



THESSALONIKI OPTIMIST TEAM RACE
Thessaloniki GREECE October 8 – 10/ 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

Organized by the nautical club of Thessaloniki

The *Thessaloniki Optimist Team Race* will take place from Friday 8 to Sunday 10 October 2021.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the “Racing Rules of Sailing”2021-2024 including Appendix D (Single Flag Protest procedure).
- 1.2. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. Class Rule 4.3 (c) - paddle – shall not apply. Each competitor shall carry a whistle (which will not be supplied) securely attached to the personal buoyancy device (CR 4.2.a).
- 1.4. RRS 61.1 (a) (2) shall not apply. The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and shall be capable of being concealed and being displayed at arm’s length. To indicate a protest, the flag shall be deployed from a concealed position to a position where it is easily visible to the protested boat and Umpires.
- 1.5. Appendix D will apply. Races will be umpired. D1.1 (d) is deleted.
- 1.6. Sailing Instructions and any amendment made by the OA, the umpires or the Jury.
- 1.7. Life jackets will be compulsory when at sea for all competitors, coaches and umpires.
- 1.8. There will be special Covid-19 rules. At the moment of publishing this NOR it is not clear what rules we have to follow. These special Covid-19 rules will be published three weeks before the start of the event. The rules may include the need for testing competitors on arrival, testing on site, daily temperature measurement and the need to wear masks in restaurants.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by Organizing Authority of the nautical club of Thessaloniki.
- 2.2 While racing, competitors shall be required to wear bibs or life jackets, which have displayed, on the back, their team letters. These shall be worn outside all other clothing, according to Regulation 20.3.1. The bibs or life jackets will NOT be provided by the Organizing Authority and shall be identical for all the members of each team.
- 2.3 Individual advertising may be displayed according to World Sailing Regulation 20.3.1 on clothing only.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The Thessaloniki Optimist Team Race is an event by invitation only.
- 3.2. A maximum of **12** teams will be invited.
- 3.3. Each team shall be composed of 5 sailors, minimum 4 (4 sailors racing one sailor substitute) born between 1st January 2007 and 31 December 2011.
- 3.4. Teams may request an invitation by completing pre-registration sending an e-mail : nautical@ncth.gr by Friday 10 September 2021.

- 3.5. The Organizing Authority of N.C.Th decides the teams to invite. The N.C.Th race secretariat will inform all pre-registered team of the decision of Technical Committee by Tuesday 14 September 2021.
- 3.6. The registration fees of admitted teams shall then be sent, at the latest, by 1200 hr. on Friday 24 September 2021, to the Race Office (see paragraph 13).
- 3.7. Late entries will be accepted at the Nautical club of Thessaloniki organizing committee discretion.

4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fee is €500 for each team and it includes:
- use of an Optimist dinghy per team member for the duration of the event (as described in part 5),
 - Saturday evening Pasta Party,
 - Gifts to the winning team.
- 4.2 A damage deposit of €500 will be charged at registration and refunded at the end of the event if no damage has occurred.
- 4.3 A team found by the Technical committee to be responsible for causing specific damage to equipment, etc. will be charged for such damage and the cost of the damage shall be deducted from their damage deposit.
- 4.4 The limit of liability for any one incident is €500
- 4.5 In the event that deductions are made during the regatta from a damage deposit, the deposit will be required to be restored to the original value before that team can continue racing.
- 4.6 Any remaining deposit will be refunded within 10 days of the end of the event.
- 4.7 Payment instructions
The entry fee must be deposited to the following account:
Bank: EUROBANK
Swift/BIC: ERBKGRAA
IBAN: GR3002601390000310200799583
- 4.8 Fees shall be paid in EUR.
- 4.9 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

5. Boats

- 5.1 The Nautical club of Thessaloniki will provide 24 Optimists (complete with sails, spars, foils and all equipment except buoyancy aids), which will be allocated on a random basis either daily or before each round as decided by the Race Committee. .
- 5.2 Coach boats will not be provided during the event. There will be a special "Coach Station" close to the shore to be used exclusively by the coach. Spectator boat may be available.

6. Qualifying and Final Series

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of one or more round-robins followed by semifinals and finals knockout.
- 6.2 The RO may vary the format, terminate or cancel any stage, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

7. Social & Sailing Program Schedule

Friday 8 October 2021	Team Meeting	10:00
	First Race - Warning signal	12:00 noon
	Debriefing	After racing
Saturday 9 October 2021	First Race - Warning signal	T.B.A.
	Debriefing	After racing
	Pasta Party at Nautical club of Thessaloniki	After debriefing
Sunday 10 October 2021	First Race - Warning signal	T.B.A.
	Prize Giving	19:30

On Sunday 10 October no race will start after the **18:30**

8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at completion of the registration from 10:00 on Wednesday 7 October 2021 at the Registration Office.

9. Prizes

Teams will compete for the “*Thessaloniki Optimist Team Race*” trophy.
Prizes will be given to the top three ranked teams.

10. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors are totally responsible for their own safety, at sea and ashore, without exception. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat, the equipment on it and the crew are fit to sail in the conditions. By launching or going at sea, competitors are confirming their boat is fit to the conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by organizers will reduce the responsibility of the competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury; however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the race, be it before, during or after the race. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

11. Risk Statement

Competitors and support team members participate in the championship entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is, by its nature,

an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor and the responsible adult 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- (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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this venue or event, and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.
- (h) It is the decision of the coach to allow the competitors to take part in the races and therefore they shall sign the declaration of participation on entry.

12. Media & Image rights waiver

Thessaloniki Optimist Team Race participants authorize the Nautical club of Thessaloniki to use any media it deems necessary for commercial purposes. By entering this regatta, crew members on the competing boats grant the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses as well as representations of their boats in any media published.

13. Further Information

For further information please contact the Nautical club of Thessaloniki Tel: +302310414521, Fax: +302310417369 Email: nautical@ncth.gr Website: www.ncth.gr

