

INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST CLASS

The following amendments to the Class Rules have been approved to be effective January 1st 2018.

1. Current Rule:

3.2.6.1 (a)

2 Mainsheet blocks (excluding those on the boom) shall be attached to the hull inner bottom. The centre of their fixing points shall be at 786 mm +/- 5 mm and 894 mm +/- 5 mm from the forward face of the aft transom.

Amended Rule:

3.2.6.1 (a)

2 Mainsheet blocks (excluding those on the boom; **each with a maximum of 2 sheaves**) shall be attached to the hull inner bottom. The centre of their fixing points shall be at 786 mm +/- 5 mm and 894 mm +/- 5 mm from the forward face of the aft transom.

2. Current Rule:

3.5.3.8

The method of attachment of the mainsheet or mainsheet block(s) to the boom is optional (provided they cannot slip along the boom, and the maximum clearance between the span and the boom shall be not more than 100 mm, at any position along the boom).

The position of the blocks or the length of boom strops shall not be adjusted while racing.

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3. Current Rule:

3.2.6.1 The following fittings are permitted:

(d) A compass and associated fixings, which shall all be removable for weighing the hull.

~~Mobile phones, digital compasses and/or devices memorising, correlating or transmitting data relative to wind direction or speed, or boat speed or direction and location are not permitted, unless these devices are supplied by the Organising Authority for the sole purpose of providing event tracking.~~

Amended Rule:

3.2.6.1 The following fittings are permitted:

(d) A compass and associated fixings, which shall all be removable for weighing the hull.

A compass may include a timing device. No electronic devices, other than those required or permitted by an Organising Authority and/or IODA in the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions, shall be permitted on board when racing.

4. Current Rule:

4.2 (b)

With reference to the Racing Rules of Sailing the total weight of clothing and equipment worn or carried by a competitor, excluding footwear shall not be capable of exceeding 8 kg when weighed as provided in Appendix J of the Racing Rules.

Amended Rule:

4.2 (b)

With reference to the Racing Rules of Sailing the total weight of clothing and equipment worn or carried by a competitor, excluding footwear shall not be capable of exceeding 8 kg when weighed as provided in Appendix H of the Racing Rules.

5. Current Rule:

4.3 (a)

One or more bailers which shall be securely attached to the hull by a lanyard(s) or elastic cord(s). One bailer shall have a minimum capacity of one litre.

Amended Rule:

4.3 (a)

One or more bailers which shall each be individually and securely attached to the hull by a lanyard(s) or elastic cord(s). One bailer shall have a minimum capacity of one litre.

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6. Current Rule:

2.5.4

For wood and wood/epoxy hulls, see Appendix A.

All GRP hulls shall comply with the current rules or the rules current at the time the boat was first measured and registered with the National Authority as the bona fide property of a current Optimist sailor or his family, ~~(with no family being permitted to register more than two Optimists per sailor)~~ or a sailing club/school recognised by the national authority or national Optimist association.

GRP hulls first so measured and registered between 1 March 1995 and 1 March 1996 shall conform either to the class rules in force from 1 March 1994 or to the class rules in force from 1 March 1995. Hulls first so measured and registered after 1 March 1996 shall conform to the class rules then current.

Fittings, spars, sails and other equipment shall comply with the current rules, unless otherwise stated in the specific class rule referring to such equipment.

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7. Current Rule:

6.4 Dimensions

4 Distance between ~~luff mid point~~ and ~~leech mid point~~ - 1700 mm

5 Throat point to ~~foot mid point~~ - 2130 mm

Amended Rule:

6.4 Dimensions

4 Distance between **half luff point** and **half leech point** 1700 mm

5 Throat point to **mid foot point** 2130 mm