



OPTIMIST PORTUGAL CHALLENGE 2017/2018

NOTICE OF SERIES

The following four regattas constitute the **Optimist Portugal Challenge 2017/2018**:

Atlantic Week – 4th Cidade de Viana do Castelo Trophy, **CVVianaCastelo**
28 | 29 October 2017, Viana do Castelo

Christmas Race 2018, **CNCascais**
1 | 2 | 3 December 2017, Cascais
www.cncascais.pt

44th International Carnival Sailing Week, **CIMAVilamoura**
10 | 11 | 12 February 2018, Vilamoura
www.cimav.org

Optimist Portugal Cup 2018
13 | 14 | 15 July
www.optimistportugal.eu

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority will be made up of International Optimist Class Portuguese Association (APCIO) and the Organizing Authorities of the four regattas constituting the Optimist Portugal Challenge 2017/2018 (OPC2017/18).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regattas of the OPC2017/18 series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. The National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.3. Appendix P will apply.

3. ADVERTISING

Competitors may be required to carry a bow number or advertising for OPC2017/18 and regatta sponsors.

4. ELEGIBILITY

- 4.1. The OPC2017/17 series is open to competitors sailing on Optimist.
- 4.2. Each sailor shall be member of the National Association member of IODA.

5. FEES

The entry fees for each regatta will be determined in the Notice of Race for each regatta.

6. FORMAT OF COMPETITION

- 6.1. With more than 100 entries, the fleet will be divided in divisions (as far as possible with the same number of boats).
- 6.2. The allocation to divisions will be done by the Race Committee at the closing of entry with the list of competitors already registered by that time. Competitors registering later will be added at the bottom of the sorted list in the order of registration.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Competitors and Team Leaders shall complete the registration at the Race Office as described in the Notice of Race of each regatta.
- 7.2. The schedule shall be stated in the Notice of Race of each regatta.
- 7.3. The number of races scheduled for each event shall be stated in the Notice of Race of each regatta.
- 7.4. The scheduled time for the warning signal for each event shall be stated in the Notice of Race of each regatta.

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate. Boats shall use the approved National Code Letters in their sails as required by RRS.
- 8.2. Before final entry boats and equipment may be subject to equipment control.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the moment of the registration of each regatta.

10. VENUE

As stated in the Notice of Race of each regatta.

11. THE COURSES

The courses will be Trapezoid with the Finish to upwind.

12. SCORING

12.1. Regatta scoring system as stated in the Notice of Race of each regatta.

12.2. OPC2017/18 series scoring system in each event, only the 30% boats of the number of entries, ranked highest in the overall ranking of the regatta will be scored. For example, with 100 entries, the first will be scored 30 points, second 29 points, etc... and thirtieth 1 point. The OPC2017/18 series score for a boat will be the sum of all the regattas scores, with no discard.

12.3. OPC2017/18 series scoring system will be applied to the sailors under 12 (2006 , 2007, etc...) in a individual scoring system.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Each support/coach is required to register as described in the Notice of Race of each regatta.

14. BERTHING

Competitors shall follow requirements described in the Notice of Race of each regatta.

15. PRIZES

15.1. In each regatta, the prizes are described in the Notice of Race.

15.2. APCIO will award prizes to the top 5 in the OPC2017/18 series overall.

15.3. APCIO will award prizes to the top 3 female in the OPC2017/18 series overall.

15.4. APCIO will award prizes to the top 3 and first female in the OPC2017/18 series under 12.

15.5. The prizes, timing and location of the OPC2017/18 prize giving will be in the last regatta of the series.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regattas of the OPC2017/18 series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision of Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to during, or after the regatta.

17. CHARTER BOATS

A reduced number of charter boats could be available in each regatta. For more information see the Notice of Race of each regatta.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

All the relevant information of the Portugal Optimist Challenge 2017/2018 will be posted on the APCIO official web site (www.optimistportugal.eu).

For more information contact APCIO: geral@optimistportugal.eu

The Organizing Committee

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