



# **BAHAMAS OPTIMIST NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2021**

**Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Organizing Authorities: Royal Nassau Sailing Club**

**The Bahamas Optimist Class Association**

**Nassau, Bahamas**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The class rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association will apply.

1.3 The following prescriptions of BSA shall apply:

a) Racing Rules of Sailing PART 4 – Add under preamble:

BSA prescribes that Part 4 rule 40 shall also apply to boats sailing to the race course from the launching area and vice-versa.

b) Rule 40 – Add below:

BSA prescribes that competitors racing in single-handed dinghies shall wear personal floatation devices at all times while afloat except as provided in rule 40.

1.4 Racing rule 33 will be changed as follows: Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

### **2. ADVERTISING**

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class.

3.2 Competitors must be 15 years of age or younger on the first day of racing.

3.3 Competitors must be junior or associate members of the Bahamas Sailing Association or Club member of Club recognized by the BSA.

3.4 Non-Bahamian competitors are eligible as Open Competitors in Championship fleet and Green fleet, and will be eligible for Championship fleet prizes, except the “Geoffrey Holowesko Floating Champion Trophy” which is awarded to Bahamian nationals and residents only.

3.5 Age groups for Championship Fleet:

White Fleet - 10 and under (on the first day of racing)

Blue Fleet - 11 and 12 (on the first day of racing)

Red Fleet - 13, 14, and 15 (on the first day of racing)

### **4. FEES**

Registration is required to be completed by all competitors before 18:00 on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

4.1 Entrance fee is \$100.00 per participant, on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, in cash, check or bank transfer payable

to the Royal Nassau Sailing Club. This covers all meals, a regatta shirt, registration pack and a quality weekend of fun and racing.

4.2 Late registration is \$130.00 on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

4.3 At the time of registration a \$5.00 fee is required for IODA (International Optimist Dinghy Association) membership.

## **5. SCHEDULE**

5.1 Dates of Registration and Racing:

**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

**16:00-18:00 - Registration at RNSC South Courtyard.**

**18:00-20:00 - Opening Ceremony – RNSC North Courtyard.**

**Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

**07:30 - Breakfast at RNSC**

**08:30 - Skippers Meeting**

**10:00 - Warning Signal with race(s) to follow**

**18:30 - 21:00 - DINNER PARTY**

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

**08:00 - Breakfast at RNSC**

**10:00 - Warning signal with race(s) to follow**

**17:30 – 20:00 –DINNER PRESENTATION at RNSC**

5.2 The Race Committee will attempt to complete 7 races.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1300.

## **6. MEASUREMENTS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at [www.royalnassausailingclub.com](http://www.royalnassausailingclub.com) and at RNSC notice boards.

## **9. VENUE**

9.1 The general racing area will be in the vicinity of Montague Bay, New Providence, Bahamas.

9.2 The exact locations of the courses will depend on the specific wind and sea conditions and are at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **10. THE COURSES**

The diagram in Attachment #1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length and exact configuration will be based on the sailing conditions.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

11.1 Appendix P will apply

11.2 Any competitor using a one/two turn(s) penalty shall report that use to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race.

11.3 The Jury Boat will be identified by displaying the code flag J.

11.4 In addition the application of Appendix P, the jury will observe racing for other rule infringements. When a protest committee member sees such an infringement, and no boat hails protest or takes an appropriate penalty, the protest committee member may make one sound, but no yellow flag will be pointed, and no sail number will be hailed. This signal means that one or more members of the protest committee believe a boat should take an appropriate penalty.

11.5 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

11.5 No protests shall be heard for the green fleet.

## **12. SCORING**

12.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

12.2 Three races shall constitute a regatta.

12.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **13. SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall be marked with a Flag given to them at registration.

## **14. BERTHING**

Berthing will be available at both the Royal Nassau Sailing Club and the Nassau Yacht Club. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are at their assigned location.

## **15. PRIZES**

Trophies shall be awarded to:

a) Top three finishers in Championship Fleet

b) Top three finishers in each Red, Blue and White fleet

d) Top female in each Red, Blue and White fleet

e) Top three finishers in Green Fleet

f) Top female in Green Fleet

g) National Champion will be awarded the "Geoffrey Holowesko Floating Champion Trophy"

## **16 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY**

16.1 The Bahamas Sailing Association, Royal Nassau Sailing Club, The International Optimist Dinghy Class Association, The Bahamas Optimist Sailing Association and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Bahamas Optimist National Championship 2021 and competitors take part in the Championships entirely at their own risk. Rule 4.

16.2 The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a competitor for the management of the boat he or she is sailing.

16.3 All competitors and support staff will be required to sign the hold Harmless Agreement.

## **17. INSURANCE**

Personal accident/health and third-party liability insurances are the sole responsibility of each competitor.

## **18 COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS/PROTOCOLS**

- 'Bahamas Sailing Association COVID-19 Protocols For Major Events' accompanying this NOR should be viewed in advance and shall be abided by all Participants (competitors, support persons on site or in the racing area during the event, and race officials as defined or described in the

Racing Rules of Sailing).

- Participants travelling from other islands/countries shall (where applicable) provide the event organizers with a copy of their COVID test showing a negative result if such test is required by the Covid Regulations in place at the time of the Event.
- Each participating club shall have at least one coach and one team representative. Both must be adults and shall ensure:
  - The 'Team List' (accompanying this NOR) indicating the names of all participants from their team (including the coach in charge, the team representative, any support persons on site or in the racing area during the event and all competitors from their club/team) is completed and presented to the person in charge of registration.
  - Their team members have masks and their own hand sanitization liquid.
  - Their team members abide by the COVID protocols.

The COVID-19 Questionnaire that accompanies the Registration Form shall be completed for each Participant (competitor, support person intending to be or actually on site or in the racing area during the event, and race official) and presented to the persons in charge of registration along with written confirmation from each affiliated Club/Association/Coach that the Bahamas Sailing Association "COVID-19 Protocols for Competitions" have been complied with by each participant (competitor and support person intending to be or actually on site or in the racing area during the event) from their Club, Association or group .

## **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

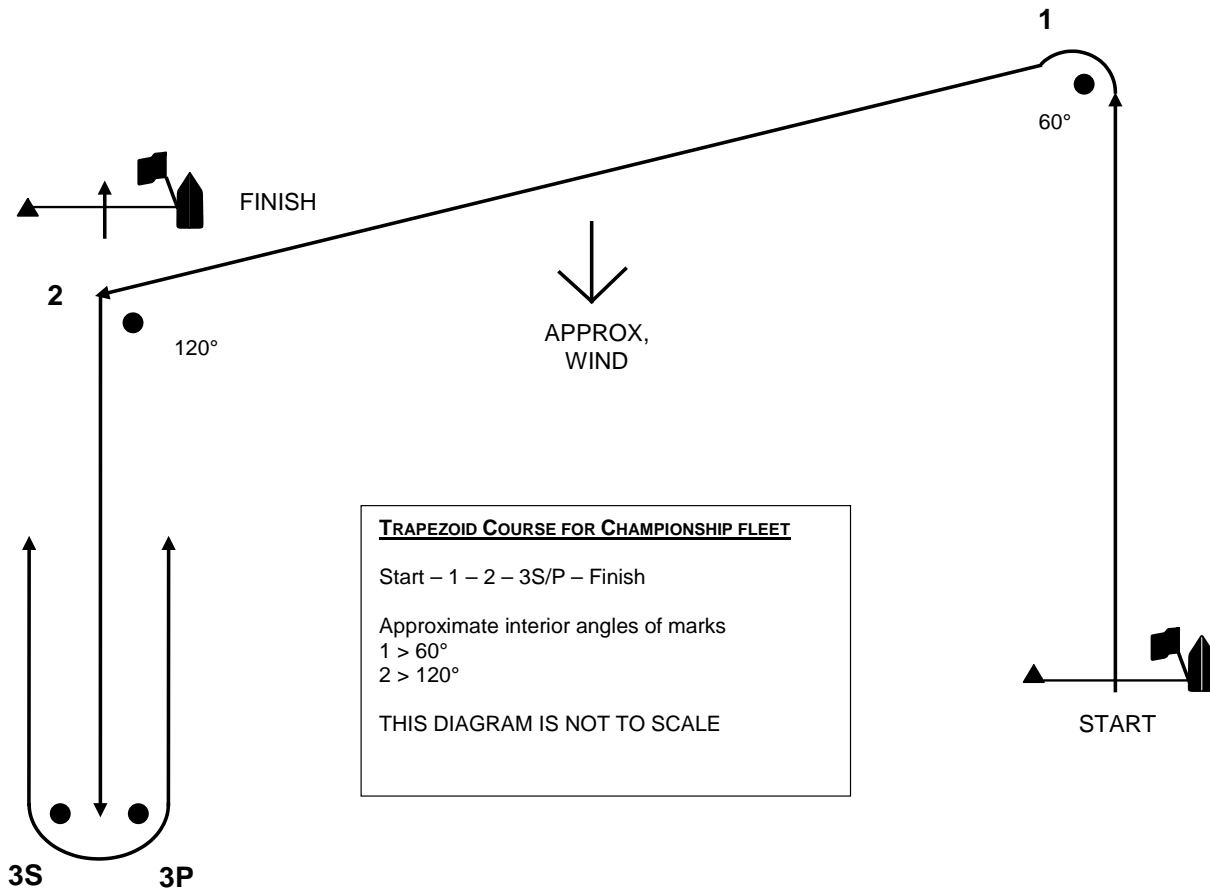
All information regarding this event is on the Regatta Website [www.royalnassausailingclub.com](http://www.royalnassausailingclub.com) and electronic mail to be sent to [info@sailrnsc.com](mailto:info@sailrnsc.com)

Telephone contacts are:

- Sean Raine & Nadine Raine – Committee Chair & Co-Chair
  - (242) 457 - 2433 / (242) 357-3462
- Martina McSweeney – Registration
  - (242) 357-9253

# APPENDIX 1 – Bahamas Optimist National Championship

## RACE COURSES



**COURSE FOR GREEN FLEET**  
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish  
Approximate interior angle of marks  
1 > 45°  
2 > 90°  
2 > 45°  
THIS DIAGRAM IS NOT TO SCALE

