



THE

MORETON

GROUP

The Moreton Group Queensland State Championship

7 – 8 December 2024

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD

578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD 4179

In conjunction with

QLD International Optimist Dinghy Association

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2

The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the SIs means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations Part 2 apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4 Competitors must follow RQYS Club Policies
(<https://www.rqys.com.au/policiesanddocuments/>)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1300hrs on 05/12/2024 at
<https://www.rqys.com.au/the-moreton-group-optimist-queensland-state-championship/>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/the-moreton-group-optimist-queensland-state-championship/>
- 3.2 Secondary to the Official noticeboard “instant messaging” system WhatsApp may be used to notify skippers of timely information, confirmation of days course, Protest Time limit etc. if in use a link to join the group can be found on the Office Noticeboard.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist Class that comply with the Class Rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association. For the Green Fleet, optimist type boats which do not have a measurement certificate, will be permitted at the discretion of the Race Committee provided they satisfy a safety inspection at registration (refer to item 8.)
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements stated below:
 - 4.2 (a) The Regatta is open to competitors who are:
 - A financial member of any state Optimist Associations; and
 - All skippers shall be a financial member of an Australian Sailing affiliated sailing club. International entrants will also need to provide proof of membership to their country's World Sailing Member National Authority.
 - All entrants shall have a birth year of 2009 or later. All ages referred to in this NoR are the sailor's age as at 31 December 2024 otherwise known as 'Opti Age'.
- 4.3 Entry may be made online via www.optiqld.org.au until the close of on-time entries at 2359hrs on the 30 November 2024.
- 4.4 Late entries will be accepted online until 1700 hours on 6 December 2024. A late entry fee of \$50 will apply.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Allocation of any sailor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of the Organising Authority and may only be varied during the event at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.7 If you are unsure which fleet you should be racing in, please refer to the “Which Fleet?” document on the event website - <http://www.optimist.org.au/nationals>

4.8 GREEN FLEET

- In Green fleet the emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at the State Championship without feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive and arduous Open and Intermediate Fleets.
- Sailors entering the Green Fleet should be competent at racing.
- Green Fleet racing is intended to align with Open and Intermediate Fleets but starting the Open and Intermediate sailors have launched to head out to their course area. In addition, if the weather forecast or prevailing winds make it unlikely that Green Fleet will race in the afternoon, then the schedule may be reversed and/or revised.
- In the Green Fleet, equipment used is not required to hold a current measurement certificate (this alters Optimist Class rule 2.4.1) however the following measurement criteria still apply as a minimum:
 1. **Hull:** the hull to be used shall carry a valid WS/ISAF/IYRU plaque.
 2. **Sail:** the sail shall carry a properly allocated and registered sail number and an IODA sail button; and
 3. **Equipment:** shall carry all safety equipment listed in the equipment checklist.
- The Technical/Race Committee may in their sole discretion refuse the entry of a boat which in their opinion does not satisfy the spirit or intent of a one-design international class regatta.
- Racing for Green Fleet will be conducted on a separate course.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

5.1 (a)	Open Fleet	\$160.00
5.1 (b)	Intermediate Fleet	\$160.00
5.1 (c)	Green Fleet	\$20.00

5.2 Any Refunds will be as per the RQYS Sailing Refunds Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/policiesanddocuments/>).

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Date	Event	Timing
Saturday 30 November	Close of on-time entry	2359
Friday 06 December	Close of late entry	1700
Saturday 07 December	Registration and Safety Checklist	0830 – 1030
	Competitor Briefing	1100
	First Warning	1300
Sunday 08 December	First Warning	1100
	Presentation	ASAP After Racing

*This Schedule may be amended by the Sailing Instructions.

7.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Boats may be inspected for safety equipment and measurement compliance at any time during the regatta.
- 8.2 All boats are to complete a Safety Checklist at registration for compliance check. 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, which is to include IODA Measurement Book and sail measurement certificate.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 NoR Attachment A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 9.2 NoR Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.3 Access to boat drop off and storage on the rigging lawn at the venue will be available at no additional cost from midday Friday 6 December until 1200hrs Monday 9 December.
 - 9.3 (a) Further information regarding access to the club shall be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 Tentative courses shall be Trapezoid for open and intermediate fleets & Windward/leeward for green fleet.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series
 - 12.2 (a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
 - 12.2 (b) When four (4) 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 PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1 All Support/Coach boats shall register online with the Organising Authority. This can be done at: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/events/register/262692>
- 13.2 All registered boats shall display a number available at registration upon completion of a Support/Coach Boat online registration form. This number must be clearly visible at all times whilst afloat.
- 13.3 All Support/Coach boats must carry a working VHF radio and monitor it on the appropriate course frequency at all times whilst afloat.
- 13.4 Except when requested by the Race Committee to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for a race to start until all boats have Finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 13.5 When the wind is less than 10 knots all team leaders, coaches, parents and other support persons shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.
- 13.6 When Flag V (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Committee vessel all support boats are required to remain afloat and assist all sailors until Flag V is lowered. Assistance may include towing boats ashore. Further requirements while Flag V is displayed may be advised in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.7 The Race Committee or Jury may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of NoR clause 16. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this clause may result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1 Restrictions may be placed on where vessels may be stored or rigged by the RQYS Sailing or Marina office.
- 14.2 Boats may only be stored on the RQYS rigging lawn for the duration of the regatta & 24hrs before/after the regatta, unless otherwise approved by the OA.
- 14.3 No tie down restraints may penetrate the ground deeper than 300mm due to lawn irrigation systems.

15. DATA PROTECTION

- 15.1 By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the 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 said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.
- 15.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 16.2 All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats, and any Class Rules that may apply. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armor, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 16 of the Notice of Race.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
 - 18.1 (a) Overall Regatta Trophy – 1st Overall Open Skipper.
 - 18.1 (b) Open QLD Champion Perpetual Trophy (QIODA Members Only) – 1st Overall Open Fleet.
 - 18.1 (c) Open Male QLD Championship (QIODA Members Only) – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall Open Fleet Male.
 - 18.1 (d) Open Female QLD Championship (QIODA Members Only) – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall Open Fleet Female.
 - 18.1 (e) Jessica Watson Perpetual Trophy (QIODA Members Only) – 1st Overall Open Fleet Female.
 - 18.1 (f) Intermediate Male – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall Intermediate Male.
 - 18.1 (g) Intermediate Female – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall Intermediate Female.
 - 18.1 (h) Green Fleet – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall Green Fleet.
 - 18.1 (i) Green Fleet 1st Female – 1st Overall Green Fleet Female

Age Champions – QIODA Members Only

- Age Champion Prizes shall be awarded to Open Fleet, if there is no eligible winner the prize may be awarded to Intermediate Fleet then Green Fleet.

18.1 (j) 12yrs – 1st Overall aged 12 years.

18.1 (k) 11yrs – 1st Overall aged 11 years.

18.1 (l) 10yrs – 1st Overall aged 10 years.

18.1 (m) 9yrs – 1st Overall aged 9 years.

18.1 (n) Other Prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact:

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Association

Queensland International Optimist Dinghy Association (QIODA)

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LOCATION INFORMATION

Regatta Notice Board	View the Regatta Notice Board to access Sailing Instructions, Entry, Amendments and more
Accommodation:	<p>Ample and varied accommodation is available in the local area. Early bookings are recommended.</p> <p>The Manly Marina Cove Motel is located on the grounds of RQYS – www.manlymarinacove.com</p> <p>Limited camping facilities may be available in the grounds of RQYS.</p> <p>Other Local Accommodation Includes:</p> <p>The Manly Hotel, Waterloo Bay Hotel, Pelican's Nestle Inn, Wynnum Anchor Motel</p>
Access to RQYS:	RQYS Reception (located on the left as you enter the club) is available to assist with access between the hours of 7am and 7pm.
Manly Amenities:	<p>North Sails (Sailmaker) – Club Sponsor North Sails is located just down the road from the club at 1/264 Tingal Road, an 8 minute drive away.</p> <p>Muir Marine QLD (Chandlery) - Muir Marine have been serving the Marine Industry for over 100 years and supply everything in boating equipment. Located at 453 Esplanade a 3 minute drive from the club.</p> <p>IGA Manly Village – IGA is the closest grocery store to RQYS located just 3 minute drive away, at the corner of Stratton Tce & Cambridge Parade.</p> <p>Manly Village Medical – Is the closest medical centre to RQYS, located at 25 Cambridge Parade a 2 minute drive away.</p>
Local Weather:	<p>The RQYS Weather Station can be found at: https://www.rqys.com.au/weather-station/</p> <p>The Weather Station records from above the club Bay Lookout.</p> <p>BOM: Radar: http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDR663.loop.shtml</p> <p>Marine Forecast: http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/forecasts/moreton-bay.shtml</p> <p>Other Popular forecasts:</p> <p>Predict Wind: https://forecast.predictwind.com/table/</p> <p>Seabreeze: https://www.seabreeze.com.au/weather/wind-forecast/brisbane</p> <p>WillyWeather: https://wind.willyweather.com.au/qld/brisbane/brisbane.html</p>



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