



2025 BERMUDA OPTIMIST OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Road to the 2026 North Americans!

Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club

November 8, 9 & 11 2025

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The regatta is organized by the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (RHADC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA) and the Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA).

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. BSA Prescriptions shall apply and may be found at www.sailing.bm/governance.
- 1.3. The class rules of IODA shall apply and may be found at www.optiworld.org.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this championship, both "athlete", "sailor" and "competitor" mean a person competing in the event. The term "support" person means a person as defined in the RRS.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.6. RRS 60.2(a)(1) is changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee (RC) at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested or as soon as practicable after she retires.'

2. [NP][DP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 2.3. The OA may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located: <https://www.rhadc.bm/sailing/regattas/>
- 3.2. Each Support Boat shall be equipped with a VHF radio capable of two-way communication for purposes of RRS 37.
- 3.3. On the water, the RC (Championship or Green) will make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on the channel identified at the Competitor Briefing.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.4. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB) before Friday Nov 7 at 1600.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Optimist class that are members of the BODA, or their respective Country of Residence's Optimist Class Association.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the Entry Form provided on the ONB.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall submit a completed Entry Form and Entry Fee before the entry deadline. Entries received after this time will not be accepted.
- 4.4. All competitors shall attend Registration in person to confirm their entry details and collect event packs for the regatta.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Competitor entry fee includes registration dinner, event t-shirt, and prize giving with pizza. Additional registration lunch tickets are available to order in advance for an additional fee.
- 5.2. A late fee of \$50 will be added for Championship Fleet registrations submitted after Wednesday September 24 at 1600.
- 5.3. The registration deadline is November 4 at 1600. The registration fees are:

Championship Fleet	\$160
Green Fleet	\$125
Optional Lunch Boxes	\$20 (per lunch)

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Schedule:

Date	Time	
Wed Sep 24	1600	Championship Late Fee Deadline
Tue Nov 4	1600	Entry Submission Payment Deadline
Fri Nov 7	1600 - 1800	Registration – Princess Louise Room
Fri Nov 7	1730 – 1930	Registration Dinner – Dining Room
Sat Nov 8, 9, 11	0900	Championship Competitor Briefing - Terrace
	1055	Championship Scheduled 1 st Warning
	0945	Green Fleet Competitor Briefing
	1100	Green Fleet Scheduled 1 st Warning
Tues Nov 11	Immediately following racing protests	Prize Giving on the Terrace

6.2. Number of Races:

Fleet	Maximum Scheduled	Scheduled races / day	Maximum races / day
Championship	11	Day 1 & 2 – 4 races Last Day – 3 races	4
Green	# of races will be stated at morning briefing each day and is at the RC discretion.		

6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made for the Championship fleet after 1500.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. [DP] Boats in the Championship Fleet shall comply with RRS 78.1.
- 7.2. Boats may be inspected at any time by a member of the RC or OA.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. The venue is the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club. Non-RHADC competitors who wish to store boats at the venue during the regatta shall contact Pablo Sanguinetti (sailing@rhadc.bm) to confirm space.
- 8.2. The Championship Fleet will race in the Great Sound. The Green Fleet will race within Hamilton Harbour.

G. COURSES

- 9.1. The Championship Fleet course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 9.2 Green Fleet courses will be described at the Green Fleet Competitor Briefing each day.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. Appendix P "Special Procedures for rule 42" will apply. P2.2 "Second Penalty" is changed to "Second and Subsequent Penalties". There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, "unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify a RC finish boat that she is retiring". Appendix P2.3 will not apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. For the Championship Fleet:
 - 11.1.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 11.1.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 11.1.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.2. Green Fleet:
 - 11.2.1. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. Series scoring will be used for BODA Qualification ranking for the 2026 North American Championships. Further information can be found in BODA Qualification documentation.

12. CHARTER BOATS

- 12.1. A limited number of charter boats are available chartered on a first come first served basis by contacting Pablo Sanguinetti, (sailing@rhadc.bm).
- 12.2. Charter boats supplied will include the hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, and sprit. Competitors shall provide their own sails and all other required equipment.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1. Support persons shall register vessels with the OA prior to Registration and shall declare the competitors and fleets with whom they are associated.
- 13.2. Support person vessels shall be equipped with a properly working engine kill cord system that must be used while the vessel is in gear.
- 13.3. Support Persons are required to provide at a minimum 1 safety boat for every 10 boats they are associated with in the Championship fleet, and 1 safety boat for every 6 boats in the Green fleet.
- 13.4. A limited number of charter support vessels are available to support persons and may be chartered on a first come first served basis by contacting Pablo Sanguinetti (sailing@rhadc.bm)

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - 14.1.1. Overall 1st through 5th
 - 14.1.2. Bermuda National Champion (resident of Bermuda sailing under BER)
 - 14.1.3. Top girl
 - 14.1.4. Top junior (born in **2014** or later)
 - 14.1.5. Peter Mitchell Sportsmanship Prize
 - 14.1.6. Green Fleet participation prize for all

15. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors at this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors grant the OA, Host Club, event sponsors, media outlets, and competitors national class associations the perpetual right to use and publish their names, likeness, voice, and image in any photography, audio, or video recordings, or other reproductions made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

18. INSURANCE

Each boat shall carry Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of US/BD \$250,000 coverage per incident. The OA is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of coverage.

19. PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the BSA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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