



OPTIMIST AND DABCHICK
NATIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2003

Including

a non championship regatta for Novice Optimists, and a non championship multiclass regatta e.g. Mirrors, lasers.

Notice of Race

Notice is hereby given that the above sailing event is scheduled to take place as detailed in this Notice of Race.
Entries are invited in terms of this Notice.

DATES

Saturday 13 December 2003 to Saturday 20 December 2003 both dates inclusive.

VENUE

Stutterheim Aquatic Club, Wriggleswade Dam, Stutterheim

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

East Cape Optimist Association *in association with Stutterheim Aquatic Club*, the Optimist Class Racing Association (OCRA SA) and the Dabchick Class Racing Association (DASA) under the Authority and sanction of South African Sailing (SAS).

CLASSES

National Championship Classes: Optimist and Dabchick

The event will include a non championship open regatta for the Novice Optimist and Open Classes which may utilise the same course as the National Championships.

RULES

The Championships will be governed by ;

1. The 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2001-2004 of the International Sailing Association Federation (ISAF), *subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice.*
2. The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships.
3. The Class Rules of the competing classes as listed below, subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice.
 - i. Optimist Class,
 - ii. Dabchick Class
4. This Notice of Race.
5. The Sailing Instructions and any amendments to same.

Where relevant, precedence shall be given in the reverse order of listing.

RULE CHANGES

The RRS will be changed as follows in terms of rule 86.

Rule 61.1(a) : The Optimist Class is **not** exempted from displaying a red flag.

ADVERTISING

Category C will apply to all classes in terms of the ISAF advertising code RRS Section II Appendix 1 Regulation 20.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Competitors shall comply with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) eligibility requirement in accordance with RRS Appendix 2 Regulation 21 which requires that all competitors (helms and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form.. Current valid Club membership cards shall be presented at Registration.
2. The helm and all other crew of yachts in the Optimist and Dabchick classes shall be Members in good standing of the relevant Class Association.

CLASS CATEGORY CRITERIA

Points will be awarded to helmsman of the Optimist Class in accordance with the prescribed Optimist Class Racing Association of South Africa selection criteria. Sailors are permitted to sail in the Optimist Class until and including the year in which they have their 15th birthday.

MEASUREMENT or REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Each competing yacht shall hold a valid class measurement or registration certificate issued or accepted by SA Sailing the number of which shall be stated on the entry form. A copy of the certificate shall be submitted with the entry form and the original thereof presented at Registration.

ENTRIES

1. Entries must be completed on the attached official entry form and submitted together with the required entry fee to the Regatta Secretary at the address below.
2. Entry forms must be countersigned by a parent or guardian.
3. Telephonic or incomplete entries will not be accepted.
4. Eligible entries will be accepted until the close of Registration at the venue. Refer to the clause "Registration" below. Entries submitted at the venue may be accepted if accompanied by proof of compliance with the eligibility and measurement / registration certificate requirements.
5. Entry fees per yacht will be detailed below

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>Entry Fees</u>	<u>Late Entry Fees</u>
Optimist	R 250.00	R None
Dabchick	R 250.00	R None
Novice Optimist	R 250.00	R None
Open Classes	R 250.00	R None
Boat Launching Fee	R 20.00	R None

Regatta Secretary:

Glynnis Baer

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Mill Park

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PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

1. Payment may be made by cash or cheque or bank deposit to the credit of the account detailed below.

2. In the case of deposits made to the said bank account the bank stamped deposit note or the printed electronic transaction note **and** the completed entry form shall be either mailed or transmitted by fax simultaneously to the Regatta secretary. The deposit document shall state the event and entrants name.

3. Bank Account

Account name: Eastern Cape Optimist Association
Account No: 62028774570
Branch: FNB Govan Mbeki
Branch Code: 210117
Account Type Current

Fax deposit slips to: (041) 5851186

Email deposit slips to baer@global.co.za

4. All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Entries and Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yachts not being accorded any finishing position.
5. 80% of a yacht's entry fees may be refunded in the case of yachts unable to compete in the regatta, provided an application in writing for such refund is received by the Regatta Secretary within seven days after the first race of the championship.

ENTRY FORMS

Additional entry forms are available on request from the Regatta Secretary.

SCRUTINY of EQUIPMENT

1. All yachts competing in the Optimist and Dabchick National Championship shall, prior to registration, be made available for and pass, measurement checks as prescribed by their respective Class Association. The measurement checks will take place at the Stutterhaim Aquatic Clubhouse from 14h00 to 17h00 on 13 December 2003 and from 08h00 to 11h00 on 14 December 2003.
2. Optimist class scrutiny will be performed at the venue in accordance with Addendum A. Dabchicks may be pre-scrutinized by their provincial measurers prior to the regatta in accordance with Addendum B, but all Dabchicks will be weighed at the regatta
3. Equipment Scrutiny certificates will be issued for each yacht on satisfactory completion of the required scrutiny process.

Notwithstanding any prior scrutiny, measurement committee officials appointed by the race committee may scrutinise any competing yacht during the event.

REGISTRATION

1. Entries shall be confirmed by registration with the Regatta Secretary at the venue commencing at : 14h00 to 17h00 on 13 December 2003 and from 08h00 to 11h00 on 14 December 2003.
2. The following documents shall be presented at Registration :
 - i. Current yacht club membership card,
 - ii. Class membership receipt or other proof of membership
 - iii. Measurement or registration certificate,
 - iv. Equipment Scrutiny certificate.
3. Competitors whose names do not appear on the relevant official class list issued by the relevant Class association for the current year as having paid the annual class subscription fee for the period shall pay the prescribed class membership fee before registration.
4. Where proof of payment of Class Fees is not available a competitor shall pay the required class fee to the Regatta Secretary and the amount will be refunded if proof of prior payment is later submitted.

All fees (entry and class membership) shall be paid before the closing of entries. Where races are sailed without payment of the said fees, the competitor's participation will be disregarded.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary at the regatta venue upon registration.

EQUIPMENT

1. Yachts shall display the registered number. Equipment shall not be changed during the event.
2. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted subject to written approval of the Race Committee.
3. Competitors in the Optimist Class shall use only the scrutinized and approved item of each of the following during the Championship: hull, rudder (including tiller and extension), daggerboard, mast, boom, sprit and sail.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied;

- * A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race;
- * at least ten finishers in any two races of the series;
- * at least four races completed.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

1. A voluntary briefing of competitors will take place at 12h00 on 14 December 2003.
2. A tune up race is scheduled to start at 13h00.
3. The First Race is scheduled to start at 14h00 irrespective of the Tune-up race having been started or completed.
4. Subsequent race start times will be advised at the venue in accordance with the Sailing Instruction.
5. Team Racing is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 17th December 2003 at the time to be advised by the race committee by Notice to Competitors.
Fourteen races are scheduled for the Optimist Class
Twelve races are scheduled for the Dabchick Class.
5. Team racing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Race Committee.
6. The-warning signal for the last race on 20 December 2003 will not be made after 16h00.

RACING AREA and COURSES

1. Racing will take place on Wiggleswade Dam from Stutterheim Aquatic Club.
2. The courses to be sailed will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

SAFETY

1. Each boat shall comply with the safety requirements for its class.
2. The wearing of a buoyancy aid at all times whilst afloat is compulsory.
3. Optimist Class: In addition to IODA Class Rules 4.2(a) and (b), 4.3(a) and (b), each boat shall have on board a secured paddle with a blade surface of not less than 0,025square meters and each competitor shall carry a whistle attached to his clothing or body.
4. A safety tally system will be applied as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING SYSTEM

1. The low points scoring system, RRS A4 will apply.
2. When four races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score for every five races completed.
4. The scoring system for the Team Racing will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

PRIZES & AWARDS

1. Prizes and awards will be presented at the prize giving which is scheduled for 19h00 on 20 December 2003.
2. SA Sailing medals will be presented to competitors in accordance with the SA Sailing requirements for National Championships in accordance with the following table and subject to the event in the Optimist and Dabchick classes qualifying for National Championship status:

<u>YACHTS FINISHING AT LEAST 2 RACES</u>	<u>MEDAL</u>
10 to 14	Gold
15 to 19	Gold and Silver
20 or more	Gold, Silver and Bronze

3. Class floating trophies may be awarded as follows in accordance with the stated criteria below:

<u>OPTIMIST</u>	<u>DABCHICK</u>
<u>NAME OF TROPHY AWARDED FOR</u>	<u>NAME OF TROPHY AWARDED FOR</u>
Optimist National Floating Trophy Overall winner	National Trophy 1 st Overall
Clark Trophy Best under 12	Dalou Trophy Winner Race 1
Dave Bruce Trophy Best Girl	Transvaal Trophy Winner Race 2
Transvaal Trophy First Novice	OFS Trophy Winner Race 3
ECYRA Trophy Winner Race 1	Natal Trophy Winner Race 4
Natal Trophy Winner Race 2	ECYRA Trophy Winner Race 5
Western Prov Trophy Winner Race 3	WP Trophy Winner Race 6
Lowveld Trophy Winner Race 4	The Deed of Gift States that in the event of this trophy being won by the winner of the National Trophy it shall be awarded to the helmsman placed 2 nd in this race
President's Trophy Winner Race 5	Rossaak Trophy Winner Race 7
Dabchick Trophy Winner Race 6	Mitchell Trophy Winner Race 8

Knysna Trophy Winner Race 7	Gething Trophy Winner Race 9
Langhout Trophy Winner Race 8	Tanner Trophy Winner Race 10
Robson Trophy Winner Race 9	Langhout Trophy Winner Race 11
Tanner Trophy Winner Race 10	Sadler Trophy Winner Race 12
Margie van Reenen Trophy Winner Race 11	If less than 12 races are sailed then it goes to the 2 nd girl
Shirley & Digby Trophy Winner Race 12	1st Girl Overall
Reuvers Trophy Winner Race 13	1 st Under 15 Trophy
Swales Trophy Winner Race 14	Royal Cup 1 st girl in last race
Wooden Boat Trophy 1 st Wooden Boat	Provincial Trophy
Provincial Shield Trophy Lowest accumulated points of 1 st 3 boats per Province in each race	Lowest accumulated points of the 1 st 3 boats per Province in each race

LIABILITY

Participation in this event is entirely at the risk of competitors and no responsibility for damage or injury resulting therefrom will rest with the organising authority, class associations, or any persons concerned with the conduct of the regatta.

ADDENDA

A : Optimist Class equipment scrutiny form

B : Dabchick Class equipment scrutiny form

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following general information does not form part of the Notice of Race.

Accommodation

Camping facilities are available at the club during the Regatta. Refer to the attached booking form. Camp sites can be provided with electricity supply points.

Club facilities:

A catering service will be available for breakfast, lunch & supper.

Liquid refreshments and snacks will be available at the clubhouse.

Contacts:

Organisational and Sailing Matters :

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Dabchick Class : John Lohead
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Stutterheim Aquatic Club : Dave Grant
Email: dgrant@intekom.co.za

CAMPSITE BOOKINGS

Camp sites nearer to the Clubhouse and sites having some shade will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Bookings and deposit payments (R120.00) should thus be sent as soon as possible.

Camping fees are as follows:

R15.00 per adult per night.

R10.00 per under 18 per night.

R0.00 per under 4 per night

R5.00 per night electricity

Day Visitor Fees are as follows:

R10.00 per adult per day

R7.00 per under 18 per day.

R0.00 per under 4 per day.

Please note: No dogs are allowed.

Postal Entries and Cheque payments should be made out to:

Stutterheim Aquatic Club

And posted to:

PO Box 133, Homeleigh, 5212

Bank Transfers

Account Name: Stutterheim Aquatic Club

Bank: ABSA Bank

Account Number: 712 564 067

Branch: East London

Branch Code: 632005

1. If making a payment via direct deposit or electronically please use the reference "your surname – JNAT".
2. Either e-mail or fax your electronic payment receipts to dgrant@intekom.co.za or (043) 700 3102
3. Dave Grant will handle your bookings – contact no.'s are: (043) 700 3403 –work, (043) 732 1726 – home, 083 286 4069 – cell.

