



**2018**

**Queensland International  
Optimist Dinghy Association  
Open & State Championships**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**Organised and conducted by  
Queensland International Optimist Dinghy Association  
(QIODA)  
and Port Denison Sailing Club Inc.**

**Venue:**

**Port Denison Sailing Club  
1 Thomas Street, Bowen, Queensland, 4805**

Port Denison Sailing Club (PDSC) & the Queensland International Optimist Dinghy Association (QIODA) are pleased to invite all competitors to the 2018 International Optimist Dinghy Queensland Open, Intermediate & Green Fleet Championships to be held at Bowen in North Queensland from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## **1 RULES**

1.1 The Open and Intermediate fleets will be governed by:-

- a) The rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).
- b) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) – Part 2.
- c) RRS Appendix P shall apply changed as follows:- P2.2 shall apply to all second and subsequent penalties and P2.3 is deleted.

1.2 Green Fleet racing will be conducted under the World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) - Part 2.

1.3 Under Optimist Class Rule 1.2 - The Optimist is a One-Design Class Dinghy. Except where these rules specifically permit variations, boats of this class shall be alike in hull form, construction, weight and weight distribution, rigging spars and sail plan.

Note: In deciding whether an item is permitted it should be noted that, in a One-Design Class, unless the rules specifically state that something is permitted it shall be assumed to be prohibited.

1.4 These rules are complimentary to the plans, measurement forms and measurement diagrams. Any request for interpretation and resolution thereof shall be made in accordance with current World Sailing regulations.

1.5 In the event of discrepancy between these rules, the measurement form and/or the plans, the matter shall be referred to World Sailing.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

2.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the Queensland and or Australian Governments.

2.3 Under Optimist Class Rule 2.8.1 - Competitor advertising is only permitted as follows: the hull in any area not already designated for Event Advertising. Such advertising shall only be applied as a temporary adhesive sticker.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The Queensland Open, Intermediate and Green Fleet Championships are open to all International Optimist Class boats whose skippers/helms are financial members of a State or National International Optimist Dinghy Association, members of a club affiliated with Australia Sailing or another World Sailing Member National Authority. QIODA Membership Application/Renewal is available online: [http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=1-10005-0-0-0&slID=297554](http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-10005-0-0-0&slID=297554)

3.2 All ages referred to in this NOR are the sailor's age as at 31 December 2018 otherwise known as 'Opti Age'. All competitors must be aged 15 years or younger at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form, available at [www.qioda.org.au](http://www.qioda.org.au) together with the required fee by **17:00 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

3.4 Late entries may be accepted online at the discretion of the Organising Authority from 17:01 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April until 09:00 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and will be subject to an additional late entry fee of \$50. **Late entries are not guaranteed to receive a regatta shirt.**

3.5 The division will be as follows:

| <b>Fleet</b> | <b>Level</b>     |
|--------------|------------------|
| Green        | Learning to race |
| Intermediate | Intermediate     |
| Open         | Advanced         |

3.6 Competitors may enter only one of the following fleets: Open fleet, Intermediate fleet, Green fleet. Entries for any fleet may be transferred to a different fleet at registration if in the sole opinion of the Organising Authority the sailor's experience or ability warrants a transfer. Competitors may only voluntarily change division (fleet) before registration closes at 09:30 on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018. To assist in selecting the correct fleet to enter please read the "Which Fleet" document attached to this Notice of Race.

3.7 Allocation of any competitor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet, or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of QIODA, and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee.

3.8 All competitors must comply with Appendix 2 \_Regulation 21.1 ISAF Eligibility Rules.

#### **4 FEES**

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

| <b>Fleet</b>        | <b>Fee</b>     |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Open & Intermediate | \$150 per boat |
| Green Fleet         | \$100 per boat |

**4.2 Late entry fee applies after 17:01 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and is an additional \$50.00 per boat.**

#### **4.3 Refund Policy**

Unless otherwise specified by the Organising Authority, if an individual cancels their participation in the Event, then the refund policy is set out below:

- a) Notice period of Cancellation - Greater than 7 days prior to the Event: 100% refund of the Event fee less an administrative fee of A\$50.
- b) Notice period of Cancellation - Less than 7 days but more than 24 hours: 50% refund of the Event fee.
- c) Notice period of Cancellation - Less than 24 hours or failure to attend: No refund.
- d) The Notice period of Cancellation for the Event is prior to the first session of the Event. Once the Event has commenced, if you cancel your participation you will be liable for the entire fee even if you attend only part of the Event.

## 5 SCHEDULE

### 5.1 Social schedule

| Date                              | Event                           | Time   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Saturday May 5 <sup>th</sup> 2018 | Registration                    | 08:00 to 09:30                                 |
|                                   | Competitors Information Session | 9:30   |
|                                   | QIODA AGM                       | 17:00 (or 1 hour after last race has finished) |
|                                   | Competitors Dinner - \$15       | 17:30  |
| Sunday May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2018   | Opti Muster and Sausage Sizzle  | After racing                                   |
| Monday May 7 <sup>th</sup> 2018   | Prize Presentations             | After racing                                   |

Tickets for the Competitors Dinner will be available to purchase at the registration desk.

### 5.2 Racing Schedule

| Date                              | Number of races per day | Competitors Briefing | First warning signal |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday May 5 <sup>th</sup> 2018 | Up to 4                 | 09:30                | 11:00                |
| Sunday May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2018   | Up to 4                 | 09:00                | 10:00                |
| Monday May 7 <sup>th</sup> 2018   | Up to 3                 | 08:30                | 09:30                |

5.3 Additional races may be sailed each day provided that racing does not become more than two races ahead of schedule.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

## 6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 Only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail shall be used during the regatta. Equipment shall only be replaced with the written permission of the Race Committee.

6.2 All Open and Intermediate fleet boats should produce valid Measurement Certificates and a completed measurement form for the hull and all equipment at registration. Measurement checks and/or inspection of measurement certificates may be carried out during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee and the QIODA Measurer. Boats which are unable to present their valid measurement book will be required to complete the application for a replacement /registration update as a condition of entry. Measurement form is attached. **ALL fleets please complete this form prior to registration.**

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and will be available online at [www.qioda.org.au](http://www.qioda.org.au) prior to 17:00 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April - **please print a copy and bring it with you.**

7.2 The Sailing Instructions will be displayed on a notice board at the PDSC sailing office for the duration of the regatta.

## **8 VENUE**

8.1 'Attachment A' shows the location of the racing areas.

## **9 THE COURSES**

9.1 The courses to be sailed may consist of trapezoid or windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions. Green Fleet may sail triangular or windward/leeward courses.

9.2 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10 SCORING**

10.1 Eleven (11) races are scheduled of which five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When from six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 When ten (10) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores.

## **11 SUPPORT BOATS**

11.1 The Organising Authority invites the owner/driver of coach/support boats attending the event to register as a support boat. All support boats are required to register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first race.

11.2 It is recommended that the boat comply with the following:

- Carry a VHF Radio and monitor the fleet channels as advised by the Organising Authority;
- Sign on and off by radio to the PDSC Club (Call sign PDSC Club) each day and declare the number of persons on-board;
- Hold a current power boat operators license and valid insurance certificate;
- Restrict their speed to 5 knots within 100m of any competitor; and
- Assist the organising authority with safety matters when requested.

11.3 Registered support boats are required to render safety assistance if requested to do so by the race committee or a competitor.

11.4 Registered coaches will be permitted in the Green Fleet race area. Registration can be obtained by application to the PDSC representative on the day of registration. Further limitations may be placed on the access of support and coach boats to Green Fleet sailors during on-water sessions. As a standard practice support and coach boats are not permitted to approach Green Fleet sailors during an on-water session, except in an emergency to render assistance.

11.5 All other support personnel shall keep to leeward of the Starting line prior to the start and more than 100 metres clear of any competitor or mark of the courses while boats are ***“Racing”***, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

11.6 When Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Race Committee Vessel, all registered coach and support boats are required to remain afloat and assist all competitors until Flag W is lowered.

11.7 Support boats shall not signal to competitors by any means during a race.

11.8 Support boat briefings will be conducted daily to provide feedback and outline on proposed plans for day of racing.

11.9 The Race Committee or Jury may protest any boat whose coach/support boat is in breach of the NOR clause 11.4. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under the NOR may result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make nor receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other means of electronic communication.

## **13 VENUE ACCESS**

13.1 Access to, and optimist storage at the venue will be available at no additional cost from midday Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May until 1200hrs Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Access to storage outside of these dates must be arranged on an individual basis with PDSC and may incur an additional storage fee. All RHIB/support or coach boat storage arrangements must be made in advance with the PDSC. Note that RHIB/support boats cannot launch from PDSC - Bowen Boat Harbour boat ramp is recommended (see Attachment A). Trailer storage is available at PDSC as directed.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **15 PRIZES**

15.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

### **Open Championships – trophy (open to any State or National Optimist Association member)**

1<sup>st</sup> Skipper overall (+perpetual trophy)

### **Queensland Championships – trophies (QIODA Members only)**

1<sup>st</sup> Male Skipper (+perpetual trophy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Male Skipper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Male Skipper

1<sup>st</sup> Female Skipper (+Jessica Watson perpetual trophy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Female Skipper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Female Skipper

### **Intermediate Fleet – trophies (open to any State or National Optimist Association member)**

1<sup>st</sup> Skipper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Skipper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Skipper

1<sup>st</sup> Female Skipper

### **Age Awards – medals (Open and/or Intermediate fleet skippers only) (QIODA Members only)**

1<sup>st</sup> Skipper aged 12 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Skipper aged 11 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Skipper aged 10 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

### **Age Awards – medals (Intermediate and Green fleet skippers only) (QIODA Members only)**

Good Sportsmanship – Green Skipper, Intermediate Skipper, Open Skipper

Most Improved – Green Skipper, Intermediate Skipper, Open Skipper

### **Green Fleet - trophies (open to any State or National Optimist Association member)**

1<sup>st</sup> Skipper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Skipper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Skipper

Participation medals (acrylic) to remaining Green fleet skippers.

Please note: In Green Fleet and Intermediate Fleet, prizes will not be awarded to competitors who were awarded a prize for placing in the same fleet in a previous Queensland State Championship.

15.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. Port Denison Sailing Club, Australian & Queensland International Optimist Dinghy Associations, their members, officers or sponsors and all others involved in the conduct and management of this event, shall not be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for the loss of property or damage thereto, whatsoever or howsoever occurring. The race documents and instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor for the management and care of a boat that they have entered in the races.

## **17 INSURANCE**

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency per event. All owners/competitors who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

## **18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

18.1 In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities and the sponsors of this Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

18.2 Any drones or GoPros on the Race Course need to be registered with and approved by the organising authority QIODA.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

19.1 Further information can be found on the official event website [www.qioda.com](http://www.qioda.com).

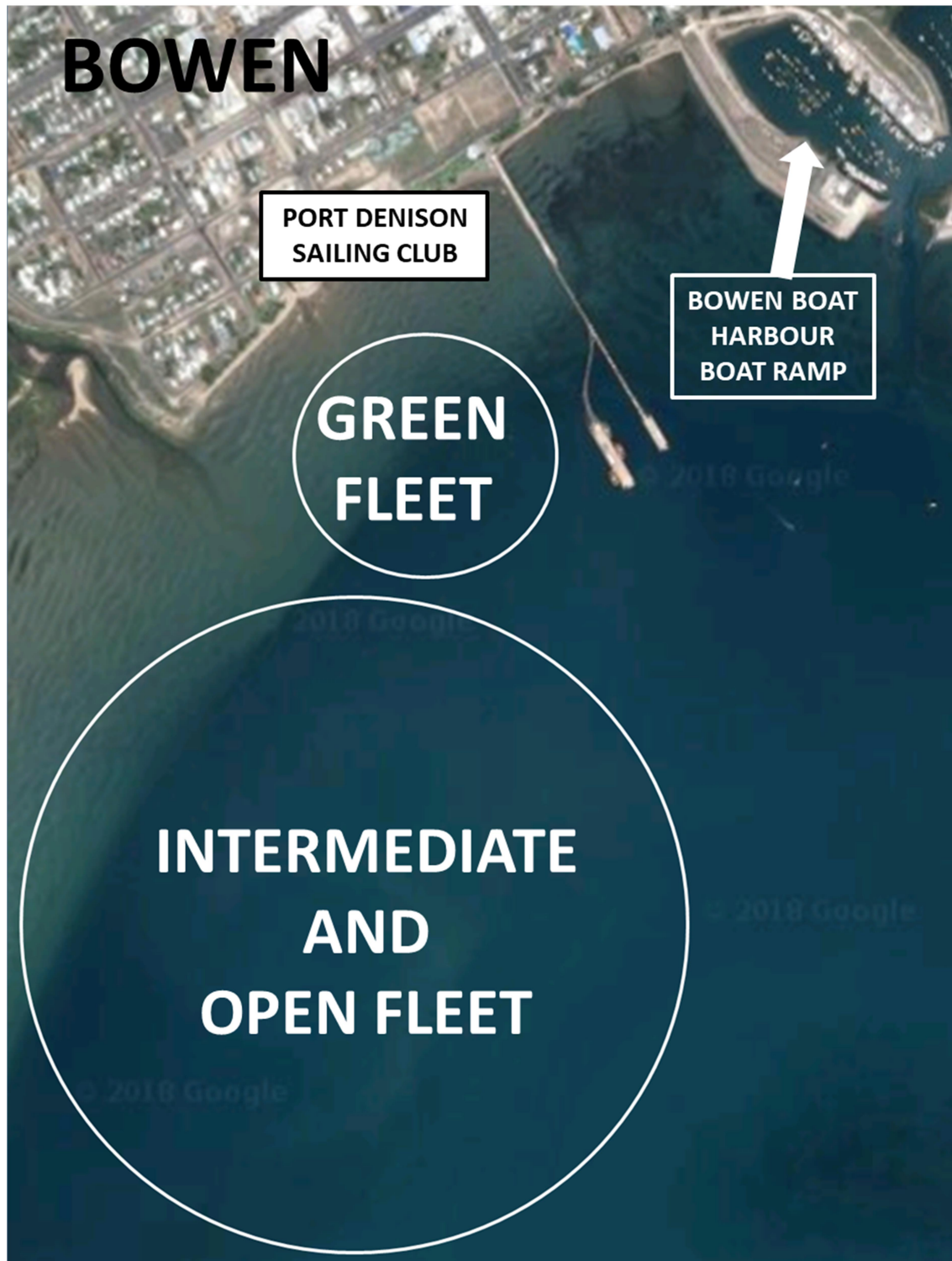
19.2 For further information please contact:

PDSC Commodore Gary Bruce on 0439 732 931, or

PDSC Registrar Adelaide Belyea on 0467 557 123 email: [portdenisonsc@gmail.com](mailto:portdenisonsc@gmail.com), or

QIODA President Lisa Beecham on 0409 522 720, or

QIODA Secretary Ilza Mitchell on 0404 495 400 email: [secretary@optiqld.org.au](mailto:secretary@optiqld.org.au)



## Which Fleet?

This document is intended to provide guidance to competitors and their parents.

The divisions will be as follows:

| Fleet        | Level            | Course    | Target time for 1 <sup>st</sup> boat to finish | Approximate wind limit | Rules             |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| Green        | Learning to race | Triangle  | 20 minutes                                     | 15 knots               | ISAF Introductory |
| Intermediate | Intermediate     | Trapezoid | 40 minutes                                     | 20 knots               | RRS               |
| Open         | Advanced         | Trapezoid | 50 minutes                                     | 25 knots               | RRS               |

### **OPEN FLEET**

The Open Fleet may be scheduled to sail more races and spend longer on the water than other divisions depending on regatta conditions and scheduling. The target wind conditions are approx. 3kts to 25kts. Boats that do not finish in the time limit will be scored DNF. By entering the Open Fleet a sailor is accepting a challenge to test their skills not only against the best sailors at the event but also in the conditions, which may be variable and physically demanding.

**Open Fleet Time on Water: Approx. 4-5 Hours; Open Fleet Wind Limit: 25 knots**

### **INTERMEDIATE FLEET**

The Intermediate Fleet is intended to provide a full race experience for developing sailors without the physical demands of Open Fleet or the frustration of being scored "Did Not Finish".

The Intermediate Fleet will race under the full Racing Rules of Sailing. The Intermediate Fleet will be scheduled to sail up to 4 races on any day depending on regatta conditions and scheduling. The target maximum wind threshold is approximately 20 knots.

Who should think about entering the Intermediate Fleet?

1. Developing sailors (any age) who have raced in Open Fleet before and regularly either "timed out" or have consistently finished in the back 25% of Open Fleet at other Optimist regattas.
2. Perhaps consider the best Optimist sailors at your Club and think about whether you are able to finish within 10 minutes of them in all wind conditions in particular very light (<6kts) or heavy (>18kts).
3. Emerging sailors who have sailed in Green Fleet at other regattas and are looking to transition to the next Fleet.
4. Younger sailors who may be more experienced but find the long days in Open Fleet too demanding.

**Intermediate Fleet Time on Water: Approx. 3-4 Hours; Intermediate Wind Limit: 20 knots**

### **GREEN FLEET**

Green Fleet is where our junior sailors start their sailing experience. All kids start at different ages and progress at different levels. The green fleet aim is to coach, encourage and most of all provide a great fun introduction to attending a major regatta.

Green Fleet will be using the ISAF Introductory Rules of Sailing and limited on-water coaching to assist sailors' build their confidence and boat handling skills.

**Green Fleet Time on Water: Approx. 2-3 Hours; Green Fleet Wind Limit: 15 knots**

Australian Sailing has the following explanation of Green fleet:

<http://www.sailing.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/green-fleet-guidelines-for-clubs.pdf>

# QIODA Optimist Dinghy Safety Check List

To be completed by Parent/Guardian and presented at Regatta

Sailor's Name .....

Sail Number .....

Current Member of QIODA or other state association: Yes / No

Current Insurance Certificate Yes / No

## Safety Checklist - ALL FLEETS:

Personal Flotation Device (PFD) serviceable and weight appropriate Yes / No

Whistle tied to PFD Yes / No

Tow Rope/Bow Line minimum 8 metres long, and floats Yes / No

Three Buoyancy Bags serviceable and secured Yes / No

Bag Straps Fixed to boat and no deterioration Yes / No

Centreboard can be fixed to boat/preferable to have clip as per main sheet Yes / No

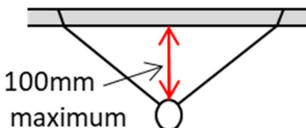

Mast Mast Clamp or tied to boat Yes / No

Paddle on lanyard/elastic secured to the hull Yes / No

Bailer/s 1 litre minimum capacity and tied to boat Yes / No

Boom Strop\* Maximum 100mm from boom Yes / No

Mainsheet Clip\*\* Quick release Yes / No

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
|  | <p>*To prevent sailors being caught, the strop/bridle must be a maximum of 100mm from the boom.</p> |  | <p>**This is the preferred mainsheet clip/snap shackle as sailors cannot be caught and it is easily released. <b>If you have a different clip – see the event Measurer.</b></p> |
|---|---|---|---|

## OPEN AND INTERMEDIATE FLEETS ONLY:

Boat Measurement Book Yes / No

Sail Measurement Certificate Yes / No

| Item               | Serial Number |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Hull (ISAF #)      |               |
| Sail (sail button) |               |
| Rudder             |               |
| Centreboard        |               |

| Item  | Serial Number |
|-------|---------------|
| Mast  |               |
| Boom  |               |
| Sprit |               |

Inspected By (Parent/Guardian's Name) .....

Signature of Parent/Guardian .....

Date .....