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OPTIMIST CLASS

NOTICE OF RACE

ANSC Marina Park, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

31 October – 1 November 2026

Organising Authority: Andaman Nicobar Sailing Club (ANSC) in association with Skiff Sailing Association (SSA)

A celebration of youth sailing, sportsmanship and safe racing.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025– 2028, the 2026 International Optimist Class Rules, and the applicable prescriptions of the national authority.

1.2 The Notice of Race (NoR), Sailing Instructions (SI), and any official notices issued for this event will apply. The SI may change a rule only where permitted by the RRS. No event document may override the Optimist Class Rules unless a class-rule change is expressly permitted by those rules and properly authorised.

1.3 If there is a conflict between this NoR and the SI, the SI will take precedence to the extent permitted by the RRS. Any applicable class-rule requirements remain in force.

1.4 Competitors shall comply with applicable safety requirements and instructions issued by the Race Committee and safety personnel.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

2.1 The Organising Authority is Andaman Nicobar Sailing Club (ANSC), in association with Skiff Sailing Association (SSA).

2.2 Racing will take place from ANSC Marina Park, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India.

2.3 Event dates: Saturday 31 October to Sunday 1 November 2026.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

3.1 The regatta is open to sailors competing in boats of the International Optimist Dinghy Class.

3.2 Competitors must satisfy the age eligibility and any membership or registration requirements stated in the Sailing Instructions or entry materials.

3.3 Each competitor shall be entered by a parent/guardian or authorised club representative where required, and shall provide emergency contact details and any requested consent/ medical information.

3.4 Entry deadline, entry fee, registration link and payment instructions: to be announced by the Organising Authority. An entry is complete only when the required registration information has been received and any applicable fee has been paid.

3.5 The Organising Authority may refuse or cancel an entry only as permitted by the RRS and applicable regulations.

3.6 Entry form - Click Here for Entry Form

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Racing is scheduled for 31st October–1st November 2026. Starting time will be intimated to the entrants before 30th October 2026. Sailing will be morning as well as evening.

4.2 The detailed daily schedule, competitors' briefing, first warning signal, and any shore-based activities will be published in the Sailing Instructions or official Notice Board.

4.3 The number of races and the racing programme each day will be determined by the Race Committee, taking account of conditions, safety and the time available.

4.4 No warning signal will be made after the time stated in the Sailing Instructions for the final day.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

5.1 The Sailing Instructions and official event notices will be made available by the Organising Authority before racing. The location or link for the official Notice Board will be announced to registered competitors.

5.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted in accordance with the RRS and the procedures stated in the Sailing Instructions.

6. BOATS, SAILS AND EQUIPMENT

6.1 Boats, sails, spars, foils, fittings and other equipment shall comply with the current International Optimist Class Rules and any applicable measurement requirements.

6.2 A boat shall carry the required class identification, sail numbers and national letters in accordance with the Class Rules and the RRS.

6.3 Competitors shall use only equipment permitted by the Class Rules. Any equipment substitution or repair shall follow the Class Rules and the procedures in the Sailing Instructions.

6.4 The Race Committee or an authorised class measurer may inspect boats and equipment before, during or after racing. A competitor may be required to produce the boat's measurement certificate/registration documents where applicable.

7. RACING AREA AND COURSE

7.1 The racing area will be in the waters off ANSC Marina Park, Sri Vijaya Puram. The exact course area and course diagrams will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2 Course configuration, marks, start/finish procedures and any changes to the course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING

8.1 The Low Point System in RRS Appendix A will apply, unless the Sailing Instructions state a different system permitted by the RRS.

8.2 The minimum number of races required to constitute a series, and the number of discards (if any), will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. If not stated there, the scoring provisions of RRS Appendix A will apply as appropriate.

8.3 Any fleet split, age-group ranking or separate division prizes will be announced in the Sailing Instructions or event notices before racing.

8.4 The Race Committee will publish provisional and final results on the official Notice Board.

9. SUPPORT BOATS AND COACHING

9.1 Support persons and support boats shall comply with the RRS, the Sailing Instructions and any instructions issued by the Organising Authority.

9.2 Any restrictions on support boats, coaching areas or communication with competitors will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SAFETY

10.1 Each competitor participates at their own risk. RRS 3 (Decision to Race) applies.

10.2 The Organising Authority will arrange event safety support appropriate to the conditions, but this does not remove the competitor's responsibility to decide whether to start or continue racing.

10.3 Competitors shall comply promptly with safety instructions, including instructions to return ashore or abandon racing. Required personal flotation devices and other safety equipment shall be carried or worn as required by the RRS, Class Rules, applicable law and Sailing Instructions.

10.4 Parents/guardians and team leaders are responsible for ensuring that competitors are appropriately prepared, supervised and able to participate safely.

11. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

11.1 Protest procedures, protest time limits, hearing arrangements and any on-water umpiring or arbitration arrangements will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 NoR provisions shall not remove a competitor's rights or alter protest/hearing procedures except where a change is permitted by the RRS and properly stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted only as allowed by the World Sailing regulations and the International Optimist Class Rules. Any event advertising required to be displayed will be notified by the Organising Authority and must be permitted by the applicable rules.

13. PRIZES

Prizes and any fleet or age-category awards will be announced by the Organising Authority before or during the event. Award categories may depend on the number of entries and will be communicated to competitors.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, ANSC, SSA, their officers, volunteers and event personnel accept no liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in connection with or before,

during or after the regatta, to the extent permitted by law. Nothing in this notice excludes liability that cannot lawfully be excluded.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information, entry details, the Sailing Instructions and the official Notice Board link will be issued by ANSC.
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