

The Hague Optimist Cup

Notice of race

The international The Hague Optimist Cup 2019 will be held from 26 until 27 October 2019 in Scheveningen, The Netherlands. The organizing Authority is the foundation Wedstrijd Organisatie Optimist Zeilen in conjunction with Optimist Club Nederland

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020.
- 1.2. IODA class rules will apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P as amended in the Sailing Instructions will apply. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules. Such changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. Sails shall carry the full sail number and national letters in accordance with the Class Rules, the RRS and comply with RRS Appendix G. With the permission of the Race Committee, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that this number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the same class. This number shall be declared at the time of entry. This changes RRS G3.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the text in the original language will take precedence.
- 1.6. If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing instructions will prevail.
- 1.7. Arbitration will be in effect for protests involving rules of RRS Part 2 and rule 31. Appendix T applies.
- 1.8. Every person on board who has its domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license. The licenses may be checked at registration.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Each Individual competitor may display advertising subject to ISAF Regulation 20.3.
- 2.2. All competitors' boats may be required to display the event sponsor advertising on the hull as instructed by the organizing authority and as provided by ISAF Regulation 20. The advertising material will be provided by the organizing authority and is available at the registration.

3. Eligibility and entry

- 3.1. Competitors must be members of IODA or their National Optimist Association.
- 3.2. The entry fee for all sailors is € 85,00 and coach- or support boat € 30,00 and must be paid when registering. Entries shall be paid to be considered valid. A non-paid entry will not be considered as accepted. Entries can only be made via north-sea.optimist.nl.
- 3.3. The Organizing Committee has the right not to accept entries that do not comply with the Notice of Race.
- 3.4. The Organizing Committee has the right to accept entries received after the entry deadline.
- 3.5. The closing date for entries is the Friday 11 October 2019, 24:00.

- 3.6. After Wednesday 11 October 2019 24:00 sailors that enter the regatta have to pay a late entry fee of €100,00.
- 3.7. A complete declaration of the Parent/Guardian consent form shall be submitted via the online entry form.
- 3.8. For safety reasons the regatta will be open to all participants with a maximum number of 130 participants. The organizing authority has the right to extend this number. Entries will be accepted by the first come-first served principle.
- 3.9. Competitors from the Netherlands must be ranked within the top 100 of the Dutch ranking of 11 October 2019. Competitors shall state their coach upon entry the maximum number of competitors per coach is 8.
- 3.10. Competitors are responsible for the correct information they provide on the entry form. It is strongly recommended that competitors check their entry information once published on the website. Changes in the name, gender, sail number and/or national letters SHALL be made via the event website before 18 October 2019 24:00. Any changes after that date or during registration are subject to a penalty fee of €15,00 to be paid in cash at registration.

4. Venue

- 4.1. The venue is at the Nationaal Topzeilcentrum Den Haag, Hellingweg 11, 2583 DZ Den Haag (district Scheveningen), The Netherlands.
- 4.2. The event website is north-sea.optimist.nl.
- 4.3. Figure 1 shows the location of the regatta venue.
- 4.4. Figure 2 shows the location of the racing area.

5. Registration

- 5.1. Visit the event website, north-sea.optimist.nl, for entry.
- 5.2. Competitors shall provide the following documents prior to completing registration at the Regatta Office:
 - Insurance documents
 - Coaches shall provide the list of sailors under their responsibility.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. Registration
 - Friday, 25 October 2019 From 18:00 to 21:00.
 - Saturday, 26 October 2019 From 08:00 to 10:00.
- 6.2. Dates of racing and number of races:
 - Saturday, 26 October 2019 4 races
 - Sunday, 27 October 2019 4 races
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on the first day is 11:55.
- 6.4. No race shall be started after 15:00 on the last day of the regatta. However, a race that would have started prior to 15:00, if not for a general recall, may be restarted after 15:00.

7. Race format qualifying series and final series

- 7.1. The fleet will be divided in starting groups of maximum 70 boats.

8. Course

- 8.1. The course will be an up wind down - wind course with the finish on the downwind beat

9. Scoring System

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. 8 races are scheduled.
- 9.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. Prizes

10.1. Prizes are awarded for the overall results of the Regatta. Prizes are awarded to:

- the 10 highest ranked competitors in the final results;
- best Girl;
- best 3 Benjamin's, born in 2008 or later.

11. Sailing Instructions and Briefings

- 11.1. The event sailing instructions will apply and will be available on the event website before the start of the registration.
- 11.2. Sailing Instructions will not be available at the registration.
- 11.3. There will be a briefing for competitors during the official opening on Thursday 19 October at 11:00.
- 11.4. Coach meetings will be held every regatta day at 2.5 hours for the first planned start of the day.

12. Safety

- 12.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel must wear a personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Kill cords must be used when on the water.
- 12.2. All coach boats must carry a VHF radio at all times while at sea.

13. Support boats

- 13.1. Support boats must register with the organizing committee and declare each competitor they are supporting.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The foundation Wedstrijd Organisatie Optimist Zeilen, the Optimist Club Nederland, the involved Race Committee, any other parties and/or persons involved in the organization of the races and persons who are being used by these parties, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. Insurance

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 or the equivalent per event. Competitor is obliged to show adequate documentation for this during registration if requested.

16. Regatta Fleet Competency

16.1. All Regatta Fleet sailors must be competent and capable of sailing up wind down wind course in light to heavy conditions subscribed by the IODA.

17. Trolleys

17.1. All trolleys must be in full working order and marked with a current sail number.

18. Photography Consent

18.1. By entering the Regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

19. Charter boats

Charter boats may be available during the entire event and two days before that for training. Further information can be found on the event website: north-sea.optimist.nl.

20. Further information

For further information see Figure 1, Venue and Figure 2, Racing Area as well as north-sea.optimist.nl.

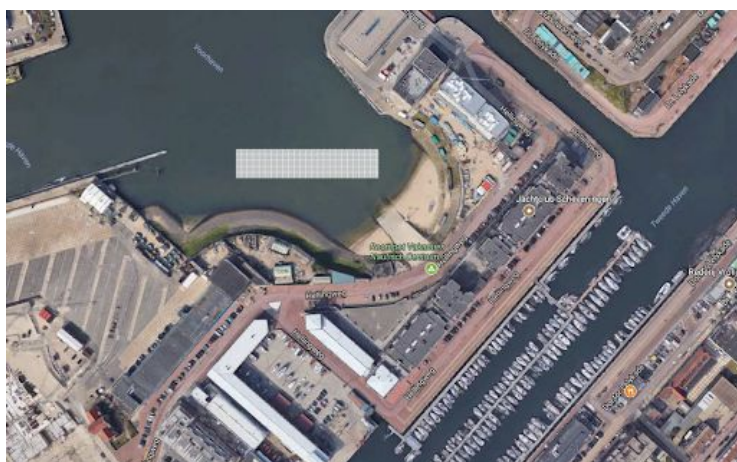


Figure 1 Venue.



Figure 2 Racing Area.