



International Optimist Dinghy Victorian Open, Intermediate & Green Fleet Championships



9th – 11th March 2019

To be conducted by Royal Brighton Yacht Club
In conjunction with Victorian International Optimist Dinghy Association (VIODA)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Open and Intermediate fleets will be governed by:-
 - 1.1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) - Part 2.
 - 1.1.2 RRS Appendix P shall apply changed as follows:- P2.2 shall apply to all second and subsequent penalties and P2.3 is deleted.
- 1.2 Green Fleet racing will be conducted under the World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) - Part 2.
- 1.3 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary Sailing Instructions that will be displayed on a notice board located underneath the main club house, in the vicinity of the Junior Lounge.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The Victorian Open, Intermediate and Green Fleet Championships are open to all International Optimist Class boats whose helms are financial members of a State or National International Optimist Dinghy Association, members of a club affiliated with Australia Sailing or another World Sailing Member National Authority and born after 2002.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form, available at rbyc.org.au/opti together with the required fee by 09:00 hrs on 23 February 2019.
- 3.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until 21:00 9th March 2019 and will be subject to an additional late entry fee.
- 3.4 The division will be as follows:

Fleet	Level
Green	Learning to race
Intermediate	Intermediate
Open	Advanced

- 3.5 Competitors may only voluntarily change division (fleet) before registration closes at 10:00 on 9th March 2018.
- 3.6 Allocation of any competitor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet, or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of VIODA, and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee.

4 Fees

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Fleet	Fee
Open & Intermediate	\$150 per boat (\$137.50 for additional siblings)
Green Fleet	\$100 per boat (\$75 for additional siblings)

4.2 Late entry is \$50.00 per boat.

5 Schedule

Friday	17:00 – 19:00	Registration
Saturday	09:00 -10:00	Registration
	10:00	Competitor briefing
	11:55	First warning signal – 3 races back to back
	After racing	Opti Muster and sausage sizzle
Sunday	10:25	First warning signal - 3 races back to back
	After racing	Opti Muster and sausage sizzle
	16:00	VIODA AGM (or 1 hour after last race)
Monday	10:25	First warning signal - 3 races back to back
	After racing	Prize Presentations

5.1 Competitors briefing will be held on Sunday and Monday morning at approx. 8.45am for open fleet and other fleets if required.

5.2 Additional races may be sailed each day provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to Standard Sailing Instruction 3.1.

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6 Measurement

6.1 Only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail shall be used during the regatta. Equipment shall only be replaced with the written permission of the Race Committee.

6.2 All Open and Intermediate fleet boats should produce valid Measurement Certificates and a completed measurement form for the hull and all equipment at registration. Measurement checks and/or inspection of measurement certificates may be carried out during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee and the VIC Measurer. Measurement forms are attached. Please complete these forms prior to the regatta.

7 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and supplementary instructions that will be available on the RBYC website at www.rbyc.org.au approximately one week prior to the regatta and on the Official Notice Board.

8 Venue

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Royal Brighton Yacht Club, 253 Esplanade, Middle Brighton VIC 3186.

9 The Courses

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. It is anticipated that courses will be standard Optimist courses.

10 Scoring

- 10.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled of which five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When from six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 When nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

11 Support Boats

- 11.1 All support boats are required to register with the Organising Authority in order to have marina berthing allocated.
- 11.2 Support boats cannot be launched at RBYC. The nearest public boat ramp is at North Road. Parking for trailers at RBYC is limited and only available by prior arrangement. Email sailing@rbyc.org.au.
- 11.3 It is recommended that the boat comply with the following:
 - Carry a VHF Radio and monitor the fleet channels as advised by the Organising Authority;
 - Sign on and off by radio to the Tower (Call sign "Brighton Tower") each day;
 - Hold a current power boat operators license;
 - Restrict their speed to 5 knots within 100m of any competitor; and
 - Assist the organising authority with safety matters when requested
- 11.4 Registered coaches will be permitted in the Green Fleet race area.
- 11.5 All other support personnel shall keep to leeward of the starting line prior to the start and more than 100 metres clear of any competitor or mark of the courses while boats are "**Racing**", except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 11.6 Registered support boats are required to render safety assistance if requested to do so by the race committee or a competitor.
- 11.7 When Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Race Committee Vessel, all registered coach and support boats are required to remain afloat and assist all competitors until Flag W is lowered.
- 11.8 Support boats shall not signal to competitors by any means during a race.
- 11.9 Support boat briefings may be conducted daily to provide feedback and outline on proposed plans for day of racing

12 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

13 Prizes

- 13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Open Championships (Open to any State or National Optimist Assoc member)

1st Skipper, 2nd Skipper, 3rd Skipper

Victorian Championships (VIODA Members only)

1st VIC Boy, 2nd VIC Boy, 3rd VIC Boy

1st VIC Girl, 2nd VIC Girl, 3rd VIC Girl

Most Improved in Open from previous Open Vic. States

Best under 12 yo

Intermediate Fleet (Open to any State or National Optimist Association member)

1st Boy, 2nd Boy, 3rd Boy

1st Girl, 2nd Girl, 3rd Girl

Best under 12 yo

Most Improved in Intermediate from previous Intermediate Vic States

Green Fleet (Open to any State or National Optimist Association member)

1st Boy, 2nd Boy, 3rd Boy

1st Girl, 2nd Girl, 3rd Girl

Participation certificates for each competitor

13.2 In Green Fleet and Intermediate Fleet, prizes will not be awarded to competitors who were awarded a prize for placing in the same fleet in a previous Victorian State Championship.

13.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

14 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority 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

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5 Million per incident or the equivalent.

16 Rights to use name and likeness

In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities and the sponsors of this Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation

17 Further Information

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