

Optimist Summer Series Regatta 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

**Milnerton Aquatic Club on the 6th & 7th March 2021
and
Zeekoe Vlei Yacht Club on the 27th & 28th March 2021**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024**.
1.2 Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the **Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2021 - 2024**, the **Class Rules of the Optimist Class** this **Notice of Race**, and the **Sailing Instructions**.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all experience skill levels within the Optimist class. (beginner, b-fleet, a-fleet)
3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online registration form at <http://zvyc.co.za/events/>
3.3 Beginners are encouraged to sail, there will be a prizes for storm sail entrants (please speak with your club about borrowing a storm sail)

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

The whole Series 6th, 7th, 27th, 28th March 2021
Early Entry Fee up until Wednesday 3 March 2021: **R200**

Individual weekend ONLY

Early Entry Fee up until the Wednesday before racing: **R125**
Entry on the day: **R200** cash

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: 08h30 to 09h30 on Saturday of each weekend
5.2 Dates of racing: As above
5.3 Times of Racing: Saturday starts will not be before 10h00 and Sunday starts will not be before 09h00
5.4 Maximum number of races: 20
5.5 There will be a break each day for lunch where all boats will come off the water for 45mins and lunch will be provided for all registered entrants.
5.6 Racing will resume after lunch
5.7 No warning signal will be made after 15h00 on Sunday

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available via Whatsapp and on the ZVYC website on completion of registration formalities.

7 VENUES

Racing will take place at Milnerton Aquatic Club and Zeekoe Vlei Yacht Club, Cape Town.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Milnerton Aquatics Club: The courses to be sailed will be between permanent laid marks on the vlei with the bridge hut as the start and finish line
8.2 Zeekoi Vlei Yacht Club: The courses to be sailed will be between permanent laid marks on the vlei with the bridge boat as the start and finish line

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 will apply.

10 SCORING

10.1 High-Point Scoring System will apply.

10.2 15 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta series.

10.3 There will be no discards

10.4 The last race on each Sunday will count for double points

10.5 Scoring Explanation

Each boat will receive point(s) equal to the number of boats she beat, plus one point. The end season score will be the sum of all the points of the individual races. There will be no exclusions (throw outs). A skipper may miss up to one MSC race day during the season to attend one sanctioned regatta out of town and will be awarded one point for each MSC race missed that day. At the end of the season, the boat with the most points will be awarded first place, etc.

DNC - DID NOT COMPETE

Boats that did not come to the starting area will receive 0 points.

DNS – DID NOT START OTHER THAN DNC AND OCS

Boats that did not start other than DNC and OCS will receive 0 points.

OCS – DID NOT START; ON THE COURSE SIDE OF THE START LINE

Boats that were on the course side of the starting line will receive 1 point. OCS boats will be counted as racing or raced.

DNF – DID NOT FINISH

Boats that did not finish will receive 1 point. She started and will be counted as racing or raced.

DSQ – DISQUALIFICATION

Boats that were disqualified will receive 0 points. DSQ boats will be counted as racing or raced.

11 SAFETY

11.1 Boats shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

11.2 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.

11.3 Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

11.4 Additional safety requirements may be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

13 SAFETY BOATS

There will be safety boats on the water to assist with any boats that require help and assistance

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be handed out at prize giving following the last race on Sunday 28th March 2021 where the overall results of the series will be determined

16 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Neither the Organising Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organisation of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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