



Barnt Green Sailing Club



NOTICE OF RACE FOR OPTIMIST OPEN MEETING To be held on Saturday 19th June 2021

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty, Arbitration and Advisory Hearing will be available
- 1.4 The rules and bylaws of Barnt Green Sailing Club will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted in accordance with class rules.

3. ELEGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 Key Dates:

Entry Closing Date	Wed, 16 June 2021
Event Date	Sat, 19 June 2021

- 3.2 The event is open to boats of the International Optimist Class.
- 3.3 Eligible boats must enter by completing the form on the event website and have completed payment of the entry fee by the Entry Closing Date (see 3.1)
- 3.4 Late entries will not be accepted
- 3.5 Entry places may be limited, details will be available on the event website
- 3.7 This event forms part of the "2021 Midlands Optimist Traveller Series". All boats will be automatically entered in the series, there is no additional entry process. At least two events are required to be completed to constitute a series.

4. NOT USED

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the event will be £15.00 for Main Fleet sailors and £10 for Regatta Fleet sailors.
- 5.2 Refund Policy
 - 5.2.1 If a competitor withdraws before the Event Date they will receive a refund of the fee paid.
 - 5.2.2 If the event is cancelled by the organisers prior to the fleet launching all competitors will be offered a free transfer to a rescheduled or future event, or a refund (less any costs incurred).

6. RACE FLEETS

- 6.1 Competitors will race in one fleet with a single start

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The times below in bold are fixed (subject to RRS procedures)

Registration	There will be no entry or registration on the day. Only online entries will be accepted
Competitor's Briefing (mandatory)	10:30
First AM Warning Signal (no earlier than)	10:55
Last Warning Signal (no later than)	16:00
Prize Giving	There will be no prize giving ceremony. Prizes will be individually presented

- 7.2 There will be a maximum of four races sailed.
- 7.3 There will be a break between races 2 and 3 for sailors to return to shore for lunch.

8. MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 All Boats must hold a valid buoyancy certificate which must be produced on request.
- 8.2 All sails must display a unique sail number in the spirit of the Optimist class rules.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing instructions will be published on the event website no later than the Competitor's Briefing.
9.2 Individual printed copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required.

10. VENUE

10.1 Races will be sailed at Upper Bittell Reservoir, Cofton Church Lane, Cofton Hackett, Worcestershire, B45 8BH. See: <https://www.sailingbarntgreen.com/Club/directions-to-the-club>

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be as published in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Rule 44.3, will not apply.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
13.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Support boats shall not be permitted.

15-17. NOT USED

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 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..

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded for the first sailor overall and the first junior sailor (12 years and under on 31 December 2021).

19.2 "Rising Start" (aka Regatta Fleet) Prizes will be awarded to the first two sailors who have not previously been selected for an RYA or IOCA winter training squad.

19.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. South Staffordshire Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event. A parent or responsible adult must accompany a competitor under the age of 18 years and sign the declaration form giving their permission to enter the event.

21. INSURANCE

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

22. COVID STATEMENT

22.1. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures.

22.2. Measures have been implemented in line with government and RYA Covid19 guidelines. These include:-

- Compliance with Social distancing practices
- Minimising risk of disease transmission
- Contact tracing of all people on site

22.3. In order to comply with these measures the following have been implemented

- The changing rooms and showers are closed, so sailors should be prepared to change before arrival / after departure or in their car
- The club has implemented a one way system for access to the toilets and the clubhouse and any persons entering the clubhouse must wear a face covering
- Any briefings or meetings will be held online or outdoors
- Competitors and parents should bring their own hand sanitiser and face masks.
- Social distancing and gatherings should be in accordance with regulation, including any mitigation
- Competitors should follow the directions of the Beach Masters on shore and whilst launching to ensure social distancing is maintained as boats rig and launch

- Personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Competitors should ensure that they carry sufficient food and water on their own boat

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information please see details on the event website or email midlands@optimist.org.uk