

Notice of Races September 2010 to May 2011

Windlasses is the organizing authority for four series and special races in Sunfish, International Optimist Dinghy (IOD) and Clearwater Optimist Prams / OPPIs on Thursdays in St. Joseph's Sound off the Dunedin Boat Club house and pram shed. The pram fleet will consist of both Clearwater Optimist Prams and OPPIs. Each series has five or six racing days and the schedule is published on the Windlass website and in the Windlass roster.

Rules

The races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

Eligibility

The races are open to all members who have met the requirements of Windlasses membership in Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Bylaws and have signed a waiver of liability form.

Registration

Members shall indicate their intention to race either a Pram / OPPI, IOD, or Sunfish by signing the sheet on an Official Notice Board, defined as the large bulletin board located on the west wall of the pram shed, or notifying their assignment coordinator two weeks before the start of each series. Pram/OPPI sailors who do not race after registering might not be assigned to a fleet for the following series. The assignment coordinators will make fleet assignments and post them on the website and on the Official Notice Board. Sailing instructions will be available at the General Meeting and Coffee in August to all members who have met the requirements.

City-Owned Equipment

Pram/OPPI selection consists of choosing a boat each week and signing by that number on the posted boat sign up list. No pram/OPPI sailor may use the same boat more than once in any racing series. The city-owned IOD's will be assigned by a lottery system. All sailors will be eligible to enter the IOD lottery, allowing them to sail an IOD for the year.

The city-owned Sunfish (COS) will be assigned by a lottery system. All sailors, who have notified the COS Coordinator at least three weeks prior to the start of a series, will be eligible to enter the Sunfish lottery. The COS sailors selected by lottery will be assigned a specific Sunfish for that series. In the following series, all sailors may enter the lottery although preference shall be given to those who have not previously sailed a city-owned Sunfish.

Series Awards and Series Qualifications

No. Assigned to Fleet

No. of Awards

Fewer than 5:

2

5-8:

3

9-12:

4

13 and up:

5

To qualify for a series award, a sailor must compete in more than half of the races completed in that series.

Cruises September 2010 to May 2011

Cruises will be sailed under the management of the Cruise Chairman & Cruise Committee. Available Prams/OPPI/IOD will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to those who have signed up for cruises. Prams will be assigned only to those members who have successfully completed the new member orientation program. City-owned Sunfish may be available to members who have successfully completed the City-owned Sunfish orientation program.

Times - Boats should be rigged and ready to go at 0900, unless announced otherwise. Plan on being out until at least 1400.

Safety - All persons (guests included) must sign in before launching. A buddy system will be used. Only one sailor is permitted in each city- owned Pram/OPPI/IOD.

Guests - A fee may be charged for guests. Members must arrange rides for guests. No guests are permitted on the grape cruise. Guests are not permitted on city- owned boats

Equipment - Members and guests should provide sun protection and wear proper shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Members and guests must also provide their own water for drinking. Minimum Coast Guard equipment required for a dinghy: Coast Guard approved life jacket with whistle attached to life jacket by a lanyard. A Coast Guard approved inflatable life jacket is not counted as a life jacket unless it is being worn.

Course - Cruise Chairman will determine course and destination. City- owned boats shall stay with the cruising group. Other boats may leave the group but must inform Cruise Chairman and assume own liability.

Towing - The safety boat has the authority to tow any city-owned boat. Upon return at the Pram shed, the boat will be cleaned and properly stored by the assigned sailor.

Preference will be shown to non-sailing race committee members when providing transportation for cruises.

5) Schedule and Number of Races

5.1) The schedule and number of races are posted in the Pram shed and will be announced per the notice of races.

5.2) Any changes to the schedule of races will be made by posting one week before it will take effect or notification by email or telephone of all affected not less than 12 hours before it will take effect.

5.3) Makeup races for the special races will be scheduled for the following regular race day for only those sailors who had previously registered. For prams - the first race of the makeup day will count for the special races charm in addition to counting for the first race of the regular race day. For sunfish - all three races will count for the Special races charm in addition to counting for a regular race day.

6) Other Flags

6.1) Pram/OPPI and IOD class - Pram insignia on purple.

6.2) Champion Sunfish class - Sunfish insignia on yellow.

6.3) Challenger Sunfish class - Sunfish insignia on pink.

6.4) White flag with the black numeral "1" sail one triangle or white flag with the black numeral "2" sail two triangles when displayed as the Preparatory flag. This changes racing rules 26 & 27.1.

7) Courses

7.1) The diagrams for Pram/OPPI and IOD courses that may be sailed are posted on the Official Notice Board on the west wall of the pram shed and web site. Pram/OPPI/IOD RC will select and post the course to be sailed on the signal boat.

7.2) The diagrams for the Sunfish Courses will be posted on the back of the door of the Windlasses equipment locker in the Dunedin Pram Shed.

8) Marks - Marks will be orange balls and/or flags. Balls for the Pram/OPPI and IOD course have a black stripe around them.

9) The Start

9.1) Races will be started using Rule 26 with the following changes or unless altered by 6.4.

<u>Visual Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Time to Start</u>
Warning – Class Flag (up)	1 – horn	3 min.
Preparatory – Flag (up) P, 1, or 2	1 – horn	2 min.
Preparatory – Flag (down)	1 – long horn	1 min.
Start – Class Flag (down)	1 – horn	0

9.2) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the port end starting mark.

9.3) Wind requirements for starting or canceling races shall include a minimum of 3 knots across the course and not to exceed 18 knots sustained.

10) The Finish

10.1) The Sunfish finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the floating mark at the port end of the line.

10.2) The Pram/OPPI/IOD finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the floating mark approximately ten boat lengths from the port side of the race committee boat. This mark is a mark of the course only at the finish.

10.3) For Trapezoid courses the finishing line will be off the bow of the RC boat. This changes 10.1 and 10.2.

11) Time Limit

11.1) Time limits are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>First Mark Time Limit</u>	<u>Race Time Limit</u>
Pram/OPPI, IOD	15 minutes	25 minutes
Sunfish	15 minutes	45 minutes

A race shall be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within the first mark time limit or if no boat has finished within the race time limit.

11.2) The race committee may award last place to any boat(s) unduly delaying the start of the next race.

11.3) Any Pram/OPPI or IOD not finished within 15 minutes of the first boat of her start shall be scored DNF. This changes rule 63.1.

12) Safety and Equipment

12.1) Each sailor is responsible for the seaworthiness of her boat. Sailors of city-owned boats must perform a visual inspection and check the Maintenance Request List, hanging on the wall to the left side of the work bench, before making a boat selection.

12.2) No pram/OPPI sailor may use an individual boat more than once during each racing series.

12.3) Prior to the warning signal for a fleet's first race of the day, sailors shall sail by the stern of the RC boat on starboard tack, check in by hailing name, sail number and receiving RC acknowledgement. Failure to check in properly may result in being scored DNC for any races that day.

12.4) Sailors who retire should attempt to report to the RC before leaving the racing area.

12.5) The RC may order a city-owned boat towed at any time.

12.6) Sailors of city-owned boats shall report damage, however slight, by indicating on the Maintenance Request List, the sail number, sailor's name, date and damage sustained. The advisory board will resolve any disputes concerning payment if the protest committee determines that the sailor was responsible.

12.7) All boats racing shall be equipped with an attached painter at least as long as the boat and Coast Guard required equipment.

12.8) The floating dock is for the use of the safety boats, RC boats, and support boats only. Failure to comply will result in +5 added to the sailor's score in the first race of the day. This score cannot be discarded.