



2019 QUEENSLAND OPTIMIST STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



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NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
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On behalf of
Queensland International Optimist Dinghy Association (QIODA)

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS) & the Queensland International Optimist Dinghy Association (QIODA) are pleased to invite all competitors to the 2019 International Optimist Dinghy Queensland Open, Intermediate & Green Fleet Championships to be held at Manly in South East Queensland from 12 to 14 April 2019.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Open and Intermediate fleets will be governed by:
 - a) The rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).
 - b) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) – Part 2.
 - c) RRS Appendix P shall apply changed as follows: P2.2 shall apply to all second and subsequent penalties and P2.3 is deleted.
- 1.2 Green Fleet racing will be conducted under the [World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing](#) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) - Part 2.
- 1.3 Under Optimist Class Rule 1.2 - The Optimist is a One-Design Class Dinghy. Except where these rules specifically permit variations, boats of this class shall be alike in hull form, construction, weight and weight distribution, rigging spars and sail plan.

Note: In deciding whether an item is permitted it should be noted that, in a One-Design Class, unless the rules specifically state that something is permitted it shall be assumed to be prohibited.
- 1.4 These rules are complimentary to the plans, measurement forms and measurement diagrams. Any request for interpretation and resolution thereof shall be made in accordance with current World Sailing regulations.
- 1.5 In the event of discrepancy between these rules, the measurement form and/or the plans, the matter shall be referred to World Sailing.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the Queensland and or Australian Governments.
- 2.3 Under Optimist Class Rule 2.8.1 - Competitor advertising is only permitted as follows: the hull in any area not already designated for Event Advertising. Such advertising shall only be applied as a temporary adhesive sticker.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Queensland Open, Intermediate and Green Fleet Championships are open to all International Optimist Class boats whose skippers/helms are financial members of a State or National International Optimist Dinghy Association and members of a club affiliated with Australia Sailing or another World Sailing Member National Authority. QIODA Membership Application/Renewal is available online: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/qldioda/membership/>
- 3.2 All ages referred to in this NOR are the sailor's age as at 31 December 2019 otherwise known as 'Opti Age'. All competitors must be aged 15 years or younger at 1st January 2019.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form, available at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/qldioda/events/> together with the required fee by **17:00 hrs on Thursday 28 March 2019**.
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted online at the discretion of the Organising Authority from 17:01 hrs on Thursday 28 March until 09:00 hrs on Friday 12 April 2019 and will be subject to an additional late entry fee of \$50.00. **Late entries are not guaranteed to receive a regatta shirt.**
- 3.5 The division will be as follows:

Fleet	Level
Green	Learning to race
Intermediate	Intermediate
Open	Advanced

- 3.6 Competitors may enter only one (1) of the following fleets: Open fleet, Intermediate fleet, Green fleet.
- 3.6.1 Entries for any fleet may be transferred to a different fleet at registration if in the sole opinion of the Organising Authority the sailor's experience or ability warrants a transfer. Competitors may only voluntarily change division (fleet) before registration closes at 09:30 hrs on 12 April 2019. To assist in selecting the correct fleet to enter please read the "Which Fleet" document attached to this Notice of Race.
- 3.7 Allocation of any competitor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet, or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of QIODA, and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Fleet	Fee
Open & Intermediate	\$150.00 per boat
Green Fleet	\$100.00 per boat
Late Entry Fee from 1701 hrs on 28 March 2019	Additional \$50.00 per boat

- 4.2 Refund Policy: Unless otherwise specified by the Organising Authority, if an individual withdraws their participation in the Event, then the refund policy is set out below:
- Notice period of Cancellation - Greater than 7 days prior to the Event: 100% refund of the Event fee less an administrative fee of \$50.00.
 - Notice period of Cancellation - Less than 7 days but more than 24 hours: 50% refund of the Event fee.
 - Notice period of Cancellation - Less than 24 hours or failure to attend: No refund.
 - The Notice period of Cancellation for the Event is prior to the first session of the Event. Once the Event has commenced, if you cancel your participation you will be liable for the entire fee even if you attend only part of the Event.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The **non-racing** schedule shall be as follows:

Date	Event	Time
Friday 12 April 2019	Registration	08:00 to 09:30 hrs
Saturday 13 April 2019	QIODA AGM	2 hours after racing, but no later than 17:00 hrs
Sunday 14 April 2019	Prize Presentations	After racing

5.2 The **racing** schedule shall be as follows:

Date	No. Races	Competitor Briefing	First Warning Signal
Friday 12 April 2019	Up to 4	0930 hrs	1100 hrs
Saturday 13 April 2019	Up to 4	N/A	1000 hrs
Sunday 14 April 2019	Up to 3	N/A	0930 hrs

5.3 Additional races may be sailed each day provided that racing does not become more than two (2) races ahead of schedule.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 Only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail shall be used during the regatta. Equipment shall only be replaced with the written permission of the Race Committee.

6.2 All Open and Intermediate fleet boats should produce valid Measurement Certificates and a completed measurement form for the hull and all equipment at registration. Measurement checks and/or inspection of measurement certificates may be carried out during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee and the AIODA Accredited Measurer. Boats which are unable to present their valid measurement book will be required to complete the application for a replacement / registration update as a condition of entry. Measurement form is attached. **ALL fleets please complete this form prior to registration.**

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/qldioda/events/> prior to 1700 hrs on Thursday 4th April **in electronic form only**.

7.2 The Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board for the duration of the regatta.

8. VENUE

8.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed may consist of trapezoid or windward/leeward. Green Fleet may sail triangular or windward/leeward courses.

9.2 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 Eleven (11) races are scheduled of which five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When from six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 When nine (9) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.

10.5 Green Fleet are scheduled to complete as many races as possible, with a maximum total of fifteen (15) races.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 When 'support boats' are referred to, this includes coach boats.

11.2 All support boats are required to register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first race at the Regatta Office.

11.3 All support boats must comply with the following:

- Carry a VHF Radio and monitor the fleet channel/s as advised by the Organising Authority;
- Hold a current RMDL and valid insurance certificate for \$10million third-party insurance or more;
- Restrict their speed to 5 knots within 100m of any competitor;
- Travel at no more than 6 knots inside Manly Harbour and to the leads.

11.4 Registered support boats are required to render safety assistance if requested to do so by the race committee or a competitor.

11.5 Registered **coaches** will be permitted in the Green Fleet race area. Registration can be obtained by application to the RQYS representative on the day of registration. Further limitations may be

- placed on the access of support and coach boats to Green Fleet sailors during on-water sessions. As a standard practice support and coach boats are not permitted to approach Green Fleet sailors during an on-water session, except in an emergency to render assistance.
- 11.6 All other support personnel shall keep to leeward of the Starting line prior to the start and more than 100 metres clear of any competitor or mark of the courses while boats are racing except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 11.7 When Flag 'W' (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Race Committee Vessel, all registered coach and support boats are required to remain afloat and assist all competitors until Flag 'W' is lowered.
- 11.8 Support boats shall not signal to competitors by any means during a race.
- 11.9 The Race Committee may protest any boat whose coach/support boat is in breach of the NOR clause 11. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under the NOR may result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make nor receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other means of electronic communication.
- 12.2 All support/coach boats must have the ability to communicate on a VHF Radio for the duration of the race days whilst on-water at the course. Radio channel/s will be advised at briefings.

13. VENUE ACCESS

- 13.1 Access to, and optimist storage at the venue will be available at no additional cost from midday Thursday 11 April until 1200 hrs Monday 15 April 2019. Access to storage outside of these dates must be arranged on an individual basis with RQYS and may incur an additional storage fee. All support or coach boat storage arrangements must be made in advance with the RQYS. Note that support boats cannot launch from RQYS – Public boat ramp is recommended (see Attachment 1). Trailer storage is available at RQYS as directed.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Open Championships – trophy (open to any State or National Optimist Association member)

1st Skipper overall (+ perpetual trophy)

Queensland Championships – trophies (QIODA Members only)

1st Male Skipper (+ perpetual trophy), 2nd Male Skipper and 3rd Male Skipper

1st Female Skipper (+ Jessica Watson perpetual trophy), 2nd Female Skipper and 3rd Female Skipper

Intermediate Fleet – trophies (open to any State or National Optimist Association member)

1st Skipper, 2nd Skipper and 3rd Skipper

1st Female Skipper

Age Awards – medals (Open and/or Intermediate fleet skippers only) (QIODA Members only)

1st Skipper aged 12 on 31st December 2019

1st Skipper aged 11 on 31st December 2019

1st Skipper aged 10 on 31st December 2019

1st Skipper aged 9 on 31st December 2019

Merit Awards – medals (QIODA Members only)

Good Sportsmanship – Green Skipper, Intermediate Skipper and Open Skipper

Most Improved – Green Skipper, Intermediate Skipper and Open Skipper

Green Fleet - trophies (open to any State or National Optimist Association member)

1st Skipper, 2nd Skipper and 3rd Skipper

Participation medals (acrylic) to remaining Green fleet skippers.

NOTE: In Green Fleet and Intermediate Fleet, prizes will not be awarded to competitors who were awarded a prize for placing in the same fleet in a previous Queensland State Championship.

- 14.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Australian & Queensland International Optimist Dinghy Associations, their members, officers or sponsors and all others involved in the conduct and management of this event, shall not be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for the loss of property or damage thereto, whatsoever or howsoever occurring. The race documents and instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor for the management and care of a boat that they have entered in the races.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10million or equivalent thereof in any other currency per event. All owners/competitors who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1 In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities and the sponsors of this Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be found on the official event website:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/qldioda/events/>

Regatta Contacts:

RQYS Sailing Office - Rebecca Ellem on 07 3396 8666 or sailing@rqys.com.au

QIODA Treasurer – Warren Dale on 0428 801 926 or treasurer@optiqld.org.au

QIODA Sponsorship Officer - Ilza Mitchell on 0404 495 400 or sponsorship@optiqld.org.au

ATTACHMENT 1
RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT 2
LAUNCHING FOR SUPPORT BOATS



NOTE: No support or coach ribs can be launched from RQYS Main Ramp during the regatta.
Please launch from the PUBLIC RAMP to the North-West of the RQYS Main Ramp.

Which Fleet?

This document is intended to provide guidance to competitors and their parents.

The divisions will be as follows:

Fleet	Level	Course	Target time for 1 st boat to finish	Approximate wind limit	Rules
Green	Learning to race	Triangle	20 minutes	15 knots	ISAF Introductory
Intermediate	Intermediate	Trapezoid	40 minutes	20 knots	RRS
Open	Advanced	Trapezoid	50 minutes	25 knots	RRS

OPEN FLEET

The Open Fleet may be scheduled to sail more races and spend longer on the water than other divisions depending on regatta conditions and scheduling. The target wind conditions are approx. 3kts to 25kts. Boats that do not finish in the time limit will be scored DNF. By entering the Open Fleet a sailor is accepting a challenge to test their skills not only against the best sailors at the event but also in the conditions, which may be variable and physically demanding.

Open Fleet Time on Water: Approx. 4-5 Hours; Open Fleet Wind Limit: 25 knots

INTERMEDIATE FLEET

The Intermediate Fleet is intended to provide a full race experience for developing sailors without the physical demands of Open Fleet or the frustration of being scored "Did Not Finish".

The Intermediate Fleet will race under the full Racing Rules of Sailing. The Intermediate Fleet will be scheduled to sail up to 4 races on any day depending on regatta conditions and scheduling. The target maximum wind threshold is approximately 20 knots.

Who should think about entering the Intermediate Fleet?

1. Developing sailors (any age) who have raced in Open Fleet before and regularly either "timed out" or have consistently finished in the back 25% of Open Fleet at other Optimist regattas.
2. Perhaps consider the best Optimist sailors at your Club and think about whether you are able to finish within 10 minutes of them in all wind conditions in particular very light (<6kts) or heavy (>18kts).
3. Emerging sailors who have sailed in Green Fleet at other regattas and are looking to transition to the next Fleet.
4. Younger sailors who may be more experienced but find the long days in Open Fleet too demanding.

Intermediate Fleet Time on Water: Approx. 3-4 Hours; Intermediate Wind Limit: 20 knots

GREEN FLEET

Green Fleet is where our junior sailors start their sailing experience. All kids start at different ages and progress at different levels. The green fleet aim is to coach, encourage and most of all provide a great fun introduction to attending a major regatta.

Green Fleet will be using the ISAF Introductory Rules of Sailing and limited on-water coaching to assist sailors' build their confidence and boat handling skills.

Green Fleet Time on Water: Approx. 2-3 Hours; Green Fleet Wind Limit: 15 knots

Australian Sailing has the following explanation of Green fleet:

<http://www.sailing.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/green-fleet-guidelines-for-clubs.pdf>

QIODA Optimist Dinghy Safety Check List

To be completed by Parent/Guardian and presented at Regatta

Sailor's Name

Sail Number

Current Member of QIODA or other state association: Yes / No

Current Insurance Certificate Yes / No

Safety Checklist - ALL FLEETS:

Personal Flotation Device (PFD) serviceable and weight appropriate Yes / No

Whistle tied to PFD Yes / No

Tow Rope/Bow Line minimum 8 metres long, and floats Yes / No

Three Buoyancy Bags serviceable and secured Yes / No

Bag Straps Fixed to boat and no deterioration Yes / No

Centreboard can be fixed to boat/preferable to have clip as per main sheet Yes / No

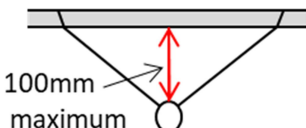

Mast Mast Clamp or tied to boat Yes / No

Paddle on lanyard/elastic secured to the hull Yes / No

Bailer/s 1 litre minimum capacity and tied to boat Yes / No

Boom Strop* Maximum 100mm from boom Yes / No

Mainsheet Clip** Quick release Yes / No

	*To prevent sailors being caught, the strop/bridle must be a maximum of 100mm from the boom.		**This is the preferred mainsheet clip/snap shackle as sailors cannot be caught and it is easily released. If you have a different clip – see the event Measurer.
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OPEN AND INTERMEDIATE FLEETS ONLY:

Boat Measurement Book Yes / No

Sail Measurement Certificate Yes / No

Item	Serial Number
Hull (ISAF #)	
Sail (sail button)	
Rudder	
Centreboard	

Item	Serial Number
Mast	
Boom	
Sprit	

Inspected By (Parent/Guardian's Name)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date