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The 2025 Optimist Panamerican Championship
Buenos Aires, Argentina
December 10 - 17

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 2025 Optimist Panamerican Championship is organized by the Federación Argentina de Yachting (FAY), Asociación Argentina de Optimist (AOA) and Club Universitario de Buenos Aires.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty applies. May be applied by the RC, TC or Jury without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of International Jury.

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix D will apply for the Team Racing events. Races will be umpired. RRS D1.1 (e) is deleted.
- 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 In all rules governing this championship, both "athlete", "sailor" and "competitor" mean a person competing in the event. The term "support person" means a person as defined in RRS.
- 1.6 RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply.
- 1.7 **[NP][DP]** A sailor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.8 Spanish is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages the language of the original version of the relevant document will take precedence.
- 1.9 The event will be conducted on a "Bring Your Own Boat" basis. The Organizing Authority will not provide boats. Boats will be available for charter directly from Martecna at a fee of **USD 300**.
- 1.10 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5



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2. [NP][DP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. [NP][DP][SP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.4 (b).
- 3.2 Drones are prohibited in the racing area at all times during the championship except those operated by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Championship 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-statement-6/> Optimist Panamerican Championship entries shall be open to all South and North American members nationalities listed on the IODA website www.optiworld.org However, this does not apply to bona fide residents that fulfil the requirements of Condition 10.2 of the IODA Continental Championships as of March 1, 2022. The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions.
- 4.2 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below.
- 4.3 Competitors shall enter through the national association member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent.
- 4.4 Competitors shall have been born in 2010 or later.
- 4.5 South and North American members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website www.optiworld.org.
- 4.6 Each country member may enter up to 15 competitors. The member from Argentina, as the host member, may enter up to 30 competitors.
- 4.7 If by October 30, 2025, the number of registered competitors is less than 180, available places may be allocated at the discretion of OA. Members seeking additional places shall request them by email to regatas@cuba.org.ar.
- 4.8 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader who shall be the responsible chaperone for the delegation at all times, and a Coach. Depending on the number of competitors registered, up to three adults may be permitted to accompany the sailors. Only teams with 10 or more competitors can enter a maximum of four adults, including



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- the Team Leader (Condition 15.1 for Continental Championships).
- 4.9 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 the case of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. As per Condition 10.3 of the Optimist Continental Championships, when bona fide resident sailors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the sailors of their team.
- 4.10 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 relevant online registration forms found at <https://cuba.org.ar/regatas/panamericano2025> and by paying the required fees according to the following schedule:
- 5.1.1 The First Entry Stage and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than November 7, 2025
 - 5.1.2 The Second Entry Stage and a payment for the balance of fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than November 21, 2025
 - 5.1.3 The Final Entry Stage deadline is December 5, 2025. Failure to define the members of the team delegation with the required personal data in the online registration area by this date denotes non-compliance with the entry requirements of this championship, and therefore, by the rules of this Notice of Race, sailors shall no longer be considered competitors and will not be able to compete.

NOTE: *Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline, and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item.*

- 5.2 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than November 20, 2025, will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank costs incurred including those due to the refund). Competitors withdrawing their entry after this date will not be refunded, including all early arrival fees. Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and other adults (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 successful completion of measurement has been confirmed by the Technical Committee (see item 9) to the Race Office.



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6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be USD 170 per competitor.
- 6.2 Payment instructions, including banking information, can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <https://cuba.org.ar/regatas/panamericano2025>
- 6.3 Fees shall be paid in USD \$.
- 6.4 Fees shall be free of bank commissions.

6.5 FORMAT OF THE EVENT

- 6.6 The Optimist Panamerican Championship comprises two events:
 - 6.6.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL PANAMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (IPAM);
 - 6.6.2 The OPTIMIST TEAM RACING PANAMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRPAM);
- 6.7 For the IPAM:
 - 6.7.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series
- 6.8 For the Team Racing Events:
 - 6.8.1 This championship is organized for up to a maximum of 16 teams from IODA Members represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. The format of the TRPAM will be described in the Sailing Instructions. On the day prior to the Team Race Panamericano (TRPAM), each team shall complete a TRPAM entry form. All team members must be formally nominated at that time. A ranking will be established based on the cumulative scores of the four highest-placed sailors from each team, using results from individual races sailed to date, with no discards applied. From this ranking, the highest-ranked team from each country will be selected first, continuing until the 16 available places are filled. If, after selecting one team per country, places remain, a second round of selection will be conducted—again, taking the highest-ranked remaining team from each country not yet represented by a second team. This process will be repeated as necessary until all 16 places have been allocated.

7. PROGRAM

7.1

December 10 (Wed)	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement.
December 11(Thu)	Team Leaders' meeting. Practice Race Opening Ceremony
December 12 (Fri)	IPAM Races.



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December 13 (Sat)	IPAM Races.
December 14 (Sun)	TRPAM
December 15 (Mon)	Reserve for IPAM, Races.
December 16 (Tue)	IPAM Races.
December 17 (Wed)	IPAM Races. Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.

7.2 Eight (8) fleet races are scheduled.

8. **[SP][DP] MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book, and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Approval for equipment repairs and/or replacements shall be requested through the relevant forms online in the official event microsite or on the event APP.
- 8.4 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 repair or substitution is subject to the written approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.
- 8.5 Competitors are allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or in charter boats. Boats chartered shall carry the national letters of the country entering the chartered boat. This may mean a contravention of the Class Rules and is allowed by RRS G3
- 8.6 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship.
- 8.7 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 8.8 A boat and all items of equipment (including chartered equipment and boat) once measured, shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water, and shall not be removed from the boat park or nautical venue without written permission of the Technical Committee.



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9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions, along with other governing documents, will be available at the official event microsite <https://cuba.org.ar/regatas/panamericano2025>

10. VENUE

- 10.1 The Championship will be held at the Club Universitario de Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA. The racing area will be the waters of Rio de la Plata.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
11.2 For the team racing championships, the course will be a starboard 'S' course.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Appendix P will apply for the IPAM.
12.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.3.
12.3 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
12.4 A list of **[SP]** Standard Penalties will be published in the SIs

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.
13.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
13.3 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.

14. **[NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS**

- 14.1.1 Team support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
14.1.2 Each vessel shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length, shall have a tow rope minimum 15 metres length/10 mm diameter, and shall have a functional 'kill cord', plus anchor chain and tackle adequate for conditions and depth.
14.1.3 Each vessel shall display white flags bearing the three-letter national code of the countries it supports. Flags shall be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support vessels.
14.1.4 Fuel will not be provided by OA.
14.1.5 During the team racing days, the support team vessels shall be at the disposal of the Organising Committee.



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- 14.1.6 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided, and coaches should bring their own.
- 14.1.7 Coaches and other personnel on support team vessels shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and shall be in compliance with the local law and may also be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue.
- 14.1.8 All coaches shall provide I.D. and shall be required to register an international driving/marine license valid for 2025 and submit to the Organiser by the Final Entry Deadline of December 10, 2025
- 14.1.9 A suitable engine safety 'cut out' switch and tether (kill cord) also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine mobilizer shall be securely attached to the driver at all times when the engine is running.
- 14.1.10 Personal support team vessels shall be registered with the Organiser and the following documents to be provided by December 10, 2025.pri
 - RIB engine registration document (engine brand name & engine serial numbers)
 - Insurance (including 3rd party liability insurance)
 - Driver's identity document
 - Proof of Int'l Marine License for Driver
- 14.2 The Organising Authority may allocate places in support vessels to coaches who have reserved, subject to the above limits and at its absolute discretion. If a team is entitled to and enters more than one coach, two of these coaches may be allocated to the same vessel.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 For the IPAM prizes will be awarded at least to:
 - 15.2 The 15 best placed sailors without gender distinction, the first of these shall become the 2025 Panamerican Champion.
 - 15.2.1 The best placed girl sailor whose IODA member is Panamerican.
 - 15.2.2 The best placed boy sailor whose IODA member is Panamerican.
 - 15.2.3 The top three sailors in silver and bronze fleets (if applicable).
- 15.3 For the Team Racing Championships, prizes will be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:
 - 15.3.1 The three best placed teams in the TRPAM. The first of these teams shall be the 2025 Panamerican Team Racing Champion.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 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 event each competitor and the



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responsible adult agree and acknowledge 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.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

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

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact:

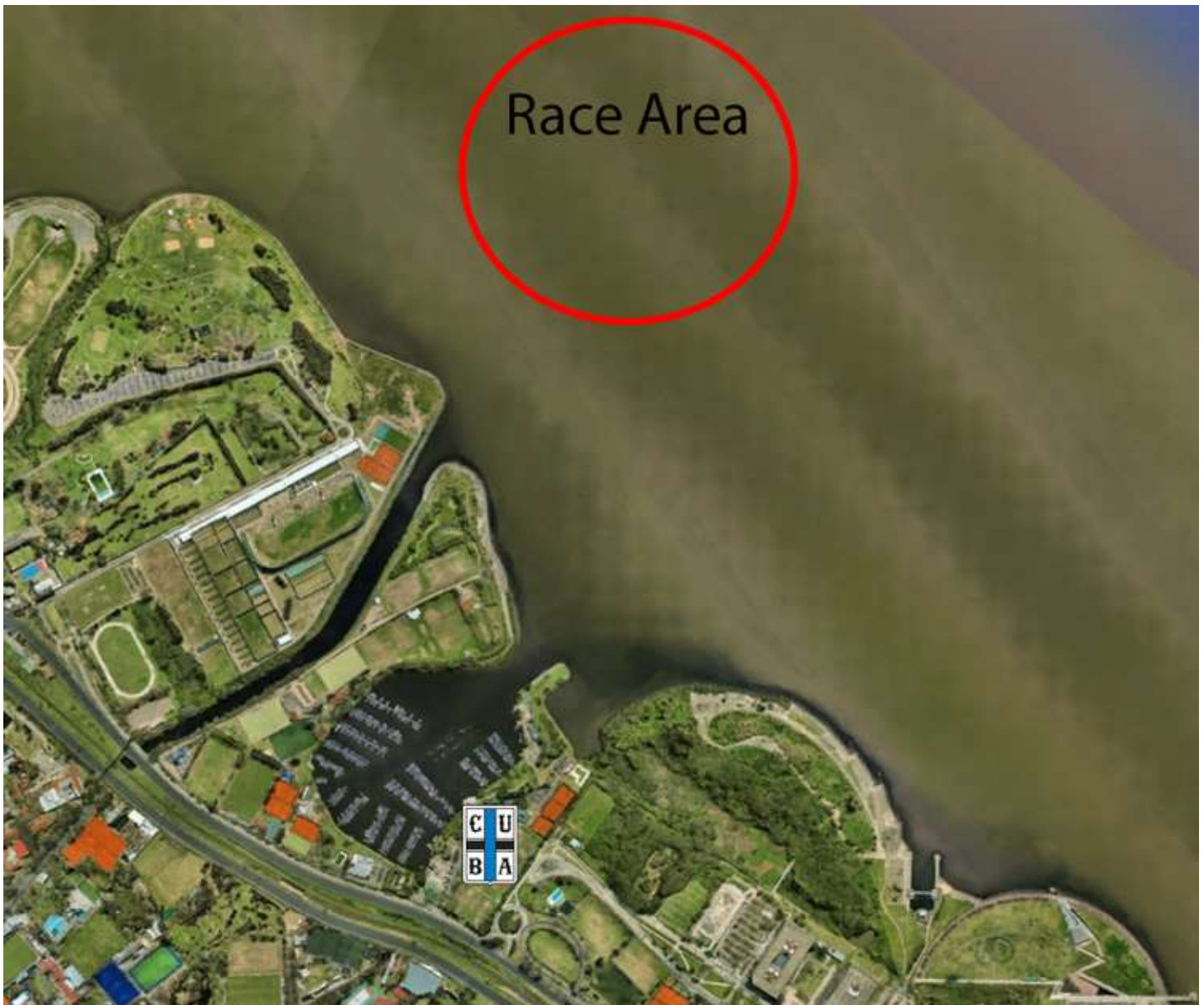
Chairman	
Email	regatas@cuba.org.ar

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



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ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA





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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. BEHAVIOUR

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and shall always behave correctly. 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. GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION

B.1 *It is advisable to check <http://www.healthmap.org/en>, consult your travel agent, or the Consulate General of your country for the current health advisory regarding travel to Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA. Please also check with your own travel agent for any additional requirements.*

B.2 *Any personal protection, such as face masks or neck buffs, may be worn at each person's discretion.*

C. ACCOMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

Participants shall make their own reservations.

D. SOCIAL EVENTS

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

E. MISCELLANEOUS

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

E.2 *The official currency in Argentina is the Argentinean Peso.*

E.3 *Delegations are encouraged to bring clothing suitable to changeable conditions including for wind and rain. The average daily temperature will be 21 Celsius. A light wetsuit, long sleeve rash guard, splash top, gloves, boots, and hat is recommended. For evening attire, a jacket or sweater may be required.*

F. SAILING CONDITIONS

Daytime air temperature	21 °C
Water Temperature	20 - 23 °C
Prevailing Wind Direction	N - E



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<i>Wind Speed</i>	<i>6 – 12 knots</i>
<i>Hours of Good Wind</i>	<i>12 to 16 hours</i>
<i>Tide</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Current</i>	<i>Yes</i>

G. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visas are required by some countries, and delegations should contact their travel agency or Consulate in their country to inquire about VISA requirements.

A letter of invitation can be provided upon request by contacting the Organising Committee by the Second Entry Deadline of November 7, 2025, and allow minimum 14 days for processing. Should any delegation need special assistance, please send a detailed email to the Organiser at: regatas@cuba.org.ar

It is strongly recommended that minor children travelling without parents have a notarized authorization to travel with the Team Leader/Coach as their adult chaperone, obtainable in your country of origin.

H. SPECTATOR VESSEL

A spectator vessel may be arranged for parents, supporters and guests. More details will be available closer to the Official Arrival Day for the event.

I. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.