

Qatar International Optimist Regatta 2025

Doha, Qatar / February 3 - 8

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Qatar International Optimist Regatta 2025 is organized by the Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation, under the authority of the Qatar Olympic Committee.

NOTICE OF RACE

[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 Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028 RRS).
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.5 **[NP][DP]** A competitor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.6 English is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.

2. **[NP][DP]** ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitor 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 Organizing Authority.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located at the boat park.
- 3.2 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee or organizing authority, a boat shall not make voice, radio or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Regatta 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-statement6/> To help preserve the integrity and safety of the Regatta, 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 9.2 of the Regatta as of March 1, 2022. The Organizing Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter through the National Association Member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent.
- 4.3 Competitors shall have been born in 2010 or later.
- 4.4 Each member may enter up to 4 competitors.
- 4.6 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader and a Coach.
- 4.7 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent.
- 4.8 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 attached registration form.
- 5.1.1 The **entry form** shall be received by the Organizing Committee not later than **December 31, 2024**.
- 5.2 Required fees are described in paragraphs 6 (Entry Fees), 15 (coach boats) and 16 (Charter Boats). See the payment instructions in 6.3, 15.3 and 16.8 below.
- NOTE:** Only 4 sailors per country are allowed to enter. Other sailors will only be allowed to enter if more boats are available and countries that put their request first, will have the priority.
- 5.5 Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches (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 concluded until the successful completion of measurement has been confirmed by the IODA Technical Committee to the Race Office (see item 9).

6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be **USD 100** per competitor and **USD 100** per adult (team leader & coach according to paragraph 4.6).
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are NOT included in the entry fees.
- 6.3 Fees payment shall be made by bank transfer.
- 6.4 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fees shall be charged to the competitors.

The bank details of the Organizing Committee are as follows:

Beneficiary: Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation
Bank Name: Qatar National Bank (MAIN BRANCH DOHA – QATAR)
A/C No: 0787 013883 001
Swift Code: QNBAQAQAXXX
IBAN: QA22 QNBA 0000 0000 0787 0138 8300 1

7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 Entries may be divided into two fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series, if the number of competitors exceeds 70.

8. PROGRAM

8.1

Monday, February 3	Registration & Boat Allocation. 08:00 – 17:00
Tuesday, February 4	Coaches' briefing: 10:00 Races
Wednesday, February 5	Races
Thursday, February 6	Races
Friday, February 7	Races
Saturday, February 8	Races Closing & Prize Giving Ceremony

- 8.2 10 races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day.

9. [DP] MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 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.
- 9.3 Repair or substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless prior approval is received in writing from the Technical Committee. Requests shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.4 Repair or substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant request has been completed, and the equipment has been presented and inspected.
- 9.5 If the repair or 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 written approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.
- 9.6 Hulls chartered through the Organizing Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from Class Rule 2.4.1.
- 9.7 Competitors are allowed to compete in the regatta in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for through the Organizing Committee.
- 9.8 Sails measured to the maximum limits during the measurement day may be inspected again.
- 9.9 Sails to be used during the regatta shall have been measured before inspection at the regatta. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate) it will be measured at the regatta either by an Official Measurer appointed by the Organizing Committee, or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate shall be issued at a cost of **USD 50**, payable to IODA.
- 9.10 Once a boat has completed measurement, all items of equipment, once measured, shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water unless otherwise permitted by the Technical Committee.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions, along with other governing documents, will be available at the Race Office during registration.

11. VENUE

11.1 The regatta will be held in **Rixos Gulf Hotel Doha**. The racing area is in the waters of **Doha Bay**, about 30 minutes sail from the hotel beach.

11.2 Venue: Rixos Gulf Hotel Doha

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Contact person: Darejan Turdumambetova

Phone: +974 4429 8888

Mobile: +974 7079 6618

E-mail: darezhan.turdumambet@rixos.com

Website: <https://allinclusive-collection.com/en/hotel/rixos-gulf-hotel-doha/?dates=&roomsAndGuests=>

12. THE COURSE

12.1 The course to be sailed will be the IODA course.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix P will apply.

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

14. SCORING

14.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a valid regatta.

14.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.3 When 4 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] COACH / SUPPORT VESSELS

15.1.1 Each Coach / Support Vessel shall display white flags bearing the three-letter national code of the countries it supports. Flags shall be supplied by the Organizing Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support vessels.

15.1.2 Unless otherwise decided by the Organizing Committee, from **February 3** each support vessel shall meet the requirements of the maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in as per 15.2 and 15.3 (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time.

15.1.3 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid for by teams using the support vessel. A fuel pump **MIGHT** be available on the marina of the Rixos Gulf Hotel Doha.

15.1.4 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio.

- 15.1.5 Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall be required to wear a life jacket (PFD), to be in compliance with the local law and shall be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue.
- 15.1.6 All coaches shall provide a copy of their I.D.
- 15.1.7 Drivers shall attach the “kill cord” of the support vessel to their person as a safety requirement when the engine is running.
- 15.1.8 Personal support vessels not chartered through the Organizing Committee, shall be registered with the Organizer.
- 15.2 Each support vessel shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times (except if a coach decides to charter the support vessel by himself and pay full charter fee). The Organizing Committee will allocate places in support vessels to coaches who have reserved, subject to the above limits and at its absolute discretion.
- 15.3 Team support vessels to be used during the regatta days (February 3 - 8 inclusive) are available from the Organizing Committee at the **Support Team vessel charter fee of USD \$1200 per vessel / USD \$600 per coach**. The payment should be made by bank transfer on or before **SUNDAY 1 December 2024**.
- 15.4 A damage deposit of **USD \$200** per support vessel will be charged at registration at the venue and refunded at the end of the regatta provided the vessel is in good condition. Should the Organizing 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 regatta. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat. **Damage deposits shall be paid in cash (USD\$) only at registration.**

16. [NP][DP] CHARTER BOATS

- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by the Organizing Committee. They will be allocated on a random basis to competitors.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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, mainsheet, two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull (one of them a ratchet block), airbags, padded toe straps, spars, foils, trolley, paddle, bailers and bowline.
- WITHOUT:** block and becket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), dagger board safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), wind indicator or any fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing lines at the throat point, shock-cord to keep the dagger board in place (Class Rule 3.3.5).
- 16.6 Sails will not be provided.

- 16.7 The charter fee for 6 regatta days (February 3 - 8) will be **USD \$ 200** per boat.
- 16.8 Reservation of charter boats shall be made in order to teams, after receiving the Entry Form on or before **SUNDAY 1 December 2024**.
- 16.9 Charter boat availability will not be guaranteed for registrations sent later than **SUNDAY 1 December 2024**.
- 16.10 In addition to the charter fee, a damage deposit of **USD \$100** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred. Damage deposits shall be made in cash (**USD \$**).
- 16.11 Pre-regatta boats charter fees will be **USD \$50** per day for teams wishing to come before February 3rd for training.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The following prizes will be awarded:
- 17.1.1 Trophies and prize money to the three best placed competitors overall, without gender distinction.
 - 17.1.2 Trophies to the first competitors placed from 4th to 10th without gender distinction.
 - 17.1.3 Trophies and prize money to the three best placed female competitors.
 - 17.1.4 Trophies and prize money to the three best placed U12 competitors.
 - 17.1.5 Trophy to the best placed youngest boy and girl competitors.
 - 17.1.6 When the fleet has been divided into divisions, prizes or medals shall be awarded to the top three competitors in Silver, Bronze and Emerald fleets where applicable.

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 regatta, 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. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic 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 during on site registration at a cost of **USD 12** per competitor and per coach payable to the IODA in cash before the end of registration at the venue. Note: There is a EURO 150 deductible payable on any claim.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

20.1 By participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, and the sponsors, 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 regatta, and of all of his or her material related to the regatta, without compensation.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

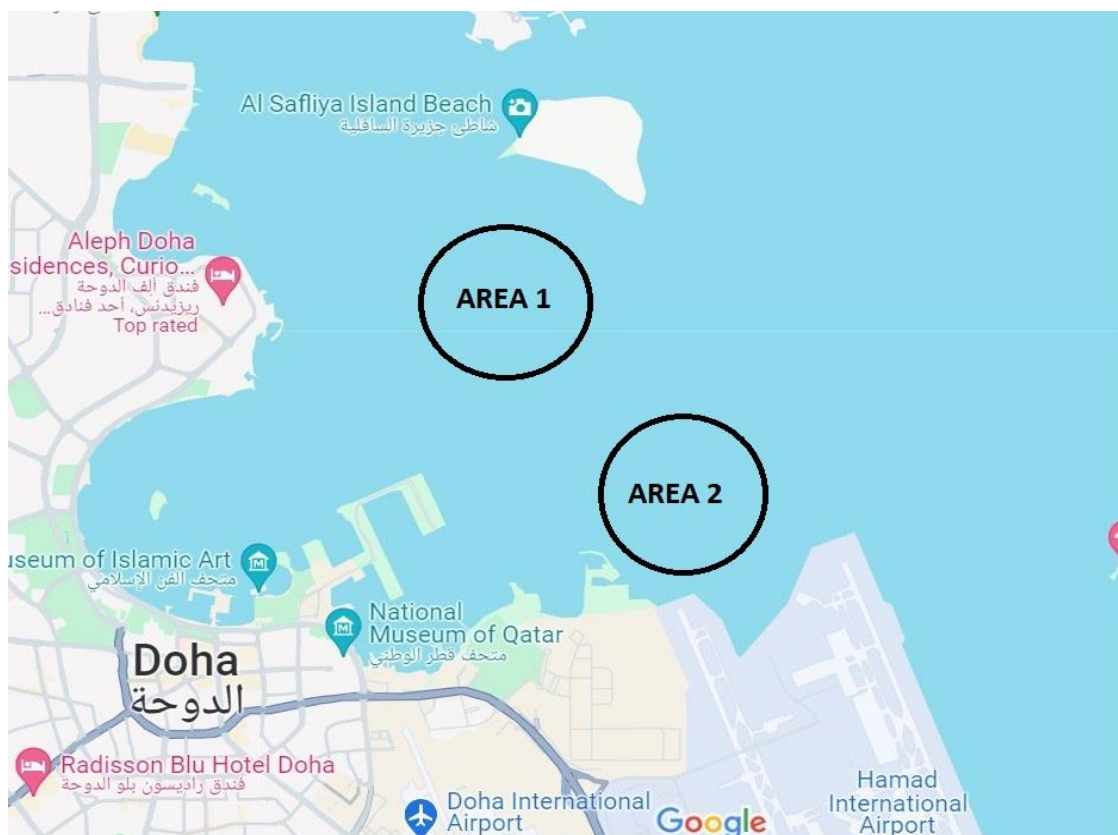
21.1 For further information please contact:

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

ATTACHMENT 1:

RACING AREA



A. BEHAVIOUR

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host federation 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 have the choice to book in the following hotels located in Doha and are 10 minutes away from Hamad International airport:

B.1.1 **The Rixos Gulf Hotel Doha (the regatta venue):** <https://allinclusive-collection.com/en/hotel/rixos-gulf-hotel-doha/?dates=&roomsAndGuests=>

Single room: 800 Qatar Riyals- **Double room:** 900 Qatar Riyals – **Triple room:** 1060 Qatar Riyals.

For information and booking, please contact: **Darejan Turdumambetova** - Mobile & WhatsApp: 0097470976618 - Email: darezhan.turdumambetova@accor.com / or **Mr. Jaafar Sarsour** – Mobile & WhatsApp: 0097477545872 – Email: jaafar.sarsour@accor.com.

B.1.2 **The Royal Riviera Hotel (5 minutes away from Rixos):**

<https://www.theroyalrivierahotel.com.qa/>

Single room: 375 Qatar Riyals - **Double room:** 475 Qatar Riyals – **Triple room:** 575 Qatar Riyals.

For information and booking, please contact: **Ms. Elena Stojanovic**, Mobile & WhatsApp:

00974 3371 6739 - Email: elena.stojanovic@theroyalrivierahotel.com / or **Mr. Essam Kortam**

Mobile & WhatsApp: 00974 3306 4906 - Email: essam.kortam@theroyalrivierahotel.com

Front Desk Team 24/7 – Mobile & WhatsApp: 00974 4020 9777/ 00974 5546 5924

Email: front.desk@theroyalrivierahotel.com

B.2 All three meals and transportation are included in the rates above and will be provided by the hotels free of charge. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the hotels. Lunch will be a packed lunch and each team should collect their packed lunch before going afloat.

B.3 Any other extra charges should be paid by individuals directly to the hotel and may be paid in cash or with credit card.

B.4 Shuttle busses between the Royal Riviera hotel and the venue hotel (Rixos Gulf hotel) shall be provided free of charge for all teams. A bus schedule shall be distributed to all teams upon their arrival.

C. EARLY ARRIVALS

C.1 Teams wishing to arrive before **February 3, 2025**, could do so and they should inform the organizing committee and they should directly contact the hotels to book their accommodation.

D. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

F.1 The transportation from and to Hamad International Airport will be provided free of charge by the hotels (10-minute drive).

Teams should inform the Organizer and the hotel about their flight and arrival details.

SUPPORTERS

Supporters are very welcome to accompany their teams and shall make their own reservations.

E. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Qatar more enjoyable, an appropriate social event will be organized on Thursday the **6th of February 2025**.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

J.1 Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm X 150 cm).

J.2 The official currency in Qatar is the Qatari Riyals. United States \$ dollars are accepted but new bills only with no tears or marks.

J.3 Competitors are also encouraged to bring clothing suitable for sailing in colder temperatures.

G. SAILING CONDITIONS

Daytime air temperature	12 – 25 Celsius
Water Temperature	14 Celsius
Prevailing Wind Direction	N / NE/ E
Wind Speed	Max 22 Knots/Min 12 Knots

H. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Some nationalities are granted a visa to enter Qatar on their arrival, and some require a visa before arrival.

Team members that need Visa should inform the Organizing Authority and send copy of their 6 months valid passport before **the 31st December 2024**. A Letter of invitation could be sent out up on request.

I. SPECTATOR BOAT

A spectator boat may be arranged for parents and guests throughout the event to watch the racing. More information will be provided closer to the event

QATAR INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST REGATTA

DOHA – QATAR
03 – 08 February 2025
Team Entry Form

Country			
FEDERATION			
Contact Person			
Telephone		Mobile	
Email			
Address			

Entry Details

Team Leader			
Telephone		Mobile	
Email			
Team Coach			
Telephone		Mobile	
Email			

Competitors				
FIRST NAME	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER	SAIL NO

Please return this TEAM ENTRY FORM before December 31, 2024.

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