



OPTIFALL REGATTA

OPTIMIST OPEN BELGIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE (status: final,10/08/2018)

September 15-16, 2018- WSKLum Nieuwpoort, Belgium

1. Venue

The Optifall Regatta – also Optimist Open Belgian Championship - will be held on September 15th and 16th, 2018 and will be sailed on the North Sea off the coast of Nieuwpoort (Belgium). The event is organized by the WSKLum club of Nieuwpoort, and supported by Dinghy Optimist Class Belgium vzw (DOCB) and the Royal Yacht Club of Belgium vzw (RYCB).

2. General

The Sailing Instructions will be published at the latest one week before the event on the website - www.optifall.be and can be downloaded as PDF document. They will not be handed over at registration. All participants are requested to register online, and shall confirm their participation at the Race Office. The Race Office will be established in the WSKLum. Support boats: see § 14.

3. Class

Open to all International Optimist Dinghies.

4. Rules

The Optifall Regatta - OBK will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing and the IODA class rules.

5. Advertising

Advertising in accordance to World Sailing regulation 20 and IODA Class Rule 2.8. Each boat is required to display on both sides of her hull the stickers of the event-sponsor, if any.

6. Conditions of Entry

Each boat shall be a full member of her national class association. All boats must have valid measurement certificates. Belgian boats hand over their record of equipment used for this regatta. This record can be downloaded from the website, www.optifall.be. Boats shall carry on the sail the letters and numbers issued by the national class association.

7. Disclaimer of Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. The WSKLum, DOCB, R.Y.C.B., the race committee or any person directly or indirectly involved in the organization shall not be liable for injury, personal or material damage, loss or claim, ashore or afloat, which might result from participation or intention to participate in this event.



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." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, each parent present or not, each coach 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, crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 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) Their boat is adequately insured.

Parents/guardians not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

8. Insurance

All boats must carry a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 500.000,- per event.

9. Pre-registration & Entry Fee

All entries shall be made by on-line registration at www.optifall.be. **By registering you are on the waiting list. After payment your entry will be final.** The online registration should allow you to perform direct online payment.

If for any reason your pre-registration cannot be confirmed by direct online payment, your entry will be on the waiting list. Please contact DOCB via regatta@optimist.be in this case.

Entry fee:

- €50 if online entry and payment before 09-09-2018
- €65 from 10-09-2018 onwards



10. Schedule

Friday Sep 14	18h00-20h00	Registration Ribs Registration participants
Saturday Sep 15	08h00 – 09h30	Registration participants
	09h30 – 10h30	Registration Ribs
	10h00	Earliest possible launching signal
	11h00	1st. warning signal of the day Following races as soon as possible
Sunday Sep 16	09h30	Earliest possible launching signal
	10h30	1st. warning signal of the day Following races as soon as possible
	16h00	No starts will be given after this time Prize giving as soon as possible after the last race

11. Scoring System

The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A of the RRS) will apply. A minimum of three races have to be completed to constitute a series. The total number of races shall not exceed 7 (seven).

12. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to:

- The first 3 individual competitors
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Benjamin (born in 2006 or later)

13. Results

Results will be available as soon as possible after the event on www.optifall.be.

14. Support Boats

All support boats are requested to register online before 14/09/2018 on www.optifall.be. All support boats shall fly a flag if such is provided at the race office.

- A deposit of 10€ must be paid in cash in the regatta office at registration. This deposit will be restituted after return of the flag.
- There is free use of slipway and free mooring in the Rib Area when registered.
- Support boats can be requested to help with towing the sailors to the race area and back to the harbour.

15. Event Traffic

Local traffic for cars with boats and trailers will be indicated on site.

16. Social Events

Dinner can be booked in the bar or restaurant of WSKLum – all info on www.WSKLum.be -

17. Accommodation

A. Camping facilities near the marina or on the premises of WSKLum to be booked via www.WSKLum.be



B. Hotels in Nieuwpoort: <http://www.nieuwpoort.be/nieuwpoort/view/en/nieuwpoort/tourism/overnight>

Note: local authorities do not authorize camping on public roads or car parks. We advise to make reservations for camping on the marina site or find accommodation on a commercial camping.

18. Commercial Rights

The organizing authority owns and controls all commercial rights of this event, such Commercial Rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

- a) audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these Regulations);
- b) sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;
- c) ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and
- d) other rights to commercialize this event (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorize the taking of bets.