

**OPTIFALL REGATTA**  
**OPEN BELGIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS OPTIMIST 2019**

**September 14 – 15, 2019 at Nieuwpoort Belgium.**

**Notice of Race**

**1. Venue**

The Optifall Regatta – also Open Belgian Championships 2019 for the Optimist Class - will be sailed on the North Sea off Nieuwpoort, Belgium on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. The races will be organised by W.S.K.Lum. and R.Y.C.B.in Nieuwpoort, assisted by Dinghy Optimist Class Belgium..

**2. General**

The Sailing Instructions will be published at the latest one week before the event on the website - [www.optifall.be](http://www.optifall.be) and can be downloaded as PDF document. They will not be handed over at registration. All participants are requested to register online, and shall confirm their participation at the Race Office. The Race Office will be established in the WSKLum. Support boats: see § 14.

**3. Class**

Open to all International Optimist Dinghies.

**4. Rules**

This event will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the regulations for Championships of the Belgian Sailing, and the IODA Class Rules when applicable, except those changed in the Sailing Instructions.

During the regatta, RRS app P will apply.

**5. Advertising**

Advertising in accordance to World Sailing regulation 20 and IODA Class Rule 2.8. Each boat is required to display on both sides of her hull the stickers of the event-sponsor, if any.

**6. Eligibility**

Each boat shall be a full member of her national class association. All boats and equipment must have valid measurement certificates. Random checks can be performed by the organizing comity of the (record of) equipment used for this regatta. This record can be downloaded from the website, [www.optimist.be](http://www.optimist.be). Boats shall carry on the sail the letters and numbers issued by the national class association.

**7. Disclaimer of Liability**

Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. The WSKLum, DOCB, R.Y.C.B., the race committee or any person directly or indirectly involved in the organization shall not be liable for injury, personal or material damage, loss or claim, ashore or afloat, which might result from participation or intention to participate in this event.

Rule 4 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.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of

risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, each parent present or not, each coach agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured.

Parents/guardians not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

## 8. Insurance

All boats must carry a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 500.000,- per event.

## 9. Pre-registration & Entry Fee

All entries shall be made by on-line registration at [www.optifall.be](http://www.optifall.be). **By registering you are on the waiting list. After payment your entry will be final.** The online registration should allow you to perform direct online payment.

Late entries, made at the race office before 11h00 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 will be accepted.

If for any reason your pre-registration cannot be confirmed by direct online payment, your entry will be on the waiting list. Please contact DOCB via [regatta@optimist.be](mailto:regatta@optimist.be) in this case.

Payment of late entries during the registration has to be done only in cash money.

Entry fee:

**€60** if online entry and payment before 08-09-2019  
**€80** from 08-09-2019 onwards

## 10. Schedule

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September:	19:00	Race Office open (till 21:00)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September:	08:30	Race Office open.
	10:30	Launching
	11:30	Start 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September:	08:30	Race Office open.
	10:30	Launching
	11:30	Start 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day.

Any race not validly started by 16:00 on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019, will be cancelled.

Depending of the number of entries, the organizing authority may sub-divide the class into multiple starting groups. Details of this system will be found in the Sailing Instructions.

Prize giving ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the last race.

### **11. Scoring system**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 4 or more races have been completed.

The total number of races shall not exceed 7 (seven).

### **12. Trophies and Prizes**

Overall prizes will be awarded to the first three competitors finishing the race and to the first three Benjamin (born in 2007 or later)

Other prizes may be awarded.

Results will be available as soon as possible after the event on [www.optifall.be](http://www.optifall.be) .

### **13. Support Boats**

All support boats are requested to register online before 13/09/2019 on [www.optifall.be](http://www.optifall.be) . All support boats shall fly a flag if such is provided at the race office.

- A deposit of 10€ must be paid in cash in the regatta office at registration. This deposit will be restituted after return of the flag.
- There is free use of slipway and free mooring in the Rib Area when registered.
- Support boats can be requested to help with towing the sailors to the race area and back to the harbour.

### **14. Social**

A competitors diner will be organised on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the clubhouse. Tickets will be available at registration.

### **14. Accomodation**

Hotel accomodation and camping are available in the nearby area of the marina. The tourist information center of the city of Nieuwpoort can inform about such accomodation (mail to [info@nieuwpoort.be](mailto:info@nieuwpoort.be) or see at the website: <http://www.nieuwpoort.be/toerisme/toerisme.html> under the banner "logies", in dutch only)

Camping facilities will also be available near the club:

Mobilhome: 15 € / overnight

Tent: 10 € / overnight

### **18. Commercial Rights**

The organizing authority owns and controls all commercial rights of this event, such Commercial Rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

- a) audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these Regulations);
- b) sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;
- c) ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and
- d) other rights to commercialize this event (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorize the taking of bets.