



DELL QUAY SAILING CLUB

OPTIMIST OPEN MEETING

Optimist Southern Area Traveller Series

Sunday 21st July 2019

The Organising Authority is Dell Quay Sailing Club (DQSC)
Apuldram, Chichester, PO20 7EE

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020*.
- 1.2 Racing rules 32.2 (shortened courses), 35 (time limits and scores), 63.1 (requirement for a hearing), A (scoring) will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the organising authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the charter, which can be found in the RYA rule book and at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx>
- 1.4 Dell Quay Sailing Club follows the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing and by entering any series competitors agree to sail in compliance with this code.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Main Fleet is open to Optimists conforming to the class rules of the International Optimist Class Association.
- 2.2 The Regatta Fleet is open to those who have not yet won a Regatta Fleet series. Optimist dinghies should comply with the spirit of the class rules of the International Optimist Class Association.
- 2.3 Entries may be made at the DQSC clubhouse from 10:00 on the day of the meeting.
- 2.4 All helms (and if under 18 and their parent or guardian) must complete the entry form accepting the conditions of entry.
- 2.5 A change of boat or helm constitutes a separate entry.
- 2.6 Competitors must grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any report, result, video or still pictures of or relating to the races.
- 2.7 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered or on the engraved hull number, must seek approval from the DQSC sailing committee via the entry desk prior to the first race in which they sail with the changed numbers. **All competitors must ensure that the sail has a suitable sail number identification.**
- 2.8 Young competitors are those under the age of 18 on 21st July 2019.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Entry Fee: **£15 per boat**
- 3.2 All boats must display a current Chichester Harbour or a Langstone Harbour Plaque. Boats not displaying such a plaque will be scored DNC. The cost of visitor harbour dues is **£2.00** per weekend. Plaques are available for purchase from DQSC on the day of the event.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The briefing to competitors will be held in the clubhouse at 12:30
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 13:25



- 4.3 High water is timed at 15:30 and the height is 4.4m.
- 4.4 4 races are scheduled, back to back.
- 4.5 No warning signal will be made after 16:45.

5 MEASUREMENTS

Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Optimist class rules.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions are available on the official notice board in the DQSC clubhouse and on the club website <http://www.dellquaysc.co.uk/>

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The races are based at Dell Quay Sailing Club.
- 7.2 Racing will generally take place in Chichester Harbour. A chart of the racing area is available on the club board and on the DQSC website <http://www.dellquaysc.co.uk/>

8 THE COURSES

Course information will be issued with the Sailing Instructions at registration.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

The RYA Alternative Disputes Resolution (modified) will be implemented. Details are available on the DQSC website <http://www.dellquaysc.co.uk/> and also on the club official notice board.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Three entrants are required to constitute a race
- 10.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- (b) When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat must neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The Prize giving will take place as soon as possible after racing, and prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

13 BOATS AND COMPETITORS IN DIFFICULTY

When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. Competitors shall obey such instructions from boats acting as patrol boats.



14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 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.”

14.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, competitors agree and acknowledge that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- (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 competitors of their 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat must have third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per claim.