



# Chichester Yacht Club Optimist Open Meeting Saturday 5 October 2024

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.  
Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex

## Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

### 1 Rules

- 1.1. The Optimist Open will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Chichester YC implements the RYA Racing Charter and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with the charter. This can be found at the front of the RYA book- Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.3 Chichester YC follows the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with this code.

### 2 Advertising

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

### 3 Eligibility and Entry

**3.1 Boat Eligibility** The event is open to the Optimist Class.

3.2 Boats participating in this event will conform to International Optimist Class Rules.

3.3 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Beachmaster.

#### 3.4 Young competitors

3.4.1 Young competitors are those under the age of 18 on 5 October 2024.

3.4.2 During the event the parents or guardians of young competitors shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. Those acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event.

A young competitor who is a Chichester YC member whose parent or guardian has had a Young Person Consent form accepted by Chichester Yacht Club, is exempted.

3.4.3 Parents, guardians or persons acting in loco parentis of young competitors shall by *submitting* the online entry form accept the *Parents or Guardians Declaration*.

#### 3.4 Entry

3.4.1 Eligible competitors must enter online either for the MAIN Fleet or the REGATTA Fleet at [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk). On-line entry is available until one hour before the start of racing. In exceptional circumstances only and with the written permission of the Beachmaster, Race Officer or Assistant Race Officer competitors may complete a paper entry form on the day.

3.4.2 On race day competitors must check and sign that their entry and intention to race appears correctly on the printed list displayed in the Sloop area. New entries made on-line on that day must be noted on the printed list by the competitor. Competitors racing must **sign on** using the printed list.

3.4.3 Every competitor must **sign off** for each race on the printed list displayed in the Sloop area after returning to the shore within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. By signing off the competitor is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that they have returned safely to the shore. A competitor shall indicate that they have retired from a race by signing off with the code RET, DNF or DNC. Where competitors use DNS this should be confirmed by the Race Officer.

3.4.4 The race committee may apply a penalty of one point without a hearing for a breach of 3.4.2 or 3.4.3. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

### **3.5 Entry Fees and Harbour dues**

3.5.1 Entry Fee per boat: £20

3.5.2 All boats must pay harbour dues. The cost of visitor harbour dues is £3.50 for up to 2 days or £5.00 for 7 days.

## **4 Racing Schedule**

4.1 The CYC Optimist Open Meeting 2024 will be held on Saturday 5 October 2024

4.2 The Briefing will be held in the Sloop area at CYC at 11.30

4.3 Racing will be held for the following Fleets: Main fleet and Regatta fleets

4.4 The total number of races planned is four in the Main Fleet and up to five in the Regatta Fleet.

4.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of both the Main Fleet & the Regatta Fleet is 12.25

4.6 High water is at 13.43 and height is 4.7m

## **5 Risk Statement**

5.1 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.*

5.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges 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; and for boats sailed by young and junior competitors the competitor's parents or guardians or those acting in loco parentis for the parents or guardians also accept this.
- (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 them of their own 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.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue and event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **6 Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

## **7 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester YC.

## **8 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester YC.

## **9 Signals Made Ashore**

9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

9.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time *1 minute* shall be replaced with the time *not less than 20 minutes*. This changes the RRS Race Signals.

9.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, the Fleet flag is displayed ashore no boat shall launch until their Fleet flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their Fleet flag is displayed ashore.

**10 Fleet flags:**

- 10.1 The Main Fleet flag will be International Code Flag O
- 10.2 The Regatta Fleet flag will be International Code Flag T

**11 Courses**

- 11.1 Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters known as Chichester Lake.
- 11.2 To sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes
- 11.3 The course, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the whiteboard in the Sloop at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race. Any changes to courses will be on whiteboard on the Committee Boat.

**12 Marks**

Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured grey, green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour racing marks are shown on the charts in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

**13 The Start**

**13.1.1 Optimist Main Fleet – Committee Boat** - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Chichester YC committee boat (Cyclone) at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a large orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.

**13.1.2 Optimist Regatta Fleet - Committee Boat** - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a named Chichester YC support boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a small spherical yellow mark

13.2. Limit marks may be laid adjacent to the Committee Boat and they shall be small spherical buoys. If used, limit marks are marks of the course and no boat shall pass between a limit mark and the Committee Boat it guards after her warning signal.

13.3 All boats starting later than four minutes after their starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**14 The Finish and Finishing**

14.1.1 **Optimist Main Fleet** - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the CYC committee vessel Cyclone at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be an orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.

14.1.2 **Optimist Regatta Fleet** - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a named Chichester YC support boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be a small spherical yellow mark

**14.2 Time Limits.** The advisory time for the leading boat in the Main Fleet will be 35 minutes, the advisory time for the Regatta Fleet lead boat will be 25 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat may be scored as Did Not Finish without a hearing, or the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing. The Race Officer’s finishing position decisions are final. This changes RRS 35.

14.3 **Shortened Course.** When the shortened course flag is displayed all boats will finish the race when the next pass through the finish line. This changes RRS32

**15 Scoring.**

15. 1 The Low point System will be used. Rule A5.3 will apply.

5.2 Race Series - One race is to be completed to constitute a series. When 1 or 2 races have been completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When 3 or more races have been completed a boat’s series score will be as defined below. This changes Rule A2.1:

Races Sailed	1	2	3	4	5
Races to Count	1	2	2	3	3

## **16 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress**

16.1 The Post Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. (Full information on [www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes) ). Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

16.2 The Post Race Penalty will be 30% of the score for DNF and calculated as stated in Rule 44.3.(c).

16.3 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and preferably before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

16.4 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer or Assistant Race Officer within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 62.2

16.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.7 Breaches of instructions 1.2, 1.3, 9.3, 17, 18 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## **17 Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **18 Safety Regulations**

18.1 RRS Rule 40 1 (personal floatation devices must be worn) applies at all times while afloat - International code flag Y will not be displayed.

18.2 Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

## **19 Local Variations**

19.1 Competitors are warned that vessels in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and cannot be expected to give way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

19.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

19.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

## **20. Supporting Information**

20.1 Results will be posted on CYC's web site - [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk). This shall include names, home club, boat type, sail number & results. These are kept as long term records by Chichester YC.

20.2 Competitors shall accept that photographs and motion pictures of their boat and its crew could be taken whilst attending this event.

20.3 In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and class association the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

20.4 Results, reports & photos may also be published on-line and in the press.

20.5 Records of entry forms & sign on/sign off sheets may be retained and held securely by CYC for up to 2 years.

20.6 Protest forms may be retained for up to 5 years.

20.7 Support boats attending this event shall register at the office and with the Race Officer

20.8 Competitors are asked not to leave road trailers in the car park at CYC, but to move them to the dinghy park or other area designated for the purpose.

20.9 Car Parking charges now apply

20.10 Trash disposal. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats

**21. Prizes**

21.1 The boat finishing in first place in the Optimist Main Fleet shall be presented with the CYC Optimist Challenge Trophy.

21.2 The boat finishing in first place in the Optimist Regatta Fleet shall be presented with the CYC Optimist Regatta Fleet Trophy.

21.3 Trophies shall remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club. Trophies must be returned prior to the same event the following year.

21.4 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

21.5 The prize giving will be as soon as possible following the final race.

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