



Malta Laser and Optimist Dinghy Class Associations' Regatta 2023

September 16th – 17th

NOTICE OF RACE

The Malta Optimist Dinghy and Laser Class Association's Regatta 2023 is being organised by the Birzebbuga Sailing Club Freeport (BSC) under the auspices of the Malta Sailing Federation (MSF). The event dates shall be Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September 2023. This regatta also classifies as a ranking event within the official Malta Sailing Federation ranking event calendar 2023.

DP	Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
NP	Rules that are not ground for protest by a boat. This changes Racing Rule of Sailing 60.1(a) and 63.1

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the **2021 - 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**.
- 1.2 [DP] The following Class Rules and instructions shall also apply:
The International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) class rules.
The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) class rules.
The **Sailing Instructions (SI)**, and any amendments thereof. In the event of conflict, the SI shall take precedence over the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.4 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) shall be changed to "The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area, she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested. If the boat retires before finishing, she shall inform the Race Committee via the official boat closest to her at the same time as advising that she has retired".
- 1.5 [NP] [DP] RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply and is changed as follows:
A post-race penalty is a Scoring Penalty equal to 30% of the score for DNF, or 50 % of the difference between the boat's finishing position in the race and the score for DNF, whichever is less. The Scoring Penalty is calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies.
- 1.7 RRS 90.3(e) will apply.
- 1.8 In all rules governing this regatta, "Sailor", "athlete" and "Competitor" means a person competing in this regatta. The term "Support person" means a person as defined in the RRS.
English is the official Language of this regatta. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING [NP] [DP]



- 2.1 Competitors advertising will be restricted on the hull as per WS Reg. 20.3.2, in case of the Optimist Class, it is also restricted by the IODA class rule 2.8
- 2.2 Competitors might be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all sailors duly registered with their respective National Association, in any of the following classes:

Optimist Class:

Open Category: Optimist sailors in the Open Category may register in either of the following two Divisions:

Senior Division - Boys and Girls born between 2011 and 2008 (12 – 15yrs).

Cadet Division - Boys and Girls born between 2015 and 2012 (8 – 11yrs) whose scores shall be extrapolated unchanged from the overall results of the Open Category.

OR

Novice Category

Boys and Girls born between 2015 and 2009 (8 - 14yrs) **AND** have not yet been racing for more than twelve (12) months.

ILCA Classes -The regatta shall be open for the following ILCA Classes:

ILCA 7 Class

ILCA 6 Class

ILCA 4 Class - No age restrictions will apply.

RS FEVA XL Class - No age restrictions will apply

Event registration fees shall be as follows:

ONLINE REGISTRATION PERIOD	ENTRY FEE
Until the 13 th September single handed	25Eur
Until the 13 th September double handed	40Eur

An additional late entry fee of Eu10 will be payable after the 13th September 2023 dates.

Eligible competitors shall submit their entry by completing the online registration via the following link:

<https://bscsailing.club/moda-mla-23-register>

Online registration deadline is till 1800hrs, 13th September 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and are subject to the specified late entry fee.

Registration for entry may close earlier at the discretion of Organising Authority. No registrations without payment shall be accepted.

4. ON-SITE REGISTRATION

- 4.1 On-site registration shall be made at the Race Office only by the respective coach or support person within the below on-site registration time windows. Only coaches or support persons shall be allowed to enter the Race Office.

DATE	TIME
Saturday 16 th September 2023	0830 - 1000hrs



- 4.2 It is also mandatory for all competitors under the age of eighteen **(18)** to be accompanied by a coach or support person whilst ashore. A Parent Consent Form must be duly filled in by the parent or guardian of the minor, to be then handed over by the coach or support person during the On-site registration time. The Parent Consent Form can be found in Appendix III or can be downloaded from the event website.
- 4.3 Competitors under the age of eighteen **(18)** shall also be supported by a coach or on water support person whilst afloat. The maximum coach / On water support person to competitor ratio shall be according to class and not exceeding the below ratios:

Class	Max coach / on water support person to competitor ratio
Optimist Class - Novice Category	1:8
Optimist Class - Open Category	1:10
ILCA Classes	1:12
RS FEVA XL Class	1:4

During the online registration process, competitors under the age of eighteen **(18)** shall be required to fill in the name of their coach / on water support person whilst afloat. Further Online Registrations shall be automatically rejected as soon as the registered coach / on water support person responsibility quota is exceeded.

- 4.4 During the on-site registration, the coach or support person shall be required to show the following documents:
Duly filled and signed Parent/Guardian Consent Form for every competitor under his or her responsibility who are under the age of eighteen **(18)**.
Evidence of competitor's date of birth (passport, National Identity Card).

5. RACING FORMAT

- 5.1 All classes shall race under a single series format.
- 5.2 In the event of more than 100 registered entries in the Optimist Open Category, the organising Authority may consider dividing this category into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series. If this comes into effect, the racing format details for this category shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The regatta race schedule shall be as follows:

DATE	SCHEDULE	TIME
Saturday 16 th Sept 2023	Race Day 1	1100hrs
Sunday 17 th Sept 2023	Race Day 2	- TBA -
Sunday 17 th Sept 2023	Prize giving Ceremony	1900hrs

*TBA – To be announced

- 6.2 A maximum of Six **(6)** races in each class are being scheduled for the whole event.
- 6.3 A maximum of Four **(4)** races per day shall be sailed on any one day.
- 6.4 No warning signal shall be made later than 1700hrs on the last day of the regatta.
- 6.5 On the first day of the regatta, a briefing for coaches and team leaders shall be held not later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal
- 6.6

7. MEASUREMENTS [DP]



- 7.1 The Race Committee may check a boat's racing equipment at any time during the regatta and may also request a valid measurement certificate.

8. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 8.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Online Notice Board (ONB) at [Racing Rules of Sailing](#)
- 8.2 A copy of the sailing instructions shall be posted on the ONB by 0900hrs on the first day of the regatta.
- 8.3 Team leaders and coaches will also be notified via a Whatsapp Event Chat Group. With the following link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HYrYGzgU2efFFYqVlvs2CO>
- 8.4 Sailors are encouraged to lodge any protests via the online event management system at [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) : hearing requests

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The launching and storage of boats shall be from the Birzebbuga Sailing Club premises and slipway at Wied Il-Buni, Birzebbuga, Malta.
- 9.2 The designated racing area shall be in and around the waters of Marsaxlokk Bay as illustrated in Appendix I. The race area and the course configuration will solely depend on each racing day's prevailing weather conditions.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The course layouts shall be based around a trapezoid or windward/leeward courses, these shall be issued with the Sailing Instructions and explained during the briefing for coaches and team leaders.
- 10.2 Any changes in the course configuration will be advised to all sailors prior to launching as an amendment to the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring system shall be used.
- 11.2 Three **(3)** races are required to be completed to constitute a series in each class.
- 11.3 When **One to three** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 11.4 When **Four to six** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS [DP] [NP]

- 12.1 Support persons (team leaders, coaches, parents, guardians and other support personnel) intending to helm support boats, shall hold a valid motorboat handling licence.
- 12.2 A maximum of two **(2)** Coaches / On water support persons shall be allowed to share same support boat if the maximum support boat to competitor responsibility ratio of 1:12 is not exceeded.
- 12.3 Coaches / on water support persons shall ensure that the on-water support provided for their team is adequate for the ability of their sailors according to the prevailing conditions during the regatta.
- 12.4 Support boat flags shall be distributed during the registration window times at the race office. All team support boats shall display their flag for easy identification.
- 12.5 Support or Coach boats shall be at least 4 metres in length with a minimum engine capacity of 25HP. Teams shall ensure that the vessel is seaworthy and correctly registered and insured with the competent authorities.



- 12.6 Support or Coach boats shall have basic safety equipment whilst afloat, this shall include a functional VHF marine transceiver set, line and anchor sized appropriately for the size of the support boat and PFDs for all passengers on-board.
- 12.7 As a Safety requirement, Support Boat "Kill Cords" must be always attached to the support boat driver whilst the engine is switched ON.

13. STORAGE OF BOATS [DP]

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the club boat park starting from the evening of Friday 15th September 2023 onwards.
- 13.2 To better organize the regatta venue ashore, all boat rigging and car or trailer parking shall be within the designated areas in front of the BSC clubhouse as illustrated in Appendix II.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Class Prizes will be given as follows:
 - Optimist Class:
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd sailor in Senior, Cadet divisions and Novice category.
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailor in the Senior, Cadet divisions and Novice category.
 - ILCA Classes:
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd sailor in each ILCA constituted Classes.
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailor in each ILCA constituted Classes.
 - RS Feva Class
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd sailor and crew.

In the event of less than four (4) registered boats in each constituted class or category, only the prize for 1st place shall be awarded.
- 14.2 The prize giving presentation shall be held at the BSC Clubhouse after the last race on Sunday 17th September 2023.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors and support team members participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, "Decision to Race". The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 15.2 The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the regatta accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, or claim whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the regatta.
- 15.3 The fact that the race committee will provide rescue boats will not remove from competitors the responsibility they have accepted by participating in this regatta.
- 15.4 By launching, competitors are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event. Additionally, by launching, they are also confirming that their boats are sound and seaworthy for the weather conditions whilst racing, properly fitted out according to the class rules design and regulations.
- 15.5 It is the competitors' responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the venue or this regatta 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.



16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Insurance is mandatory. The owner or charterer of a boat intending to take part in this regatta shall hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of 1,500,000Eur or equivalent thereof in any other currency.
- 16.2 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

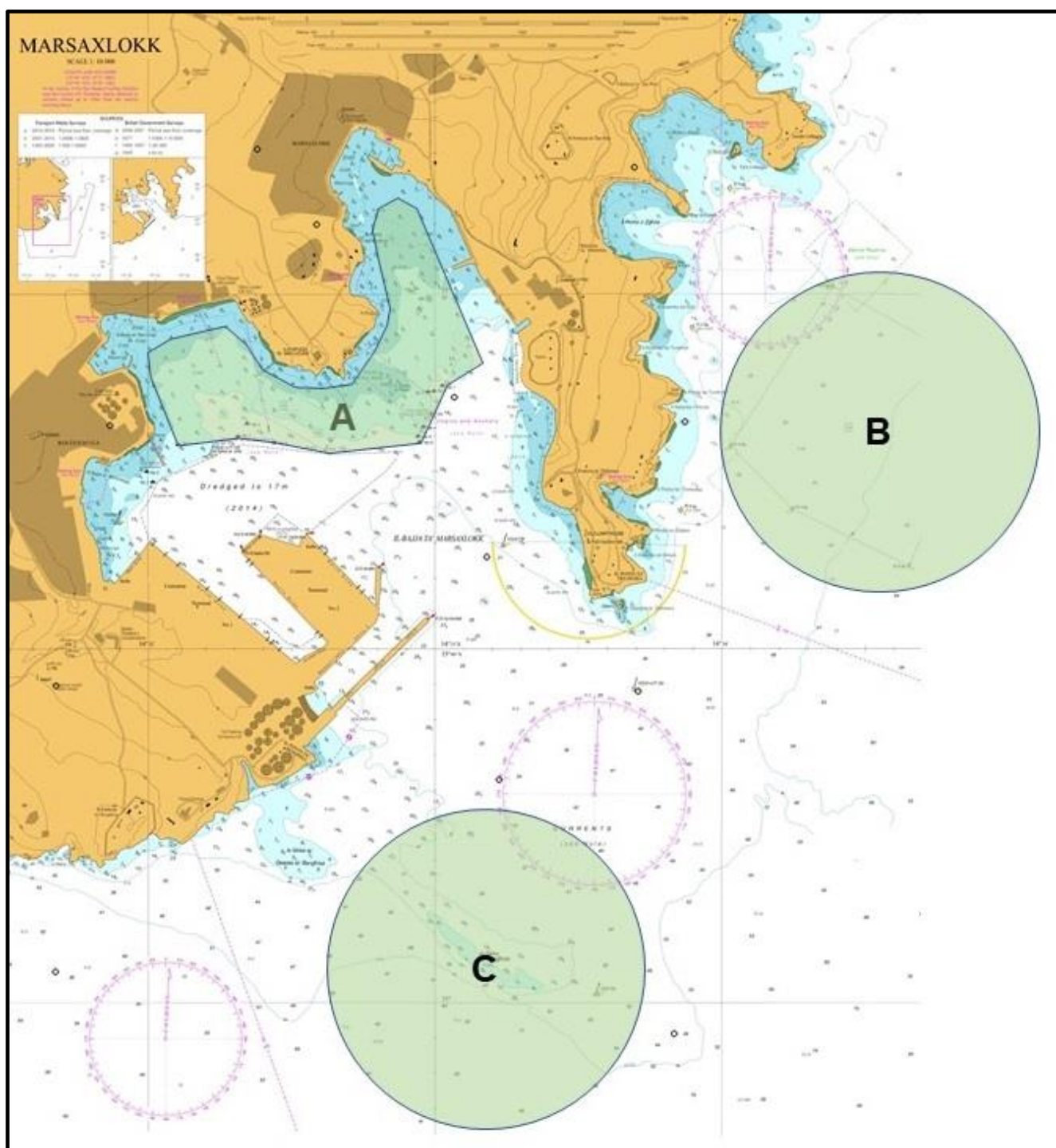
- 17.1 By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the event Sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any still or motion pictures, live, taped or filmed on television and other reproductions of him or her during the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

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information, please contact the club secretariat, by e-mail bscsailing@gmail.com

APPENDIX I

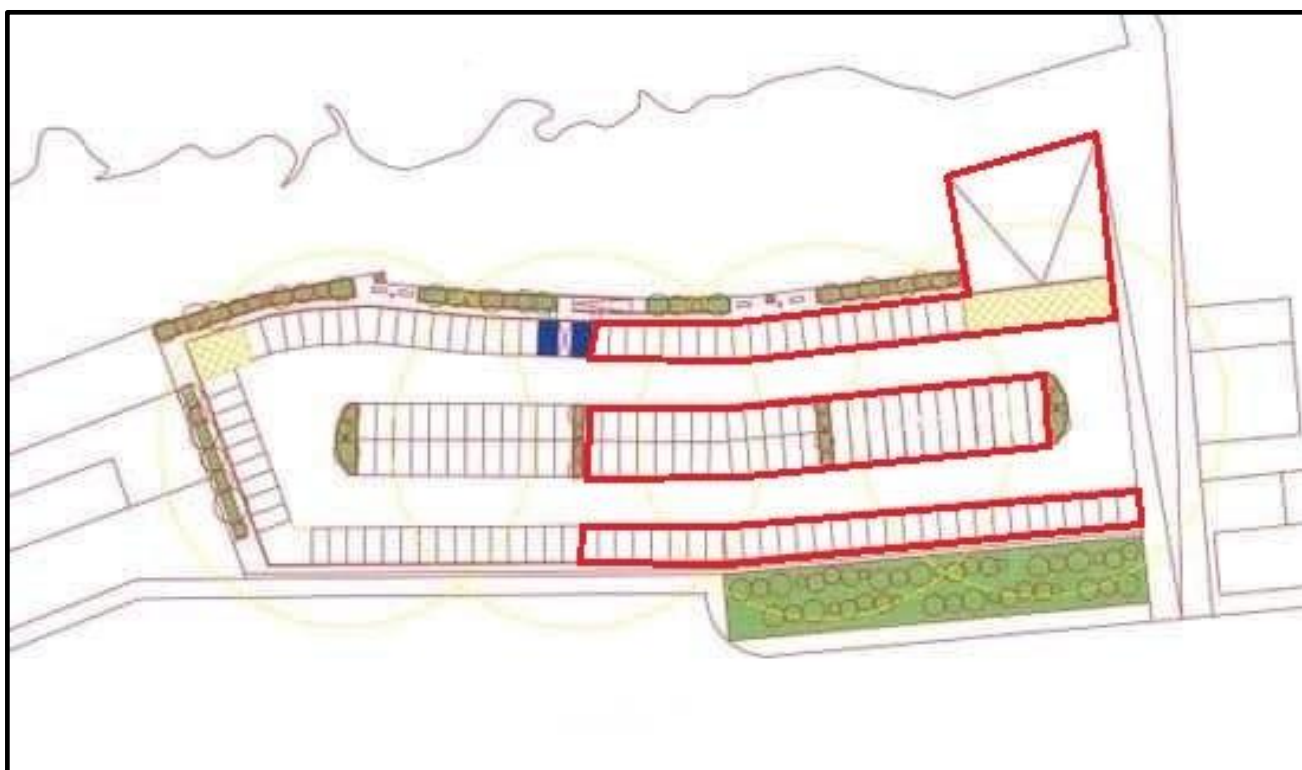
RACING AREAS



The racing area chosen for this regatta will be one of the areas designated under Areas A,B or C

APPENDIX II

BOAT AND CAR PARKING AREA ALLOCATION



In order to facilitate boat and car traffic management whilst ashore, the following instructions must be adhered to:

- I. All boat rigging shall take place within the areas marked in RED. On the first day of the regatta, every team shall be allocated a specified boat rigging area within the red boat rigging zones.
- II. No boats shall be rigged on the sandy beach.
- III. Except for launching or retrieval of ribs, the slipway and road leading to the slipway shall be designated as a No Parking Zone.
- IV. Any movement of boats to the launching areas shall only be permitted after the appropriate signal is displayed on the BSC flagpole.
- V. All boat launching trolleys will be stacked on the concrete platform by the beach master, helpers, respective team leaders and coaches and helpers.
- VI. All car and trailer parking shall be within the other unmarked areas.



APPENDIX III

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

Please ensure that all sections are completed and you have signed at the bottom of the form.

In accordance to Notice of Race rules 4.2 & 4.4.1, during the specified on-site registration windows, Coaches or Team Leaders shall present at the Race Office the duly completed Parent / Guardian Consent Forms valid for the duration of the regatta for all sailors under the age of eighteen (18) years within their respective teams.

To be completed and signed by the parent / guardian of all entrants under eighteen (18) years of age.

BOX A - Sailor and Responsible Adult details

Name of Sailor (the Minor):

e.g. John Brown

Name of the responsible adult attending

e.g. James Smith

Mobile phone number of the responsible adult:

e.g. + (Country Code) 123456789

BOX B - Parent / Guardian details

Name of Parent / Guardian:

e.g. Mary Brown

Address:

Phone number: Daytime

Evening

FAILURE TO HAND THIS FORM WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF YOUR ENTRY IN THIS REGATTA AS PER NOTICE OF RACE

During the On-site registration window, the responsible adult will be required to sign to acknowledge their acceptance of responsibility of the minor.

Agreement:

I, the parent / guardian have legal custody of the minor. I hereby authorize the responsible adult to act as my nominated person at the regatta. I agree that this authorization shall remain in effect for the total duration of the minor's participation in the regatta and related activities. This authorization shall not be revoked before the end of the regatta.

Non-Liability of the club:

I agree that in no circumstances shall the club as the organizing authority or its event sponsors, club committee members, race officials and event helpers have any liability whatsoever arising from or in connection with any action or non-action of the responsible adult.

I, the parent / guardian understand and agree to the terms of entry as detailed in the Notice of Race and confirm that the responsible adult will accompany the minor for the duration of the regatta. By signing, I certify that I have carefully read, understood, and agree to the above agreement and non-liability statement.

Parent /Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____