



SAILING KZN

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

KZN OPTIMIST CLASS ASSOCIATION

PRESENT

GRAND PRIX SERIES

2009/ 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

Sailing KZN, KwaZulu-Natal Optimist Class Association and host yacht clubs ISC, HMYC, ZYC and PYC.

2. VENUES AND DATES:

Grand Prix I – Island Sailing Club, Durban Bay, 12th & 13th September 2009.

Grand Prix II – Henley Midmar Yacht Club, Midmar Dam, 31st October & 1st November 2009.

Grand Prix III – Zululand Yacht Club, Richards Bay, 6th & 7th February 2010.

Grand Prix IV – Point Yacht Club Beachsite, Vetch's Pier (TBC), 1st & 2nd May 2010.

3. CLASSES:

3.1 The series shall be for the Optimist, Dabchick, Mirror and Youth Laser Classes.

3.2 Other:

3.2.1 09rs will be eligible to sail together with the Optimist Class.

3.2.2 A Novice class for sailors who are in their first year of racing will be provided for. However, eligible sailors will sail the same course as the others.

3.2.3 Additionally, should there be a positive response, a Laser Masters Class will be catered for, sailing the same Laser course.

3.2.4 Other dinghy classes, depending on response, may be considered, sailing the same Laser course.

3.3 Note: No Laser sailor may change rig during the course of the regatta.

See also para 9.3 & 9.4.

4. RULES:

The following rules shall govern the series:

4.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

4.2 The current class rules of the International Optimist Class and Laser Classes.

4.3 The Notice of Race.

4.4 The Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments thereof.

5. ELIGIBILITY:

5.1 Each competitor shall be in good standing with and affiliated to SA Sailing and a member of their relevant Class Association.

5.2 Every competitor shall be a member of a SAS recognized yacht club.

5.3 Sailors in all classes, with the exception of the Laser Masters Class, shall comply with the age limitations of their classes as defined under Youth Sailing.

6. MEASUREMENT AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES:

Each competing yacht shall hold a valid class measurement or registration certificate.

7. ENTRIES:

7.1 Eligible yachts and skippers may enter by completing the entry form up to 30 minutes prior to the advertised start time of 10h30 at the respective venues.

7.2 The entry fee for competing yachts is **R60.00** per sailor per event payable at registration at each of the four venues.

7.3 All entry fees are payable before racing at registration which will open at the respective venues at 09:30

7.4 All cheques to be made out to KZN Optimist Class Association.

7.5 Sailing Instructions will be available and on display at the respective venues.

8. FORMAT OF THE SERIES:

8.1 A minimum of 12 races, 3 at any one venue, is required for the series itself to qualify. A maximum of 32 races may be sailed, 8 at each venue.

8.2 Results from all the races sailed in the series will be used to determine the overall placings.

9. SCORING:

9.1 The Low-Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A4.1, will apply.

9.2 One race will be discarded for every five races completed in the regatta.

9.3 All Laser Classes will sail as one class. Results for a race, however, will be extracted from the overall finishing positions for the Youth Laser (Standard/full rig), Youth Laser Radial, Youth Laser 4.7 and Laser Masters.

9.4 Laser Masters will be scored as one class irrespective of the rig used.

10. SCHEDULE OF RACING:

10.1 Races will take place as follows:

Grand Prix I – Island Sailing Club, Durban Bay, 12 & 13 September 2009.

Grand Prix II – Henley Midmar Yacht Club, Midmar Dam, 31 October/1 November 2009.

Grand Prix III – Zululand Yacht Club, Richards Bay, 6 & 7 February 2010.

Grand Prix IV – Point Yacht Club Beachsite, Vetch's Pier (TBC), 1 & 2 May 2010.

10.2 Race start times are not before 10h30 on the Saturday of each event.

10.3 The last race will not start after 13h30 on Sunday of each event, unless racing is required in order to constitute a leg of the series (3 races) and, in the opinion of the race officer, such racing will be possible, in which case, the last race shall not start after 15h:00.

11. CLASS FLAGS:

Class flags will be:

11.1 Optimist & 09rs – **Optimist Insignia**

11.2 Laser – **Laser Insignia**

11.3 Other – As defined in the sailing instructions

12. RACING AREA, COURSE AND MARKS:

12.1 The racing area will be announced at a compulsory Skipper's Briefing prior to the first race of the day. The Skipper's Briefing will take place 45 minutes before the start of the first race.

12.2 The course for the series will be a Triangular Course leaving all marks to Port.

12.3 The Optimist Class will sail the following course S-1-2-3-1-3-F (triangle, sausage); Laser Class S-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-F (triangle, sausage, triangle). The Start and Finish will be midway up the beat between Marks 1 and 3.

12.4 The Committee boat will mark the Starboard end of the start and finish line.

12.5 Any changes to the above will be announced at the Skipper's Briefing.

13. THE START:

13.1 Races will be started with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. Subsequent signals will be made 1 minute apart.

13.2 The start line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the pin buoy at the port end.

13.3 The start signal of the first Class will be the warning signal of the next Class. Order of racing shall be determined by the Race Officer.

13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

14. THE FINISH:

The finish line shall be between the mast on the Committee Boat and the pin buoy at the port end.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM:

15.1 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

16. TIME LIMITS:

16.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat of her Class will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

16.2 See also para. 17.2 and 17.3 below for Protest Time Limits.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

17.1 Protest forms will be available at the Committee Rooms.

17.2 Protests and requests for redress must be lodged within 60 minutes of the last boat of that class to finish the race or the last race of that consecutive series of back-to-back races.

17.3 Competitors required to attend hearings will be announced within 5 minutes after the Protest Time Limit indicated in para. 17.2 above.

17.4 No protest will be heard after 16h00.

17.5 In the Optimist class RRS 61.1 (a) will be changed to require a red flag to be displayed by the protesting boat. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

18. SAFETY:

18.1 Each boat shall comply with the safety requirements for its class.

18.2 The wearing of a buoyancy aid at all times while afloat is compulsory.

18.3 In addition, each boat of the Optimist Class shall have on board a secured paddle with a blade surface of not less than 0,025m² and each competitor shall carry a whistle attached to his clothing or body.

18.4 Each Optimist Class boat shall have a painter of 8m that floats and has a non-sliding loop tied in the end. It shall be securely attached to the boat.

18.5 The mast of each boat shall be tied down.

18.6 The rudder shall have a suitable retaining clip to prevent it from coming off in the event of capsize.

18.7 The daggerboard shall be attached to the boat by a cord.

19. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOL:

19.1 All participants must abide by the anti-doping policy of the Institute for Drug-Free Sport and no person younger than 18 years of age may consume alcohol anywhere on the club premises.

19.2 Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the series and eviction from the premises.

20. LIABILITY:

20.1 All competitors compete entirely at their own risk.

20.2 The organizing authority and any other party involved in the organization of the event accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the event.

21. AWARDS, TROPHIES AND PRIZES:

21.1 Such presentation will be made after the last race of Grand Prix IV at PYC.

21.2 Awards for the Optimist Class and the Youth Laser Classes will be made as follows:

1st overall – Trophy and Gold medal

2nd overall – Silver medal (if more than 7 boats in the Class)

3rd overall – Bronze medal (if more than 14 boats in the Class)

1st Girl Optimist – Gold medal

1st U11 in the Optimist – Gold medal

21.3 Each participant will also receive recognition for their sailing endeavours.

22. CONTACTS:

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ASSOCIATION GRAND PRIX SERIES 2009/ 2010

ENTRY FORM

Name/s : _____

Date of Birth : _____ Novice : Yes / No

Club : _____

Class : _____ Reg No : _____

Sail No. : _____ Boat name : _____

E-Mail Address : _____

I agree to be bound by the rules of the ISAF, the SA Sailing prescription thereto, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and the Rules of the Class Association.

I acknowledge that participation in this regatta is entirely at competitors' own risk and no responsibility for damage, injury or loss from participating in this regatta will rest with the Organising Authorities, Organising Committee, the Class Associations, the host Club, or any person or agent of these bodies.

Sign : _____ Date : _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____