

SMSA Optimist Championship - 2009

The ***SMSA Optimist Grand Prix Championship*** was organized in 1991 to encourage competition amongst the junior sailors of SM Sailing in the International Optimist Dinghy. The ***SMSA Grand Prix Optimist Champion*** will be an individual with the highest cumulative score from seven junior regattas. A competitor must only compete in one of seven events to qualify for Championship Points.

July 11-12	New Bedford YC Junior Regatta
July 16-18	Edgartown YC Junior Regatta
July 20	Stone Horse YC Optimist Extreme Regatta
July 25-27	Duxbury Bay Optimist Regatta
July 29-30	Wianno YC Optimist Regatta
August 3-4	Scituate Harbor YC Junior Regatta
August 11-12	Beverly Yacht Club Junior Regatta

Requirements for entry in the ***SMSA Optimist Grand Prix Championship***.

1. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure his or her name, sail number and club is spelled and listed correctly at each event. Competitors are strongly encouraged to complete their entry forms clearly and legibly for each event they enter. SM Sailing is not responsible for correcting individual event data that gets reported incorrectly.

2. Entrant must be a current member of a club/organization belonging to SM Sailing. An entrant will only be scored for the events occurring after membership in SM Sailing has been established.

3. Championship Points will be calculated on the following formula:

$$((N - F + 1) / N) + B = \text{Event Championship Points}$$

N = Number of Competitors in event

F = Finish Position

B = Bonus (1st - .4, 2nd - .3, 3rd - .2, 4th - .11, 5th - .06, 6th - .02)

4. Ties will be broken in this order:

A. Who beat whom more in head to head competition.

B. If there is a tie in Championship Points between two or more boats, the tie will be broken in favor of the boat that won more regattas in the series, or, if the tie remains, the most second places, or lower places if necessary, using only the scores for each boat that count for her Championship Points.

C. Co-Champions will be awarded.

4. The winner of the ***SMSA Optimist Grand Prix Championship*** will be the entrant with the most Championship Points after the completion of the seven event series. Only the top four scores will be scored toward a competitor's final Championship Points Total. In addition, awards will be presented for each of the three divisions (White, Blue and Red)

5. If an entrant should age out of a Fleet during the season, that entrant will continue to be scored in the Fleet that they were first scored.

6. A competitor need only compete in one event to be eligible for Championship Points.