



Yacht Club de Monaco

MONACO OPTIMIST

T E A M R A C E

Avis de Course - Notice of Race

14th Monaco Optimist Team Race

10 – 14 January 2024

Organized by the Yacht Club de Monaco, the *Monaco Optimist Team Race* will take place from Wednesday 10th to Sunday 14th January 2024.

This Notice of Race may be subject to modifications which will be communicated on the website of the Yacht Club de Monaco.

If the event is cancelled due to travel restrictions relating to the health emergency, the entry fee will be refunded in full.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the “Racing Rules of Sailing” including Appendix D (Single Flag Protest procedure), the Sailing Instructions and any amendment made by the Organising Authority, the Race Officer, the Umpires, or the Jury.
- 1.2. Personal flotation device will be compulsory when at sea for all competitors and coaches.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Yacht Club de Monaco.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The Monaco Optimist Team Race is an invitation only event.
- 3.2. A maximum of 16 teams will be invited.
- 3.3. Each team shall be composed of 4 sailors born between 1st January 2009 and 31st of December 2013.
- 3.4. Each team should have a gender mix which must be respected without precise quota.
- 3.5. Teams may request an invitation by completing pre-registration online on the official website: www.ycm.org before the 16th October 2023.
- 3.6. The Organising Authority decides the teams to invite. The YCM race office will inform all pre-registered teams of their acceptance by the Organising Authority before Tuesday 31st October 2023.
- 3.7. The registration fees of the admitted teams shall be paid by 12noon on Monday 30th November 2023, to the Race Office (payment link to be provided directly by organizers).
- 3.8. Late entries will only be accepted by the Yacht Club de Monaco’s at its discretion.



4. Fees

4.1. The entry fee is €1760 for each team and includes:

- use of a new Optimist dinghy per team member for the duration of the event (as described in part 5),
- an evening Crew Party (7.00pm),
- one (1) apartment for 5 people per team in a self-catering apartment chosen by the Organizing Authority (Check-in on Wednesday 10th, Check-Out on Sunday 14th January 2024).
- breakfast included at the self-catering apartment.
- packed lunch for each team (5 people) (from Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th January 2024)

4.2. An additional deposit of €600 per team (€150 per boat) is required at registration confirmation on either Wednesday 10th afternoon or Thursday 11th January 2024 before 10.00am.

5. Boats

5.1. The Yacht Club de Monaco will provide a new Optimist for each sailor complete with rudder, dagger board, mast, boom, sprit, and all accessories apart for those mentioned in 5.2.

5.2. MAIN SAILS AND SAIL TIES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. Each sailor must bring his/her own main sail and sail ties. A mast lock will not be provided (A mast lock can be used at the competitor 's discretion).

5.3. Two coach boats will be provided by the Organizing Authority and their use by each team's coach is compulsory during the event. Coaches will be divided between the 2 coach boats.

6. Qualifying and Final Series

6.1. The regatta will consist of a round robin followed by semi-finals and finals.

6.2. The Race Officer may vary the format of racing, terminate, or eliminate any stage, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

7. Social & Sailing Program Schedule

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2024

Registration Confirmation	12.00 noon – 5.00pm
Official opening Ceremony (YCM Meeting Room – Quay level)	6.00pm

THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2024

Registration Confirmation	09.00am – 10.00am
First Race - Warning signal	11.00am

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2024

First Race - Warning signal	10.00am
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SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024

First Race - Warning signal	10.00am
Crew Party	7.00pm

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024

First Race - Warning signal	10.00am
Prize Giving (YCM Meeting Room – Quay level)	4.00pm



8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available following completion of registration from 5.00pm on Wednesday 10th January 2024 from the Race Office.

9. Prizes

Teams will compete for the “*Monaco Optimist Team Race*” trophy.
Prizes will be given to the top three ranked teams.

10. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors are totally responsible for their own safety, at sea and ashore, without exception. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat, the equipment on it and themselves are fit to sail in the conditions.

By launching or going at sea, competitors are confirming their boat is fit for the conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers will reduce the responsibility of the competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury; however, it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the event, be it before, during or after the event. The provision of safety boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

11. Insurance

Each sailor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,000,000.00 (1 million Euros) or equivalent.

12. Media & Image rights waiver

Monaco Optimist Team Race participants authorize the Yacht Club de Monaco to use any media it deems necessary for its commercial purposes. By entering this regatta, competitors grant the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses as well as representations of their boats in any media published.

13. Further Information

For further information please contact the Yacht Club de Monaco:

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