



**The Magic Marine Optimist Class Open Meeting
8th & 9th June 2024
Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Hayling Island Sailing Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The current International Optimist Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) shall apply at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.4 Competitors should note that Hayling Island SC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at:
www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter

2. COMMUNICATIONS & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 All documents governing this event, including the sailing instructions, will be available from the event website and official notice board at:
www.hisc.co.uk/sailing/open-events/
- 2.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all International Optimist class dinghies.
- 3.2 There will be three fleets sailing on separate course areas: a Main Fleet, a Racing Regatta Fleet and a Coached Regatta Fleet. The Racing Regatta Fleet is intended for younger or less experienced helms; entries in this fleet will be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority. The Coached Regatta Fleet will have assigned coaches and is intended for those taking their first steps into racing.
- 3.3 The target number of entries is as follows:
 - Main Fleet 80
 - Regatta Fleet 60
 - Coached Regatta Fleet: 24
- 3.4 Boats shall enter by registering online at the event website and paying the entry fee.

- 3.5 Early entry will close at midnight on Friday 3rd May. Thereafter entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority which, if accepted, will be subject to a late entry fee, up until Friday 31st May.
- 3.6 Competitors shall complete and submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration at time of online entry.
- 3.7 Cancellation: If an entry is cancelled by the competitor seven days or more before the event, their entry fee will be refunded in full. There will be no entry fee refund after that time. Any BBQ/social tickets purchased in addition to the entry may be cancelled and will be refunded in full up to 48 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race.
4. FEES
- 4.1 Early entry fee per boat: £70.00
- 4.2 Late entry fee (if applicable): an additional £10.00 per entry
- 4.3 The entry fee includes one BBQ ticket for the competitor. Additional tickets may be purchased with the online entry or at the club office.
5. SCHEDULE
- 5.1 Dates of racing: 8th & 9th June 2024.
- 5.2 Registration: Saturday 8th June, from 08:30 am.
- 5.3 The maximum number of races will be as follows:
Main Fleet: 8 races
Regatta Fleet: 12 races
Coached Regatta Fleet: An unspecified number of short races
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on 8th June is 11:30, and on 9th June is 11:55.
- 5.5 The warning signal for succeeding races each day will be made as soon as practicable for Main Fleet and Regatta Fleet; it is not intended to schedule any break between races.
- 5.6 On the last day of the event no warning signal will be made after 16:00.
6. MEASUREMENT
- 6.1 Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.
7. VENUE
- 7.1 The Main Fleet may race in Hayling Bay, Bracklesham Bay or Chichester Harbour. Both Racing Regatta and Coached Regatta Fleet's will race in Chichester Harbour.
- 7.2 Venue information is available at www.hisc.co.uk.
8. SCORING
- 7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.2 a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
d) When twelve or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
9. BERTHING
- 9.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst ashore in the boat park.
10. PRIZES
- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries in each fleet.
11. MEDIA RIGHTS
- 11.1 By entering the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event, unless specified otherwise in individual entry.
12. RISK STATEMENT
- 12.1 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.

13. INSURANCE

13.1 [DP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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