



OPTIMIST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 - TEST EVENT

Songkran International Regatta
13 - 16 April 2017 at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. VENUE

The Songkran International Regatta will take place at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club. Racing will take place immediately offshore between the RVYC and Koh Larn in the Gulf of Thailand. The RVYC is close to the city of Pattaya, approximately 1.5 hours drive from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is only open to the Optimist class

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form and sending it to:
Jordan Rumsby, Sailing Director.
Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Pratamnak Road, Nongprue, Banglamung, Chonburi 20150.
E: jordan@varuna.org T: 038-250-116

4.3 Entries on the day will be accepted.

5. FEES

5.1 300 baht entry fee is applicable for each participating sailor.

6. SCHEDULE

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Date	Class(s)	Registration	Briefing	First warning signal
Thu 13 April	All classes	09:00 - 10:00	10:30	12:00
Fri 14 April	All classes	-	-	11:00
Sat 15 April	All classes	-	-	11:00
Sun 16 April	All classes	-	-	11:00

Prize giving will be immediately after the last race on April 16.

6.2 Up to three races are scheduled per day, maximum of 12 races for the championship.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Event sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard before registration.

8. COURSES

8.1 IODA trapezoid courses, standard trapezoid courses and windward/leeward will be used. The exact configuration will be displayed on the official noticeboard.

9. FORMAT

9.1 Depending on the number of entries the organisers may consider splitting entries into fleets accordingly to method specified in the Sailing Instructions.

- 10 SCORING**
3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.1** (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.2** (b) When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 11 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11 PRIZES**
Prize categories will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 12 LUNCHES**
A basic Thai lunch and bottle of water will be provided to each sailor on the water.
- 13 SAILING CONDITIONS**
Wind: Frequently between 8KTS - 18KTS Temperature: 30C Tide: 2.5m range, 1 knot speed
- 14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.
- 15 INSURANCE**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate cover up to 10 million baht.
- 16 CHARTER BOATS and OTHER FACILITIES**
- 16.1** A limited supply of Optimists, Lasers and RIBs are available to charter.
- 16.2** Teams are welcome to use the RVYC facilities throughout April 2017, free of any charge.
- 16.3** Accommodation and full restaurant facilities are available onsite at the RVYC.
- 17 FURTHER INFORMATION**
For further information please contact:
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Extra information:

Team Racing

The organising authority is intending to arrange an informal Team Racing competition on Wednesday 12th April. This will be open to all sailors. Teams shall have four participants with reserve(s) allowed. Entry forms are available at the RVYC reception desk and teams must declare themselves before 11:00 on the day of racing. The briefing will take place at 12:00 and first warning signal at 13:00.

Coaching

The RVYC will be providing coaching between 8 - 12 April. For more information to contact the organising authority - jordan@optimistworlds2017.com.