



Raffles Marina Optimist Regatta 2023

27 – 28 MAY 2023 (Optimist Gold Fleet / Optimist Silver Fleet)
Raffles Marina, SINGAPORE

NOTICE of RACE (NoR)

The Organising Authority (OA) is Raffles Marina (RM).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) includes:
 - 1.1.1 [DP] The Support Team Regulations (STR) in NoR/SI Addendum D will apply.
 - 1.1.2 [DP][NP] COVID-19 Zone Areas Assigned for Competitors and Support Persons in NoR/SI Addendum E will apply.
 - 1.1.3 [DP] The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) Regulations wherever they might apply.
- 1.2 National authority prescriptions will apply. For RRS 40 Personal Floatation Devices, add on after the rule the following: "Singapore Sailing Federation prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area."
- 1.3 In all rules governing this event, the notations:
 - 1.3.1 The notation [SP] means that a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - 1.3.2 The notation [NP] means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 [DP] The penalty for a breach of the class rules may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than a disqualification.
- 1.5 [NP] The infringement of RRS Appendix G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS, shall not be grounds for protests by a boat.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix G3, CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS, will apply, subjected to the Race Committee approving her sail identification before the first race.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is opened to all boats of the following classes or fleets:

<i>Class</i>
Optimist Gold Fleet
Optimist Silver Fleet



- 2.2 Online registration to be done @ <https://forms.gle/KzK3eHi9yfXksAHNA>
- 2.3 Instruction for payment to be done @ <https://www.rafflesmarina.com.sg/images/events/2023/RMOR2023/RMOR-Instruction-for-payment-2023.pdf>
- 2.4 [DP][NP] All Singaporean competitors are required to have at least an Opti-Racer certification for Optimist Dinghy competitor. Foreign competitors are required to have similar proficiency certifications.
- 2.5 [DP] Competitors may be asked by the Organising Authority to show proof of their sailing proficiency certifications on their first racing day upon sign-out to launch. An entry can only be confirmed or deemed completed when the boat has shown proof of sailing proficiency. The Organising Authority may reject or cancel entry of a boat or exclude a competitor for failure to show proof of sailing proficiency before or during the event when requested to do so.
- 2.6 [NP] For the Optimist class, it is the responsibility of the competitors to participate in the correct fleet corresponding to their National Ranking. No ranking points will be awarded to a competitor who participates in the incorrect fleet. International entrants who are not listed in the national ranking will be allocated to the Gold or Silver Fleet at the Organising Authority's discretion.
- 2.7 The Organising Authority may cancel a class from racing if a minimum of three (3) entries has not been received before the final registration day for the event. Competitors of cancelled classes will be notified of any cancellation. The entry fees for cancelled classes will be refunded.
- 2.8 Eligible boats may enter by completing the electronic online form via the link below before the closing date, **21 May 2023 2359h**. Late entries after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. **Additional charge to entry fees shall apply for registrations after the closing date.**

By entering the event, the competitors agree to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by all other *rules* that govern this event.

- 2.9 The required entry fees (inclusive of GST) are as follows:

Class	Early Bird Fee (Before 13 May 2023, 2359h)	General Fee (14 to 21 May 2023, 2359)
RM Members	\$60.00	\$70.00
Non RM Members	\$80.00	\$90.00

- 2.10 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

3 [DP][NP] ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted to World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 [DP] [NP] FORMAT

- 4.1 The event will consist of a single series.
- 4.2 Boats in the Optimist Gold Fleet shall display a yellow ribbon to the uppermost point of the sail. Ribbons are available at the Race Secretariat desks upon Checking-in. The ribbons shall be attached in a manner that will make it conspicuously displayed at any time. Boats in the Optimist Silver fleet will not require any ribbons



5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The schedule of activities will be as follows:

27 May (Saturday)		
Time	Activity	Location
0800h	Collection of ribbons (Gold Fleet), t-shirts, sign-out	Pool Deck
0900h	Competitors' and coaches' briefing	Theatrette
1100h	1st warning signal	On Water
1700h	Sign-in/ Collection of snack & drink	Pool Deck
28 May (Sunday)		
0800h	Sign-out	Pool Deck
1100h	1st warning signal	On Water
1700h	Sign-in/ Collection of snack & drink	Pool Deck
1800h	Prize presentation (For winners only)	Pool Deck

* In the event of foul weather, the venue will be changed to The Main Lobby

5.2 Number of Races:

<i>Fleet Race</i>	<i>No. of Races</i>	<i>Max Races per day</i>
Optimist Gold Fleet	8	4
Optimist Silver Fleet	6	4

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1700h.

6 [DP][NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

6.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

6.2 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

6.3 Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any race official vessels.

6.4 Boats that are on a Race Area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any race official vessels.

7 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

7.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

7.2 [SP] Check-Out and Check-In Procedures:

7.2.1 Before launching on each scheduled racing day, a competitor from each boat shall individually Check-Out, by personally signing on the forms provided at the Race Secretariat desk at the pool side. This also applies when boats are relaunched after returning ashore following the application of NoR 7.4.



- 7.2.2 Upon returning to shore after racing, a competitor from each boat shall individually Check- In, by personally signing on the forms provided at the Race Secretariat desk at the pool side, as soon as possible but no later than the protest time limit. This also applies when boats return ashore following the application of NoR 7.4.
- 7.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity before leaving the Race Area.
- 7.4 When flags AP over H or N over H are displayed from a Race Committee vessel in their respective Race Area, all boats in that Race Area shall immediately return ashore and wait there for further signals. This changes race signals AP over H and N over H.

8 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

8.1 Official Notice Board

8.1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5902/event>

8.1.2 Notices may also be broadcasted via WhatsApp, if competitors had subscribed to notifications (see Official Notice Board for Notice of WhatsApp Link). Failure to broadcast notices via WhatsApp will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 8.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the displaying of flag D on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the latest protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.
- 8.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff located at the launching ramp of the Raffles Marina.
- 8.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 8.5 [SP][NP] Flag D with one sound means: "The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed, whichever is later. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made."

9 SAILING INSTRUCTION AND COURSE

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 21 May 2359hrs.
- 9.2 The course will be a windward/leeward course.

10 EVENT VENUE AND RACE AREA ASSIGNMENTS

- 10.1 The event venue will be hosted at the Raffles Marina, 10 Tuas West Drive Singapore 638404
- 10.2 NoR Addendum A shows the location of the Racing Area.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply as changed by NoR/SI 14.2.
- 11.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.



- 11.3 Penalties for breaches of rules marked [SP] will be 5% of the score for Did Not Finish (DNF) for each infringement, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score. However, the penalty shall not cause the boat's score to be worse than the score for DNF. The Race Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this Race Committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.
- 11.4 When a penalty is given under NoR 14.3 or rules marked [DP] before a race is started, the penalty will remain if that race is restarted or re-sailed. This changed RRS 36.
- 11.5 For the Optimist class, a graded penalty system in NoR Addendum C will apply.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 One (1) race per class/fleet is required to be completed to constitute the event.
- 12.3 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

<i>Class/Fleet</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Prizes</i>
Optimist Gold Fleet	Open	1 st to 10 th
	Female	1 st to 3 rd
	12 years and under (born 2011 or after)	1 st to 3 rd
Optimist Silver Fleet	Open	1 st to 10 th
	Female	1 st to 3 rd
	10 years and under (born 2013 or after)	1 st to 3 rd
	8 years and under (born 2015 or after)	1 st to 3 rd

- 13.2 Other prizes may be awarded, such as for sportsmanship, exemplary behaviour, and rules compliance during the event, at the discretion of the Organising Authority. 13
- 13.3 There will be a prize presentation held at the end of the event at the poolside.

14 [DP][NP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 By participating in this event, competitors and their support persons automatically grant to the Organising Authority and any event sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of them during the period of the event without compensation.



- 14.2 Competitors and their support persons may be required for media interviews during the period of the event.

15 [NP] LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

- 15.1 Raffles Marina, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in the official capacities do not accept liability for loss of life or property damage, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at the own risk.
- 15.2 The establishment of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he is sailing.
- 15.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 15.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing in open water in all conditions including strong winds.
- 15.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the Organising Authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The Organising Authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 15.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the event and while racing.
- 15.7 The Organising Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

16 RISK STATEMENT

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.**

17 INDEMNIFICATIONS

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold Raffles Marina, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in the official capacities, harmless from any third-party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

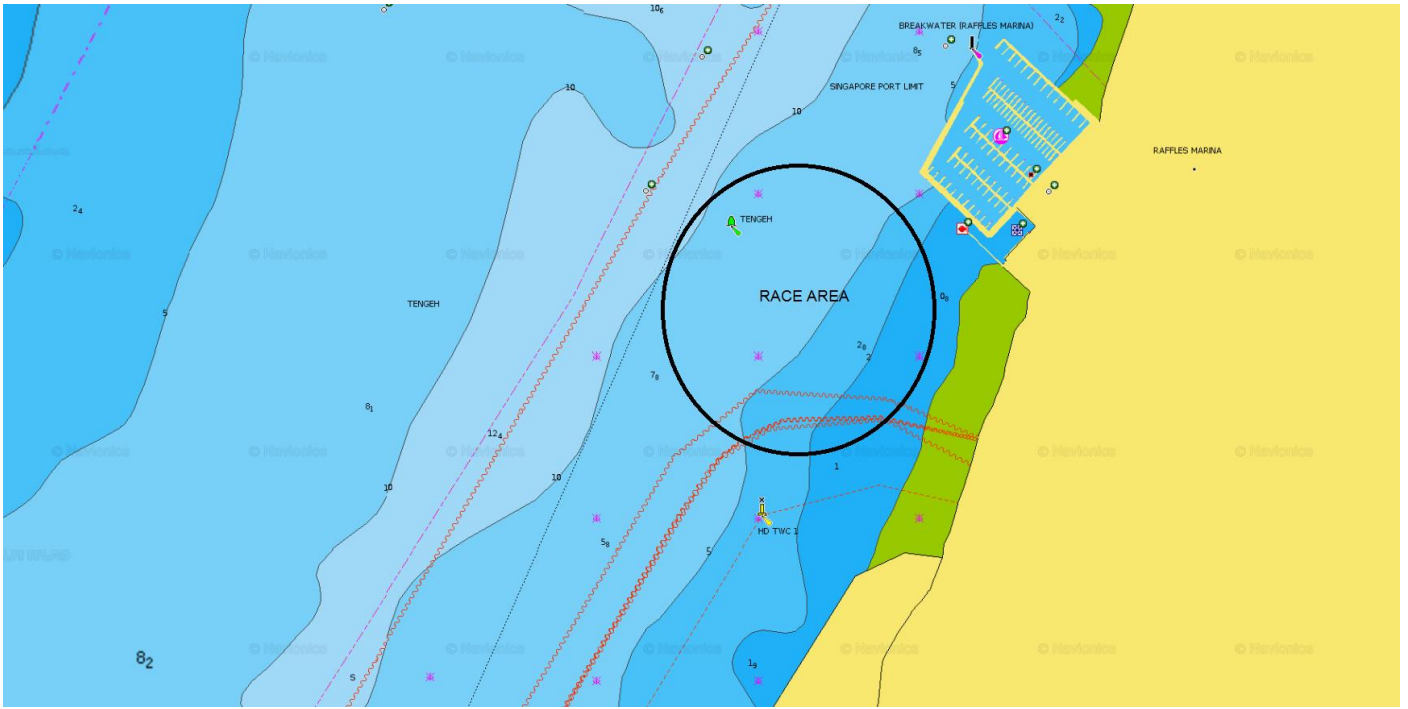
Please contact the Raffles Marina(RM) for any question regarding this event via the following:

Raffles Marina Ltd
10 Tuas west Drive
Singapore (638404)

Tel :68619000 / Email: dmo@rafflesmarina.com.sg



Addendum A – Racing Area



Addendum B – The Course

See Sailing Instructions



Addendum C – Optimist Graded Penalty System

[CR: Optimist class rules]

Minor Penalties

Penalty approximately equal to 5% of fleet

- Breaches of NoR/SI Safety Regulations if no danger was involved
- Not displaying the coloured ribbon or incorrect ribbon

Intermediate Penalties

Penalty equivalent to 10% of fleet

- Bailer not attached to the hull (CR 4.3a)
- Paddle not attached to the hull (CR 4.3c)
- Daggerboard not attached to the hull (CR 3.3.4)
- Painter not attached to mast step (CR 4.3b)
- Whistle not attached to personal flotation device (CR 4.2a)
- One sail tie 5 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Two sail ties 3 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Accidental loss of sail tie (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Sailing across a race in progress before starting or after finishing
- Out of the waiting area and/or interfering with boats starting in another fleet or division
- Breaches of NoR/SI Trash Disposal

Major Penalties

Penalty equivalent to 30% of fleet

- No bailer, paddle or painter in boat (CR 4.3)
- No whistle (CR 4.2a)
- No lanyard, locking device or other arrangement to attach mast to the hull (CR 3.5.2.11)
- Sail outside limits of bands (CR 3.5.2.7)
- Two ties 5 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Three or more ties 3 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Throat, tack or clew eyelet 3 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Repeat of intermediate penalty infringement

Disqualification

Penalty DSQ

- Use of uninspected equipment
- Use of unapproved fittings
- Repeat of major penalty infringement



Addendum D – Support Team Regulations (STR)

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Support Team Regulations (STR) shall apply at all times during the period of the event while support persons are at the venue, ashore or afloat on the field of play (Racing Area).
- 1.2 For the purposes of these STR, a support person vessel includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to a competitor, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 1.3 The Organising Authority may inspect a support person vessel at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the vessel shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.4 An alleged breach of any of these STR may be referred to the Jury for a hearing under RRS 60.3(d). Note also, action may be taken under RRS 69.
- 1.5 The Organising Authority may change these STR at any time. Any changes will be posted as per NoR/SI 8.1.
- 1.6 All support person vessels and their designated drivers shall register at the Race Office on the first racing day before the first race and collect a Green identification flag as per NoR/SI 20.3 which is to be conspicuously displayed at any time whilst afloat.
- 1.7 Designated drivers of all support person vessels shall attend any Coach or Team Leaders meetings scheduled by the Organising Authority.
- 1.8 The person registering the support person vessel shall confirm that:
 - 1.8.1 A valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage has been obtained; and
 - 1.8.2 Each designated driver has a motorboat-driving license recognised by a national authority appropriate to that vessel or a valid MPA Powered Pleasure-Craft Driving Licence (PPCDL).

2. SAILING VENUE

- 2.1 Support person vessels shall use the areas designated by the Organising Authority for launching and recovery.
- 2.2 Priority for the use of the pontoon within the harbour of the Raffles Marina (RM) Singapore, is reserved for official vessels designated by the Organising Authority or as stated in NoR/SI 20.1. Support person vessels may use the pontoon such as loading and unloading of equipment under the permission of the Organising Authority but shall not interfere with the operations of any official vessels using the pontoon.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 Life jackets or Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat. The kill cord shall be securely attached to the driver at all times when the engine is running and in gear.
- 3.2 The maximum plated / certified passenger limits for the vessel shall not be exceeded.
- 3.3 At all times, support persons including the registered driver(s) of a support person vessel shall comply with directions given by or under the authority of a Race Official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so. See RRS 1.1.

4 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 The driver(s) of a support person vessel will be responsible for the control of the vessel at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behaviour, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of the event.

- 4.2 Support person vessels shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 4.3 Support person vessels should take particular care to minimise their wash when transiting the Race Areas.
- 5. DRONES**
- The use of drone is prohibited.
- 6. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS RESTRICTED AREAS**
- 6.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Such areas are defined as:
- not closer than 50m to any boat racing (*except a boat in distress or requiring assistance*);
 - within 50m of the starting line and marks;
 - between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
 - between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses;
 - within 50m of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
 - within 50m of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing; and
 - Support person vessel exclusion zone or boundary – 50m outside the area where boats may be racing bounded by all racing marks.
- 6.2 Support person vessels should proceed around the racing area in such a way to minimise the effect their wash will have on boats racing. Vessels that are motoring above five knots shall remain at least 100m from any boat racing.
- 6.3 When a Race Committee or Jury member instructs a support person vessel to move further away from the Race Area, the support person vessel shall do so immediately.

