

# **NIEUWPOORTWEEKEND** **OPTIFALL REGATTA**

## **OPEN BELGIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS OPTIMIST 2020** **OPEN BELGIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS CADET 2020**

**September 12 – 13, 2020 at Nieuwpoort Belgium.**

### **Notice of Race**

*Generally this regatta is organised for Optimist only. However the corona pandemic made that several regattas had to be cancelled. The Open Belgian Cadet was one of them. Therefore we are happy to welcome the cadet fleet on our course. However the plan is reserve the optimist course on Optispring, Optisummer (Nieuwpoortweek) and Optifall (open Belgian) for optimists only. Thanks for your understanding*

#### **1. Venue**

The Optifall Regatta – also Open Belgian Championships 2020 for the Optimist and Cadet Classes - will be sailed on the North Sea off Nieuwpoort, Belgium on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. The races will be organised by W.S.K.Lum. and R.Y.C.B.in Nieuwpoort, assisted by Dinghy Optimist Class Belgium (DOCB) and the Belgian Cadet Class Association (BNCCA). The Regatta is part of the Nieuwpoortweek.

#### **2. General**

The Sailing Instructions will be published at the latest one week before the event on the website - [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) and can be downloaded as PDF document. They will not be handed over at registration. All participants are requested to register online, and shall confirm their participation at the Race Office. The Race Office will be established in the WSKLum. Support boats: see § 13.

#### **3. Class**

Open to all International Optimist Dinghies and all International Cadet Dinghies.

#### **4. Rules**

This event will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the regulations for Championships of the Belgian Sailing, the IODA Class Rules and Cadet Class Rules when applicable, except those changed in the Sailing Instructions.

During the regatta, RRS app P will apply.

[C-19] COVID-19 infection prevention: National infection prevention and hygienic regulations will apply. The regulations can be consulted on the official website <https://www.infocoronavirus.be/en/> and [https://mobilit.belgium.be/nl/scheepvaart/covid\\_19\\_coronavirus](https://mobilit.belgium.be/nl/scheepvaart/covid_19_coronavirus).

#### **5. Advertising**

Advertising in accordance to World Sailing regulation 20 and relevant Class Rule. Each boat is required to display on both sides of her hull the stickers of the event-sponsor, if any.

## 6. Eligibility

Each boat shall be a full member of her national class association. All boats and equipment must have valid measurement certificates. Random checks can be performed by the organizing comity. Boats shall carry on the sail the letters and numbers issued by the national class association.

## 7. Disclaimer of Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. The WSKLum, R.Y.C.B., DOCB, BNCCA, the race committee or any person directly or indirectly involved in the organization shall not be liable for injury, personal or material damage, loss or claim, ashore or afloat, which might result from participation or intention to participate in this event.

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, each parent present or not, each coach agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured.

Parents/guardians not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

## 8. Insurance

All boats must carry a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 500.000,- per event.

## 9. Pre-registration & Entry Fee

All entries shall be made by on-line registration at [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com). **By registering you are on the waiting list. After payment your entry will be final. The number of participants is limited to 160 in each class.**

*if we need to cope with stricter regulations that may arise due to COVID-19: If the maximum number of participants is reached, additional entries are moved to a waiting list. To control the total number of persons entering the event area, the number of accompanying persons shall also be entered when registering in manage2sail. More entries can be allocated in view of actual persons registered and if national COVID-19 regulations allow for this. In case stricter regulations are imposed by Law, the order of payment of the entry fee will be governing.*

### **Required fees are as follows**

Single Handed EUR 70,00

Double or more Handed EUR 90,00

The entry fee includes:

- Nieuwpoortweekend goodie bag

Payments has to be done by bank transfer before September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to

WSKLuM, Halve Maanstraat 2, 8620 Nieuwpoort

Account Nr. IBAN: BE55 0682 3069 6844

BIC: GKCCBEBB

After this date payment shall be done on site and will have an additional 20€ late payment fee.

Please advise your bank that all costs are on your account. Payments received at our bank after September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 shall be considered invalid for registration purposes. In this case the total fee must be paid in cash at the time of registration. Whenever a duplicate payment has been received, we shall refund the surplus less any bank charges.

Late entries, made at the race office before 11h00 on saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020 will be accepted.

If the event has to be canceled due to new COVID-19restrictions, there will be a refund of the registration fee.

### **10. Schedule**

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September:	17:00	Race Office open (till 19:00)
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> September:	08:00	Race Office open.
	11:30	Launching
	13:00	Start 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day.
	19:00	Free clinic by 8 Days A Week 'coaching and clinics'
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September:	08:30	Race Office open.
	09:30	Launching
	11:00	Start 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day.

Any race not validly started by 15:00 on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020, will be cancelled. No more than 4 races will be sailed back-to-back per day.

Depending of the number of entries, the organizing authority may sub-divide the class into multiple starting groups. Details of this system will be found in the Sailing Instructions.

Prize giving ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the last race.

### **11. Scoring system**

A minimum of three (3) valid races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the title of Open Belgian Champion.

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 4 or more races have been completed.

The total number of races shall not exceed 6 (six).

### **12. Trophies and Prizes**

A prize giving will be organized to the extent permitted by the Covid 19 regulations.

Overall prizes will be awarded to the first three competitors finishing the race for Optimist and Cadet and to the first three Benjamin Optimist (born in 2008 or later)

Other prizes may be awarded.

Results will be available as soon as possible after the event on [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) .

### 13. Support Boats

All support boats are requested to register online before 07/09/2020 on [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) . All support boats shall fly a flag if such is provided at the race office.

- A deposit of 10€ must be paid in cash in the regatta office at registration. This deposit will be restituted after return of the flag.
- There is free use of slipway and free mooring in the Rib Area when registered.
- Support boats can be requested to help with towing the sailors to the race area and back to the harbour.

### 14. Accomodation

Hotel accomodation and camping are available in the nearby area of the marina. The tourist information center of the city of Nieuwpoort can inform about such accomodation (mail to [info@nieuwpoort.be](mailto:info@nieuwpoort.be) or see at the website: <http://www.nieuwpoort.be/toerisme/toerisme.html> under the banner “logies”, in dutch only)

Camping facilities will also be available near the club:

Mobilhome: 10 € / overnight  
Tent: 05 € / overnight

### 15. Commercial Rights

The organizing authority owns and controls all commercial rights of this event, such Commercial Rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

- a) audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these Regulations);
- b) sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;
- c) ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and
- d) other rights to commercialize this event (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorize the taking of bets.

