. The schedule of races for the Coached Regatta Fleet will vary depending on the ability of the sailors and the conditions.

6.2 Unless stated otherwise in the SSI, the daily schedule will be:

	Saturday	Sunday
Registration	08:30 – 09:30	
Competitors' Briefing	09:40	
First Warning Signal, not before	10:55	09:55
Number of races scheduled (Main Fleet)	4	4
Number of races scheduled (Racing Regatta Fleet)	6	6
Last Permitted Warning Signal		15:00

Prize Giving		Soon after Racing
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6.3 On the last day of racing there will be no warning signal after 15:00. However, if the first start group has started, the warning signal of the second start group may be made after 15:00 but not later than 20 minutes after the first start. If the second start group fails to start in this time, the race for the first start group will be abandoned.

7 RACE AREA

7.1 The location of the Race Area will be specified in the SSI.

8 ADVERTISING

8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

9 SCORING

9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 When 3 races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.3 When 8 races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.4 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

9.5 When the fleet is divided into groups RRS Appendix A5.2 is changed so that a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of boats entered in the largest group.

10 [NP][DP]SUPPORT VESSELS AND SUPPORT PERSONS

10.1 All support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority. Registration shall include a list of the boats which any Support Persons on board will be supporting.

10.2 Support persons and support boats shall familiarise themselves with and observe MESI 18 and 19 at all times during the event.

11 DRONES [NP][DP]

11.1 Coaches, support persons or their representatives, shall not fly drones over the boat park or race area without complying with local legislation and without prior written

approval by the Organising Authority. Any approval granted by the Organising Authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.

11.2 At any time, the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the Organising Authority, Race Committee, Jury, or competitors upon reasonable request.

12 DATA PROTECTION

12.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, OurClubAdmin and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published. Your personal information will be stored and published in accordance with IOCA(UK)'s Privacy Policy and Publishing of Information Policy which can be downloaded from the Class documents page of <http://www.optimist.org.uk>.

12.2 Still or video photography may be used as part of the Race Management processes for the event. These images will only be used for Race Management purposes and will not be published.

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

13.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

13.2.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

13.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

13.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

13.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

13.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own

responsibilities;

13.2.6 The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

13.2.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held at the venue.

14 INSURANCE

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate minimum cover per incident.

14.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of a boat's insurance.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Main Fleet Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Fleet Size	Prizes awarded to
Fewer than 60 sailors	1st, 2nd and 3rd overall, and 1st boy or girl if not placed 1-3.
60 or more sailors	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th overall, and 1st boy or girl if not placed 1-5.
Any	First Optimist aged 9 Years Old, First Optimist aged 10 Years Old and First Optimist aged 11 Years Old.

Perpetual trophies will be awarded as detailed on the Class website.

The Organising Authority may award additional prizes at its discretion.

15.2 Racing Regatta Fleet and Coached Regatta Fleet prizes will be awarded as follows:

Fleet Size	Prizes awarded to
Fewer than 60 sailors	1st, 2nd and 3rd overall, and 1st boy or girl if not placed 1- 3.
60 or more sailors	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th overall, and 1st boy or girl if not placed 1-5.

Any (For Racing Regatta Fleet only).	Fair Sailing Award and Most Improved Award.
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16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact admin@optimist.org.uk.