

IODA SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Niterói, Brasil

March, 29th - April, 8th 2007

NOTICE OF RACE

VENUE

The 2007 IODA South American Championship will be held from March 29th through April 8th 2007 at Niterói, Brasil. The racing area will be located in Guanabara Bay and the shore venue will be the Clube Naval Charitas (CNC).

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Championship is organized by the Clube Naval Charitas and the Associação Brasileira da Classe Optimist on the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

LANGUAGE

English shall be the Official Language for the Championship.

RULES

The Championship shall be sailed under the following rules:

- The current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);

- The current Class Rules and Conditions of the IODA;

- The final Notice of Race;

- The Sailing Instructions (SI) and their amendments;

- The Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) and their amendments.

The prescriptions of the Federação Brasileira de Vela e Motor will not apply.

Advertising will be restricted to Category A, according to ISAF Regulation 20. All competitors may be required to display advertising of the event sponsors on each side of the hull in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)(i).

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

Boats shall "conspicuously display a red flag" according to the second sentence of RRS 61.1(a). (Amends RRS 61.1(a)(2)) A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing and shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. (Amends RRS 61.1(a), third sentence)

INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international Jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury are final and not subject to appeal as provided in RRS 70.4.

ELIGIBILITY

Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19 and with the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships;

Each South American member of IODA (members of Asociación Latinoamericana de Optimist - ALO) may enter up to 15 sailors.

Brasil, as host country, may enter up to 30 sailors.

National Associations of USA, MEX, BER and TRI, are allowed to enter up to 15 sailors.

Other North American members of IODA may enter up to 5 sailors.

If by January 1st the number of registered sailors is less than the entry limit on NOR 6.7, available places will be allocated:

First, to North American members mentioned on NOR 6.5 that have asked for additional places;

Then, to other IODA members (American or non-American) following IODA Executive Committee's approval.

Entries are limited to 180 sailors.

Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader and may be accompanied by a Country Representative and up to two coaches.

Each competitor entered by an IODA member shall have been born in 1992 or later.

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 cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.

2006 South American Champion (closed championship) may be added to the number of sailors allowed to his country provided that he complies with clause 6.8 above.

Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship (Changes of nationality)

FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

IODA South American Championship shall comprise:

The Individual South American Championship (ISAM);

The South American Team Racing Championship (SATR);

The Nations Cup (Team Racing championship).

For the ***Individual South American Championship***, the entire fleet shall be divided into 6 divisions (as far as possible with the same number of boats), each of which shall sail at least once and if conditions permit 2 or 3 times, with each of the other divisions.

The registration of competitors continuing up to the last minute, dividing the fleet shall be done by the Race Office on March 30th (day of Practice Race) at 12:00 hrs. Late entries will be added to the list.

No more than four races will be sailed on any day.

South American Team Racing Championship

Only 16 teams from members of ALO may be entered.

After the first 5 races sailed in the ISAM the total points of the 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the *first team* of each country. The total points of the following 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the *second team* of each country; and the total points of the following 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the *third team* of each country. The first 16 teams with the best total score will qualify, but;

Had any member/s of ALO not qualified even one team, it/they shall enter a team replacing the team/s (of countries which had qualified more than one team) with worst total score/s.

No country may enter more than three teams.

Nations Cup

Up to 16 teams may be entered.

If there are sixteen or more countries not member of ALO represented by at least four sailors, the sixteen member countries with the best placed *first teams*, according to priority shown in 7.5.b, may enter one team.

If there are less than sixteen countries not member of ALO represented by at least four sailors, every one of them may enter one team. Remaining places will be allocated to teams with best total scores according to 7.5.b selected indiscriminately from:

- second and third teams of members of ALO that had not qualified to the SATR, or;
- second and third teams of non-members of ALO.

In any of the situations mentioned above, 7.6.a or 7.6.b; had Brasil not qualified any team, it will enter one replacing the team qualified in 16th place.

No member will be allowed to enter more than one team in the team racing events (to participate in the same event or in both events) unless it makes available to the organisers a suitable umpire for the SATR or the Nations Cup.

The grids for the SATR and Nations Cup are drawn according to the cumulative results mentioned in 7.5.b. Formats of both events will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 28 th	Early Arrival. Measurement.
Thursday, March 29 th	Official Arrival Day. Official Lodging available from 12:00pm. Registration and Measurement.
Friday, March 30 th	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders Meeting. Practice race. Opening Ceremony.
Saturday, March 31 st	Individual South American Championship, races.
Sunday, April 1 st	Individual South American Championship, races.
Monday, April 2 nd	Individual South American Championship, races.
Tuesday, April 3 rd	South American Team Racing Championship. Nations Cup.
Wednesday, April 4 th	Rest Day.
Thursday, April 5 th	Spare day for team racing events. Individual South American Championship, races.
Friday, April 6 th	Individual South American Championship, races.
Saturday, April 7 th	Individual South American Championship, races. Closing Ceremony, Awards.
Sunday, April 8 th	Official Departure Day.

SCORING

South American Championship, individual races:

The series shall consist of up to 12 races, of which 5 must be completed to constitute a championship.

Each race of two divisions will be scored as one race in which all competitors of those two divisions have entered. Allocation of points according to RRS A4.2 will consider that “the number of competitors entered in the series” is the maximum number of competitors after grouping two divisions. Only races which have been completed for all 6 divisions will count.

Each boat’s total score for the ISAM will be the sum of her scores for all races except that when 12 races have been completed, her two worst scores shall be excluded or if only 6 or more but less than 12 races have been completed, her single worst score shall be excluded.

The scoring system for the Team Racing Championship and for the Nations Cup will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. RRS Appendix D will apply.

SAFETY

In addition to IODA Class Rules 4.2 (A) and (B), 4.3 (A) and (B), each boat shall have on board a secured paddle with a blade surface of not less than 0.025 square meters, and each competitor shall carry a whistle attached to clothing with a lanyard. Competitors not complying with this instruction will be attributed a penalty of 5 points for each race of the day on which they have failed to observe this instruction.

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. If the buoyancy device is of an inflatable type, it shall be inflated at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.

SUPPORT BOATS

The Organizing Committee will have adequate support boats for rent.

Team support boats, rented through the Organizing Committee or not, shall be registered with the Organizing Committee and used according to the following conditions:

Each boat shall display a lettered flag, supplied by the Organizing Committee.

- From the Official Arrival Day, boats may be shared by coaches of at least two different countries as decided by the Organizing Committee. No more than one person from each team shall be on the water in the boat at the same time.
- All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the Organizing Committee. Fuel and other consumables will be paid by the teams using the boat.
- Team support boats may be hired from the organizers at USD 1000 for a 10-day period (March 29th to April 7th). Should the boat be used by more than one team, its cost will be shared.
- Reservations of support boats, together with a first payment of USD USD 500, are due on December 15. If the team decides to withdraw its registration to the Championship, this amount will not be refunded. Remaining amount of USD 500 is due on January 15. Late reservations will depend on availability.
- A damage deposit of USD 200 (in cash) will be charged at registration in the Regatta Office and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good conditions. 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 Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat.
- Support boats may be hired before March 29th at USD 100 per boat per day (fuel not included). Reservations of such support boats are due on December 15. Boats will be allocated in order of arrival and will be available from March 24th.
- Each team of 15 sailors must have at least one support boat and two as a maximum.
- Teams allowed to have two boats (according to 11.8) but registering only one may ask the Organizing Committee to excuse them from complying with 11.b second sentence and carry two persons in the boat.
- The organizers will supply a spectators' boat for coaches and other supporters to watch the races. For the purpose of 11.9, this boat does not count as a "support boat".

MEASUREMENT

- Competitors are allowed to 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 measured according to the Measurement Regulations, and approved to be complying with the Class Rules by the Measurement Committee.
- All hulls and equipment presented for measurement must be accompanied by their original IODA Registration Books unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee.
- Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that:
- The damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Committee;
 - The substituting equipment is presented for measurement to the Measurement Committee after the end of the day's racing.
- Such substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.
- Competitors are only allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or in Barlavento charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the O C.
- Only boats officially chartered for the Regatta through the Organizing Committee may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat, and the number shall consist of the number of digits equal to the most recently issued sail number in that country.
- All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.
- Hulls officially chartered through the organisers shall be supplied with a Registration Book but are exempt from complying with CR 2.4.3 (b) and (c).

LIABILITY

Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the Championship 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 Championship.

All competitors and support staff will be required to execute liability waiver.

INSURANCE

Competitors shall produce at registration a valid 3rd party liability insurance covering a minimum amount equivalent to USD 100.000. A valid health insurance is also compulsory. Teams unable to contract the insurances should contact the organizers.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fee including accommodation and meals, between official Arrival Day (March 29th 2007) and Official Departure Day (April 8th 2007) will be USD 450 per sailor and per adult (maximum four adults per country).

Fees Payable

100% of the entry fees must be received by Bank Draft or Wire Transfer before December 15th. All late entries will result in an entry fee of USD 500 which will be due on January 15.

Places required after January 15 will be allocated subject to availability. The cost for such places will be USD 600.

No refunds may be made for any of the above payments in case teams decide to withdraw their participation.

ENTRIES

Entries shall be made with the official forms available on the official website www.cncharitas.com.br, according to the following schedule:

December 15 2006

Send payment of charter boats rent fee (USD 400).

Send first payment of support boats (USD 500).

Send payment of the entry fee (USD 450) and submit the First Entry Form (Form-1)

16.2 January 15 2007

a) Deadline for payment of entry fee (USD 500) and submit the Final Entry Form (Form-2)

b) Send last payment of support boats rent fee (USD 500);

16.3 February 15 2007

a) Pay late entry fee (USD 600) if the entry has been accepted.

b) Send/submit on-line the Registration Form (Form-3).

16.4 Payment instructions:

a) Please make payments to

Beneficiary:	Clube Naval - Departamento Náutico
Beneficiary Bank:	Itau
Branch number:	4821
Account number	00038-9
Swift code :	BRSPPO

c) Fees must be paid in USD.

d) Fees must be free from bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

- 16.5 Only when the official measurement certificate of the boat and the one produced by the Official Measurer of the Championship are handed-in at the Regatta Office does the Registry process finishes.

17 ACCOMMODATION

- 17.1 Sailors and officials will be accommodated in the club in 4-person or 20-person bedrooms with private bathrooms.
- 17.2 Official lodging will be available from 12:00pm on March 29th 2007 until 12:00pm on April 8th 2007.
- 17.3 All three meals will be provided. The first official meal will be lunch on March 29th 2007 and the last official meal will be lunch on March 8th 2007.
- 17.4 Special food can be provided if requested in advance.
- 17.5 Official lodging is only available to official members of national delegations (sailors, team leaders, country representatives and coaches). Supporters must book accommodation by themselves.

18 TRANSPORTATION

- 18.1 Teams may fly directly to Rio de Janeiro International Airport, Brasil.
- 18.2 Transportation will be provided to and from airport provided that your advance information on the tentative arrival/departure date/time is received by 2 days in advance. The cost of the service is USD 15, round trip, per person and payable with the entry fees.
- 18.3 The service mentioned in 18.2 may also be provided for supporters arriving together with official delegations. We appreciate your booking and precise information on number of people and date of arrival as soon as possible in order to arrange the transportation.
- 18.4 Delegations that do not book the transportation service on time must hire transportation by themselves. Airport-club drive estimated time is 60 minutes.

19 EARLY ARRIVALS

- 19.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should contact the Clube Naval Charitas. The cost will be USD 15 per person per day including breakfast.
- 19.2 Early arrivals have to be booked by March 10 to guarantee rate.
- 19.3 Club facilities will be open from March 17th 2007.

20 CHARTER BOATS

- 20.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 20.2 Charter boats will be supplied by Barlavento. Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - c) hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 20.3 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 20.4 Charter boats will be complete with two mainsheet blocks, three buoyancy units, a set of padded toe straps, and racing blades. Neither sails nor spars will be provided. No bailers, or paddles or bowlines will be provided. A trolley for each chartered boat will also be provided.
- 20.5 The cost for 10 days (from March 29th to April 7th) will be USD 400 for payments received until December 15 2006. Payments received after December 16 2006 will result in a cost of USD 500 per boat for the 10-day period and reservations will be subject to availability. Please make payments following instructions in 16.1 and 16.2.

- 20.6 Pre-regatta charters will be available at a cost of USD 100 per boat for the period March 18th - March 28th. The pre-regatta charter fee will be charged the moment the boat is delivered to the sailor.
- 20.7 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.
- 20.8 Those bringing their own boats must contact a customs agent in order to arrange the temporary import clearance.

21 SUPPORTERS

Supporters should make their hotel reservations individually. Please contact the official hotel: Hotel Solar do Amanhecer (reserves@solarodoamanhecer.com.br). The estimated cost is USD 70 per double room.

22 SOCIAL EVENTS

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

23 MISCELLANEOUS

- 23.1 Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm x 150cm) and the National Anthem recorded on tape or CD.
- 23.2 There are no medical precautions that need to be taken entering Brasil, but you are required to be vaccinated against yellow fever if you come from a region considered not free of that disease. Please check with Brasil Embassy or Consulate in your country to get the latest requirements.

24 SAILING CONDITIONS

Daytime temperature	22 °C
Sea temperature	Approx. 18 °C
Prevailing winds	East to East-South East
Average wind speed	10 - 12 Knots
Average tide	1.00 m
Current	0.2 knots maximum

25 CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

25.1 Chandlery and repairs will be available.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes will be awarded to:
- The 15 first places in the Individual South American Championship (open, no gender distinction);
 - The 5 first girls in the Individual South American Championship (open);
 - The 3 first places in the Closed Individual South American Championship (no gender distinction);
 - The first place in the Closed Individual South American Championship (no gender distinction), who will be the South American Champion 2007 and will also receive the Permanent Trophy in which his name will be printed. This trophy shall be returned to the organizers of 2008 South American Championship the following year.
 - The first 3 teams in the South American Team Racing Championship (the first of which will be the South American Team Racing Champion 2007); and
 - The first 3 teams in the Nations Cup.
- 26.2 The Organizing Committee may decide to award extra prizes.

27 VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please check with Brasil Embassy or Consulate in your country to get the latest visa requirements for your country.

28 CONTACT

28.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

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28.2 Each participating country should designate a person to be the official contact with the Organizing Committee and provide an e-mail address.