



2023 Optimist African Championship

Notice of Race v2





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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 2023 Optimist African Championship is organized by the Royal Yacht Club de M'diq with the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Voile under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

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Amendment March 12: Item 4.1 Bona Fide Residents

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix D will apply for the Team Racing events. Races will be umpired. RRS D1.1(e) is deleted.
- 1.5 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.'
- 1.6 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.7 In all rules governing this championship, both "athlete", "sailor", and "competitor" mean a person competing in the event. The term "support person" means a person as defined in RRS.
- 1.8 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement Covid-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.9 **[NP][DP]** A sailor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.



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1.10 English is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages, the language of the original version of the relevant document will take precedence.

2. [NP][DP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. [NP][DP][SP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. On March 1, 2022 World Sailing published the following recommendations in relation to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/> To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2023 Optimist African Championship, entries shall be open to all nationalities but not to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality. **However, this does not apply to bona fide residents that fulfil the requirements of Condition 10.2 of the IODA Continental Championships as of March 1, 2022.** The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.
- 4.2 Competitors shall have been born in 2008 or later.
- 4.3 African members of IODA may enter up to 10 sailors. African members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website www.optiworld.org. For the team racing event, each member entering 8 to 10 members may enter 2 teams.
- 4.5 The IODA member from Morocco, as the host member, may enter up to 20 competitors, of which there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender, as indicated in 4.8 below. For the team racing event, the host member may enter up to three teams.
- 4.6 Sailors whose IODA member is European but who are residents of an overseas territory that is geographically in Africa may be entered by the IODA member at the discretion of



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- the IODA Executive Committee. These sailors shall be considered to be African for the purpose of section 17 (PRIZES).
- 4.7 Non-African members of IODA may enter at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee depending on the number of registered African sailors and the limitations of the Condition 7.3 for the African Championship. Non African members interested in attending the event shall request to do so officially in writing to regattasecretary@optiworld.org by **February 13, 2023** indicating the number of places requested (of which there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender as indicated in 4.8 below.)
- 4.8 Each member of IODA entering 5 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender in accordance with the IODA Condition 9.3 for Continental Championships, as follows:

Total number of competitors	Minimum of the opposite gender
5 or 6	1
7 to 9	2
10	3
11 - 16	4
17 - 19	5
20	6
21 - 26	7
27 - 29	8
30	9

- 4.9 The defending African (closed) Champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of competitors allocated to his/her member. This competitor will not count for the gender quota requirement.
- 4.10 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times and a Coach. A maximum of four adults, including the Team Leader and the Coach, shall be allowed only for teams of 10 or more competitors.
- 4.11 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in the case of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. As per Condition 10.3 of the



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Optimist Continental Championships, when bona fide resident sailors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the sailors of their team.

- 4.12 As per World Sailing Regulations Appendix 3, item 19.6 (d) IODA events require competitors to have "World Sailing Eligibility" as defined in items 19.4 and 19.5.

5 ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made by completing the relevant online registration forms found at <http://2023africans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> and by paying the **required fees** according to the following schedule:

5.1.1 The **First Entry Stage** and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **February 13, 2023**.

5.1.2 The **Second Entry Stage** and a payment for the balance of fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee **March 10, 2023**.

5.1.3 The **Final Entry Stage** shall be returned to the Organising Committee as soon as the members of the delegation are defined but not later than **April 1, 2023**. Failure to define the members of the team delegation with the required personal data in the online registration area by this date denotes non-compliance with the entry requirements of this championship, and therefore, by the rules of this Notice of Race – sailors shall no longer be considered competitors and will not be able to compete

- 5.2 Required fees are described in paragraphs 6 (Entry Fees), 15 (Support Boats); and 16 (Charter Boats). See the payment instructions in 6.3, 15.5 and 16.7 below.

- 5.3 A surcharge of 20% will be charged on all late payments to the Organising Committee and includes late payments to the Charter Provider, if applicable, and late payments for early arrival fees.

NOTE: *Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline, and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item.*



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- 5.4 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than **March 24, 2023**, will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank costs incurred due to the refund). **Competitors withdrawing their entry after this date will not be refunded.** The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16 except for the charter boat fees, which shall not be refunded.
- 5.5 Competitors, team leaders, coaches and other adults (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete the on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor shall not be completed until the successful completion of measurement has been confirmed by the IODA Technical Committee Technical Committee to the Race Office (see item 9).

6 ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be **EURO 450** per competitor and **EURO 500** per adult, maximum four adults according to paragraph 4.10.
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the Official Arrival Day to the Official Departure Day inclusive).
- 6.3 Payment instructions, including banking information, can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2023africans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>.
- 6.4 Fees shall be paid in EURO.
- 6.5 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee shall be charged to the competitors.

7 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 The Optimist African Championship comprises two 'championships':
- 7.1.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (IAC);
- 7.1.2 The OPTIMIST TEAM RACING AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRAC).
- 7.2 For the **IAC**:
- 7.2.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.2.2 The qualifying series will take place on the first 2 days of racing. However, if 5 races of the qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the second scheduled racing day, then the qualifying series will continue until the end of the third IAC racing day and so on, until a fifth qualifying race is completed, and then the qualifying series will include all races sailed until the end of that day.



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- 7.2.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 7.2.4 If 5 races are not completed in the qualifying series for all fleets by the end of the program racing days as described in 8.1, fleets shall not be divided into Gold or Silver.
- 7.3 For the **TRAC**:
- 7.3.1 Each event is organised for a maximum of 16 teams from members, represented by at least 4 competitors. Each team shall comprise of 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the member. If there are more than 16 eligible teams and the host member does not qualify a team, it will replace the last qualified team.
- 7.3.2 For the selection of the teams, as well as for the seeding, the Race Committee will calculate 'Total scores' per group of 4 competitors per member, as explained below. Using the total number of races sailed until the end of the second IAC racing day, or on **May 5, 2023**, inclusive, the total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for the first team of each member. For members with more than 4 competitors, the total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for the second team of each member and so on.
- 7.3.3 Each member may enter one or two teams comprised of four sailors, except Morocco, which as host Member is allowed to enter a maximum of three teams, subject to 7.3.1 and 7.3.2.
- 7.3.4 No member will be allowed to enter more than one team in the team racing championship unless a suitable umpire for the TRAC is made available (if required) and the name given to the Organising Committee during registration on the Official Arrival Day.
- 7.3.5 When a member enters more than one team in the same team race event, the position of each team in the grid will be based on each team's total points. Teams with lower total points will be seeded in higher positions.
- 7.3.6 The total points of the competitors, as mentioned in 7.3.2 will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 on **May 5, 2023**, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 7.3.7 For members that enter more than one team, they must be identified by coloured ribbons (supplied by the Organising Committee) as follows:



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First Team: No Ribbon
Second Team: Yellow Ribbon
Third Team: Blue Ribbon

8 PROGRAM

8.1

Tuesday, May 2	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement. Official accommodation available from 1400.
Wednesday, May 3	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Opening Ceremony
Thursday, May 4	IAC, Races.
Friday, May 5	IAC, Races.
Saturday, May 6	TRAC
Sunday, May 7	IAC, Races. Reserve for TRAC
Monday, May 8	IAC, Races. Reserve for TRAC Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.
Tuesday, May 9	Official Departure Day.

8.2 Ten races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per fleet per day.

9 [DP] MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4)
- 9.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Technical Committee according to the Measurement Regulations and approved by the Technical Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.



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- 9.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been submitted to the Technical Committee and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been checked by the Technical Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Technical Committee.
- 9.5 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Technical Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.
- 9.6 Boats chartered through the Organising Authority shall carry the national letters of the country entering the chartered boat. This may mean a contravention of the Class Rules and is allowed by RRS G3.
- 9.7 Hulls chartered through the Organising Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from Class Rule 2.4.1.
- 9.8 Competitors are allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Committee.
- 9.9 Sails measured to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 9.10 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate) it will be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer appointed by the Organising Committee, or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate shall be issued at a cost of **EURO 50**, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.11 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 9.12 Once a boat has completed measurement, no item of equipment including the hull may be removed from the boat park or nautical venue without the permission of the Technical Committee. All items of equipment once measured, shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water unless otherwise permitted by the IODA Technical Committee.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions, along with other governing documents, will be available at:
<http://2023africans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>



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11 VENUE

11.1 The Championship will be held in **Royal Yacht Club de M'diq**. The racing area will be the waters of **M'diq Bay**.

11.2 **VENUE:** Royal Yacht Club de M'diq

Club Address: Marina de M'diq, Port de plaisance 93200 – B.P 2022.

Contact email: yachtmidiq@gmail.com

Phone: +212539975659

Website: <https://rycm.ma/>

12 THE COURSE

12.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

12.2 For the team racing championship the course will be a starboard 'S' course.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix P will apply for the IAC.

13.2 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

14 SCORING

14.1 For the IAC, three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.

14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS

15.1 Support team vessels shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:

15.1.1 Each support team vessel shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length, shall have a tow rope minimum 15 metres in length and 10 mm in diameter and shall have an anchor chain and tackle adequate for conditions and depth.



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- 15.1.2 Each support team vessel shall display white flags bearing the three-letter national code of the countries it supports. Flags shall be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support boats.
- 15.1.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from **May 2, 2023**, each support team vessel shall meet the requirements of the maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support boats as per 15.2 and 15.3 (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time.
- 15.1.4 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by teams using the support team vessel. Fuel can be purchased from the local fuel station located close by (80 meters by foot and 260 metres by boat). The Moroccan dirham is accepted but also USD and EURO.
- 15.1.5 During the team racing days, the support team vessels will be at the disposal of the Organising Committee.
- 15.1.6 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided, and coaches should bring their own.
- 15.1.7 Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall be required to wear a life jacket and be in compliance with the local law. A Disclaimer Form shall be required to be signed upon registration at the venue.
- 15.1.8 Drivers shall attach the "kill cord" of the support team vessel to their person as a safety requirement when the engine is running. Drivers shall be required to be in possession of a marine boating license.
- 15.1.9 Personal support team vessels not chartered through the Organising Committee shall be registered with the Organiser and the following documents provided by the **Final Entry Deadline of April 1, 2023**:
- RIB engine registration document (engine brand name & engine serial numbers)
 - Insurance
 - Driver's identity document
 - Proof of Int'l Marine License
- 15.2 The maximum number of coaches per team allowed on the water in support team vessels at any one time shall be:
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| Teams comprising 10 or fewer competitors: | 1 Coach |
| Teams comprising 11-20 competitors: | 2 Coaches |
- 15.3 Each support team vessel shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times (except during the team racing, when one coach per boat might be allowed, if the Organising



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- Committee so decides. The Organising Committee will allocate places in support boats to coaches who have reserved, subject to the above limits and at its absolute discretion. If a team is entitled to and enters more than one coach, two of these coaches may be allocated to the same vessel.
- 15.4 Teams wishing to have places on chartered support team vessels shall pay for each such place a fee of 50% of the charter fee for the boat. If the situation demands that more than two coaches share a boat, the cost of renting the boat for the regatta days will be divided by the number of coaches, in which case the difference (between the 50% required and the actual percentage) will be refunded at the end of the championship at the latest.
- 15.5 Team support boats to be used during the Championship days (May 2 - 8) are available from the Organising Committee at the **Support team vessel charter fee of EURO 1000 boat / EURO 500 per coach.**
- 15.6 For each place on a support team vessel, reservations shall be made by completing the relevant online entry form and by transferring a first payment of 50% of the total amount to be paid, which shall be received on or before **February 13, 2023**. The balance of fees (50%) shall be received on or before **March 10, 2023**. Payment instructions can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2023africans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> Availability of places on support team vessels is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after **February 13, 2023**.
- 15.7 A damage deposit of **EURO 150** per support team vessel will be charged at registration at the venue and refunded at the end of the championship provided the vessel is in good condition. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the boat again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat. **Damage deposits shall be paid in cash (EURO) only.**
- 15.8 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support boats.

16 [NP][DP] CHARTER BOATS

- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by the Organising Committee. They will be allocated on a random basis to individual competitors as per IODA Condition 14.3 for Continental Championships.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;



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- Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line, and
 - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 Charter boats will be delivered:
- WITH:** hull fittings, two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull (one of them a ratchet block), block and becket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), mainsheet and painter line, mast lock, 3 airbags, padded toe straps, shock-cord to keep the dagger board in place (Class Rule 3.3.5), dagger board safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), racing spars, racing foils, 2 bailers, 1 paddle and trolley. Foils bag and top cover will also be provided.
- WITHOUT:** wind indicator or any fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing lines at the throat point.
- 16.6 Sails will not be provided.
- 16.7 The charter fee for 7 championship days (May 2 – 8) will be **EURO 500** per boat.
- 16.8 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by completing the online Charter Boat Reservation Form and by transferring **50% of the total charter fee** on or before **February 13, 2023**. The balance of the charter fee (50%) shall be due on **March 10, 2023**. Payment instructions are found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2023africans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.
- 16.9 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.
- 16.10 Charter boat availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than **February 13, 2023**.
- 16.11 Late registrations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20% of the charter fee.
- 16.12 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of **EURO 150** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred. **Damage deposits shall be made in CASH (EURO) only.**



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17 PRIZES

17.1 For the **IAC** prizes will be awarded at least to:

17.1.1 The three best placed sailors regardless of gender and continent of residence.

17.1.2 The three best placed female sailors regardless of their continent of residence.

17.1.3 The IODA Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the top placed girl whose IODA Member is from Africa.

17.1.4 The IODA Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the top placed boy whose IODA Member is from Africa.

17.1.3 The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is African. The first of these 3 competitors shall become the African Champion 2023 and shall receive the IODA Perpetual Trophy.

17.2 For the **TRAC**, prizes will be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:

17.2.1 The three best placed teams in the African Team Racing Championship.

17.2.2 The best placed team whose IODA member is from Africa shall be the African Team Racing Champion 2023 and shall receive the IODA Perpetual Trophy.

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 The purchase of third-party liability insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of **EURO \$10** per competitor and per coach



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payable to the IODA before the end of registration. Note: There is a EURO 150 deductible payable on any claim.

20 MEDIA RIGHTS

20.1 By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the IODA, and the sponsors of the championship, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information please contact:

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E-mail	2023iodaafricans@gmail.com

21.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an email address.



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ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA (inside red square)





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A. BEHAVIOUR

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat; with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT

B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

- B.1 Competitors and team officials will be housed in the **Golden Beach Hotel** Address: **Av.Lalla Nouzha B.P 84 M'diq, Morocco** Phone: **+212539975077** Website: <https://golden-beachhotel.com/> Email: 2023iodaafricans@gmail.com Official accommodation is available from **14:00 on May 2 until 2:00 on May 9, 2023.**
- B.2 All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotel. Packed lunches will be distributed at the nautical venue. The first official meal will be dinner on **May 2, 2023**, and the last official meal will be breakfast on **May 9, 2023.**
- B.3 A damage deposit of **EURO 50 per room** shall be charged by the hotel and will be refunded if no damage has occurred. The damage deposit is to be paid in CASH or Credit Card.
- B.4 The accommodation is located 750 metres from the sailing venue and is an easy walking distance.
- B.5 Any extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid by cash or with credit card.
- B.6 Special food to accommodate allergies or dietary restrictions can be provided if requested in advance. Please provide details by filling in the relevant field in the online entry form during registration.
- B.7 Teams are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles.

C. EARLY ARRIVALS

- C.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the Official Arrival Day from **April 25, 2023**, should complete the relevant fields of the online entry system and transfer the amount equivalent to the total (100%) required by **February 13, 2023.** The daily fee for early arrival will be **EURO 60 per person including meals.**



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C.3 *The regatta facilities will be open from **April 25, 2023**.*

D. EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT TEAM VESSEL

- D.1 *It is possible to rent a support team vessel to be used before the Official Arrival Day, from **April 25, 2023**, at **EURO 130 per boat per day** excluding fuel. Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by the teams using the boat. The boat may be shared between two teams at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Reservation of such boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Support Boat Reservation Form on the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** which shall be received on or before **February 13, 2023**, to guarantee availability. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival by the Organising Committee.*
- D.2 *In addition to the support boat charter fee a damage deposit of **EURO 150** will be required upon receipt of each boat, payable **IN CASH ONLY**, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.*
- D.3 *Late reservation and payments of pre-Regatta charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.*

E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS

- E.1 *Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day from **April 25, 2023**, at **EURO 50 per boat per day**. Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields of the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** on or before **February 13, 2023**.*
- E.2 *In addition to the charter boat fee, a damage deposit of **EURO 150** per boat will be required, payable **IN CASH ONLY**, upon receipt of each boat. The damage deposit will be refunded if no damage has occurred.*
- E.3 *Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.*

F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

- F.1 *The three main airports are **1. Tetouan International Airport** (15 km from Venue) **2. Tangier Inb Battuta International Airport** (87 kms from Venue) **3. Casablanca Mohamed V International Airport** (400 km from Venue). Transportation to and from the airports is provided free and can be arranged by contacting the Organiser at 2023iodaaficans@gmail.com. It is strongly recommended for delegations arriving at Casablanca International Airport that they use the highspeed train from the airport to Tangier at a cost of 25 Euro per person as this is a more comfortable option than the 5 hour drive. If choosing this last option, the Organiser will arrange to pick up the delegation from Tangier free of charge and deliver them to the hotel.*



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reservations for transportation cannot be guaranteed if made after **April 1, 2023**.

G. HEALTH INFORMATION

- G1. It is advisable to check <http://www.healthmap.org/en/>, consult your travel agent, or the Consulate General in your country for the current health advisory regarding travel to Morocco. A Yellow Fever Vaccine Certificate may be required for some travellers.
- G.2 Due to the agreement between IODA and the Organising Committee, the World Sailing "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Event Organisers for the Protection of the Health for Sailing Communities" is in place for this event. For more information refer to <https://www.sailing.org/our-sport/welfare-safety/medical/>
- G.3 It is strongly recommended that you bring your own protective face mask and any additional personal protection with you, and that you wear a personal 'neck buff' while on the water.
- G.4 It is the responsibility of all delegations, especially those travelling from international locations to carefully review all Covid-19 risk mitigation laws in place in Morocco prior to arrival. Compliance with mandatory government regulations in Morocco for Covid-19 is mandatory and may include the requirement to show proof of full vaccination. Additional rules that may be necessary to implement at the championship to ensure the safety of all participants will be published on the homepage of <http://2023africans.optiworld.org> closer to the Official Arrival Day.

H. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make their own reservations.

I. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Morocco more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire will suffice.

J. MISCELLANEOUS

- J.1 Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm X 150 cm).
- J.4 The official currency is the Moroccan Dirham MAD. Note USD, EUR and credit cards are also accepted in most places.
- J.5 May is the beginning of the summer season; therefore, it is recommended to bring warm weather sailing clothing.

K. SAILING CONDITIONS



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Daytime air temperature	28 Celsius
Water Temperature	20 Celsius
Prevailing Wind Direction	Westerly (260 – 280) & Easterly (80 – 90)
Wind Speed	5 – 20 knots
Hours of Good Wind	4 – 7 hours
Tide	None
Current	None

L. VISA REQUIREMENTS

To know if you require a VISA to enter Morocco, please check your travel agency or the Consulate in your country. Information is also available here: <https://www.consulat.ma/en/list-countries-whose-citizens-are-exempted-entry-visa-morocco> Some countries will require a letter of invitation from the Organising Committee. To obtain a letter of invitation, please contact the Organiser at 2023iodaafricans@gmail.com before **April 1, 2023**, and allow two weeks for processing.

M. SPECTATOR BOATS

A spectator boat will be arranged for parents and guests throughout the event at a cost to be determined, per person per day. More information will be posted to the homepage of the official event microsite closer to the event.

N. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available at the venue.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

0. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

ITEM	COST EURO		
REQUIRED PAYMENTS			NOR
Entry Fee - Competitors	EURO 450	1 st Entry: February 13, 2023 - 50% 2 nd Entry: March 10, 2023 - 50%	5 & 6
Entry Fee - Adults	EURO 500	1 st Entry: February 13, 2023 - 50% 2 nd Entry: March 10, 2023 - 50%	5 & 6
Support Vessel Fee	EURO 1000 per boat/EURO 500 per coach	1 st Entry: February 13, 2023 - 50% 2 nd Entry: March 10, 2023 - 50% Fuel not included.	15.5, 15.6
Damage Deposit - Support Boat	EURO 150 / CASH ONLY	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable. CASH ONLY	15.7, D.2
Charter Boat Fee	EURO 500 per boat	1 st Entry: February 13, 2023 - 50% 2 nd Entry: March 10, 2023 - 50%	16.7, 16.8
Damage Deposit - Charter Boat	EURO 150 / CASH ONLY	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable. CASH ONLY	16.12, E.2
Sail Measurement	EURO 50 / CASH ONLY	Sails without certificate, payable to IODA.	9.10
Insurance	EURO 10 CASH ONLY	Competitors and coaches only	19
Surcharge	20%	Late payments. Depends on item.	Various: see NOTE in 5.3
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS			Extra info sheet
Accommodation Early Arrivals	EURO 60 per person per day	100% due February 13, 2023. Meals included.	C
Damage Deposit Hotel	EURO 50 per room	To be paid to the hotel upon arrival. Refundable.	B.3
Support Vessel Early Arrivals	EURO 130 per boat per day	Fuel not included. 100% due February 13, 2023	D.1
Charter Boat Early Arrivals	EURO 50 per boat per day	100% due February 13, 2023	E.1
Transportation from airport	TBD	To be arranged by Final Entry Deadline April 1, 2023	F
Surcharge	20%	Late payment	Various but see 5.3