



The 2017 Optimist South American Championship

Encarnacion, Paraguay

April 24 – May 1

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Optimist South American Championship is organised by the Yacht Club Ypacarai with the endorsement of the Asociación Clase Optimist Paraguay (ACOP) under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

NOTICE OF RACE

Amendments: December 14: 15.5, 16.8: Clarification of payment for charter and support boats

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply for the South American Team Racing Championship, including D2.2 (single flag protest procedure); but deleting D1.1(d).
- 1.3 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.4 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 Rule 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 Add to rule 61.1(a) "The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing."
- 1.6 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.6.1 The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 1.6.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except rule 40 as amended by instruction 1.6.1"
- 1.7 Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 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.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

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 63.6.

4. ELIGIBILITY



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- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements stated below.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter through the national association member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent.
- 4.3 Competitors shall have been born in 2002 or later.
- 4.4 Each member of IODA from South America may enter up to 15 competitors. The member from Paraguay, as the host member, may enter up to 30 competitors. For all delegations there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender, as indicated in 4.8 below.
- 4.5 North American members may enter up to 5 competitors.
- 4.6 Some North American members will be allowed to enter more sailors, as shown below.
Teams of 5 or more competitors shall comply with the gender requirement in 4.8.
USA: 15
Canada: 9
Mexico: 12
- 4.7 If by December 23, 2016 the number of registered competitors is less than 180, available places will be allocated at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee:
 - 4.7.1 First, to North American members that have asked for additional places (up to a total of 15 places per member);
 - 4.7.2 Then, to other members (American or non – American).
- 4.8 Gender quota: Members entering teams of 5 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender, (IODA Condition for Continental Championships 9.3) as follows:

Total number of competitors	Minimum of the opposite gender
5 or 6	1
7 to 9	2
10	3
11 - 16	4
17 - 19	5
20	6
21 - 26	7
27 - 29	8
30	9

- 4.9 The defending South American (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of competitors allocated to his/her member. This competitor will not count for the gender quota requirements.
- 4.10 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader and may be accompanied by up to three adults, depending on the number of competitors. A maximum of four adults including the Team Leader will be allowed for teams entering 10 or more competitors. (Condition 15.1 of the Conditions for Continental Championships)
- 4.11 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless



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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.

Attention is drawn to World Sailing Regulations 19: Nationality Criteria.

5. ENTRY

5.1 Entries shall be made by completing the relevant online registration forms found at <http://2017southamericans.optiworld.org/> and by paying the **required fees** according to the following schedule:

5.1.1 The **Preliminary Entry Form** and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **December 23, 2016**;

5.1.2 The **Second Entry Form** and a payment for the balance of the fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee **February 12, 2017**.

5.1.3 The **Final Entry Form** shall be returned to the Organising Committee as soon as the members of the delegation are defined but not later than **March 1, 2017**.

Required fees are described in paragraphs 6 (ENTRY FEES), 15 (SUPPORT BOATS) and 16 (CHARTER BOATS). See the payment instructions in 6.3, 15.5, and 16.8 below.

5.2 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to all late payments to the organising committee.

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.*

5.3 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than **March 15, 2017** will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank cost incurred due to the refund). Competitors withdrawing their entry after that date will not be refunded. The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16 except for the charter boat fees which will not be refunded.

5.4 Competitors, team leaders and other adults (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete an on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor will not be completed until the measurement form issued by the Technical Committee (see paragraph 9) has been returned to the Race Office.

6. ENTRY FEES

6.1 Entry fees will be **USD \$700 per competitor and USD \$800 per adult** maximum four adults according to paragraph 4.10.

6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the Official Arrival day to the Official Departure day inclusive).

6.3 Please make payments to the following bank account.

Bank Name:	SUDAMERIS BANK
Bank Address:	INDEPENDENCIA NACIONAL 513 ASUNCION
Account Holder (Beneficiary)	YACHT CLUB YPACARAI
Account Holder (Beneficiary) Address:	DE LAS RESIDENTAS 814 CASI PERU 4to PISO



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Account Number	25 1938224
Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) Code	BSUDPYPX Bank of Beneficiary: Sudameris Bank S.A.E.C.A Asuncion, PAR Intermediary Bank: CITIUS33, Citibank N.A. New York, USA

6.3.1 Fees shall be paid in USD \$.

6.3.2 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 The Optimist South American Championship comprises three 'championships':
- 7.1.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (ISAM);
 - 7.1.2 The OPTIMIST TEAM RACING SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRSAM);
 - 7.1.3 The OPTIMIST NATIONS CUP (NC).
- 7.2 For the ISAM:
- 7.2.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
 - 7.2.2 The qualifying series will take place on the first 3 days of racing. However, if 5 races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day, then the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fifth qualifying race is completed.
 - 7.2.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 7.3 For the Team Racing Events:
- 7.3.1 The event is organised for a maximum of 16 teams from members represented by at least 4 competitors. Each team shall comprise of 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the member. If there are more than 16 eligible teams and the host member does not qualify a team, it will replace the last qualified team.
 - 7.3.2 For the selection of the teams as well as for the seeding, the Race Committee will calculate 'Total scores' per group of 4 competitors per member, as explained below: After the first 5 races sailed in the ISAM (or the number of races sailed until April 27 inclusive, if fewer than 5) the total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for each member. For members with more than 4 competitors: The total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results will be added to give a total score for the second team of the member and so on.
 - 7.3.3 For the team racing events, each country may enter one or more teams comprised of four sailors, to a maximum of three teams. No member may enter more than three teams.
 - 7.3.4 No member will be allowed to enter more than one team in the team racing championships (to participate in the same championship or in both) unless a suitable umpire for the TRSAM or the NC is made available (if required), and the name given to the organizers at registration during the Official Arrival Day.



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- 7.3.5 The seeding for the TRSAM and NC will be based on the total scores mentioned in 7.3.2. The format of the championship will be described in the relevant Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3.6 The position in the grid of each team will be based on each team's total points, which will be the result of adding the points (on the first 5 races or the number of races until April 27 (if fewer than 5) of the actual best 4 members of the team. Teams with lower total points will be seeded in higher positions.
- 7.3.7 The total points of the competitors, as mentioned in 7.3.2, will be based on the ranking available at 21.00 on April 27 regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 7.3.8 The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and shall be capable of being concealed and being displayed at arm's length. To indicate a protest, the flag shall be deployed from a concealed position to a position where it is easily visible to the protested boat and Umpires.
- 7.3.9 For matches between the two teams of the same member, competitors of one or both teams will be required to use coloured ribbons provided by the Organising Authority to identify the different teams. The colours of the ribbons for each team shall be:
First Team: No ribbon
Second Team: Blue Ribbon
Third Team: Red Ribbon
- 7.4 **TRSAM:**
- 7.4.1 The first 16 teams from South American members (those with the best total score according to 7.3.2 will qualify, but:
- 7.4.2 If any South American member/s have not qualified even one team, it/they shall enter a team replacing the team/s (of members that have qualified more than one team) with worst total score/s.
- 7.5 **NATIONS CUP:**
- 7.5.1 If there are 16 or more members from outside South America represented by at least 4 competitors, the 16 members with the best first teams according to 7.3.2 may enter one team.
- 7.5.2 If there are less than 16 members from outside South America represented by at least 4 competitors, every one of them may enter their first team. Remaining places will be allocated to teams with best total scores according to 7.3.2 selected indiscriminately from (but following the order of the scores in accord to 7.3.2):
- 7.5.2.1 Second and third teams of South American members that have not qualified to the TRSAM;
- 7.5.2.2 Second and third teams of members from outside South America.

8. PROGRAM

8.1

Sunday, April 23	Early Arrival and Measurement.
Monday, April 24	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement. Official accommodation available from 1400.



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Tuesday, April 25	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Opening Ceremony.
Wednesday, April 26	ISAM, Races.
Thursday, April 27	ISAM, Races.
Friday, April 28	TRSAM, NC
Saturday, April 29	ISAM Races
Sunday, April 30	ISAM Races Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony
Monday, May 1	Official Departure Day

8.2 10 races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4).
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been checked by the Technical Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Technical Committee.
- 9.5 If the 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. Repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race provided that either the Race Committee or the Technical Committee are notified before the next race.
- 9.6 In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, boats chartered through the Organising Committee may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried by these boats shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat.
- 9.7 Hulls chartered through the Organising Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1.
- 9.8 Competitors are only allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Committee.
- 9.9 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 9.10 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate), it will be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer appointed by the



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Organising Committee or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate will be issued at a cost of USD \$50, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.

- 9.11 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 9.12 Once a boat has completed measurement, the hull may not be removed from the boat park without the permission of the Technical Committee. At the venue, no item of equipment may be cleaned using detergent unless permitted by the Technical Committee.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available upon registration at the venue.

11. VENUE

The Championship will be held in the city of Encarnacion. The racing area will be in Parana River.

Venue: Aguavista Club de Campo Residencial

Website: <http://www.aguavista.com.py>

Contact at Club: Natalia Espinola

Contact email: nespinola@aguavista.com.py

Club phone: +595 985 942501

Club Address: avda.Fulgencio Yegros – Barrio

Guarani, 6000 – San Juan del Parana, Paraguay

12. THE COURSE

- 12.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 12.2 For the team racing championships the course will be a starboard “S” course.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply for the ISAM.
- 13.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 13.3 Races of the team racing championship will be umpired.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Team support boats shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
 - 15.1.1 Each boat shall display white flags bearing the three letter national code of the countries it supports, which will be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support boats.



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- 15.1.2 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from April 24 each boat shall meet the requirements of the maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support boats (hereinafter “coaches”) at any one time.
- 15.1.3 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by the teams using the boat.
- 15.1.4 During the Team Racing day/s, the support boats will be at the disposal of the Organizing Committee.
- 15.1.5 All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the Organising Committee
- 15.1.6 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided and every coach should bring their own.
- 15.1.7 Coaches and other personnel on support boats are encouraged to wear a life jacket and to be in compliance with local law, and will be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue. Drivers may be required to carry an international driving license.
- 15.2 The maximum number of coaches per team allowed on the water in support boats at any one time shall be:
- Teams comprising 10 or fewer competitors: 1 coach
 - Teams comprising 11- 20 competitors: 2 coaches
 - Teams comprising 21 or more competitors: 3 coaches
- 15.3 Each support boat shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times (except during the team racing, when one coach per boat might be allowed, if organisers so decide). The Organising Committee will allocate places in support boats 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 boat.
- 15.4 Team support boats to be used during the Regatta days (7 days inclusive) are available from the Organising Committee at the **Support boat charter fee of USD \$ 1200 per boat (USD \$600 per coach).**
- 15.5 Reservations shall be made by submitting the **Support Boat Reservation Form** and transferring a **first payment covering 50%** of the total amount to be paid, which shall be received on or before **December 23, 2016**. The **balance of fees (50%)** shall be received on or before **February 12, 2017**. **Please refer to the instructions posted in the online entry system for payment details.** Availability of places on support boats is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after **December 23, 2016**.
- 15.6 A **damage deposit of USD \$ 800 per support boat (USD \$ 400 per coach)** will be charged at registration and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good condition. Should the Organising 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. **Damage deposits shall be made in cash (USD\$) only.**
- 15.7 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support boats.

16. CHARTER BOATS

- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.



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- 16.2 The charter boats will be manufactured by Riotecna and provided by the Organising Committee. They will be allocated on a random basis to individual competitors by the Organising Committee under the supervision of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 Charter Boats will be delivered:
- **WITH:** hull fittings, two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull (one of them a ratchet block), airbags, padded tow straps, shock-cord to keep the daggerboard in place (class rule 3.3.5), racing spars, racing foils and trolley.
 - **WITHOUT:** mainsheet, block and becket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), bowline, paddle, bailers, daggerboard safety cord (class rule 3.3.4), wind indicator or any fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing lines at the throat point.
- 16.6 Sails will not be provided.
- 16.7 The **charter fee** for 7 Championship days will be **USD \$ 500 per boat**.
- 16.8 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by submitting the **Charter Boat Reservation Form** and by transferring a **first payment covering 50%** of the charter fees, which shall be received on or before **December 23, 2016**. **Please refer to the instructions posted in the online entry system for payment details**. The remaining **50%** shall be received on or before **February 12, 2017**. **Charter boat fees shall not be refunded**.
- 16.9 Late reservations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20%. Charter boats availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than **December 23, 2016**. In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of **USD \$ 200** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred. **Damage deposits shall be made in cash (USD\$) only**.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 For the ISAM, prizes will be awarded at least to:
- 17.1.1 The 15 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence;
- 17.1.2 The 3 best placed competitors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is South American. The first of these 3 competitors will become the South American Champion 2017 and will be awarded the permanent trophy. This trophy shall be returned to the organisers of the event for the following year;
- 17.1.3 The 5 best placed female competitors, regardless of their continent of residence;



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- 17.1.4 The best placed male sailor regardless of his continent of residence;
- 17.1.5 The best placed female sailor whose IODA member is South American;
- 17.1.6 The best placed male sailor whose IODA member is South American.
- 17.2 For the Team Racing Championships, prizes will be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:
 - 17.2.1 The three best placed teams in the TRSAM. The first of these teams will be the South American Team Champion 2017;
 - 17.2.2 The three best placed teams in the Nations Cup.
- 17.3 The Organizing Committee may decide to award extra prizes.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:
- 18.1 a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 18.1 b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 18.1 c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - 18.1 d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event, and they are fit to participate;
 - 18.1 e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 18.1 f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 18.1 g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this venue or event, and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.

19. INSURANCE

The purchase of third-party liability event insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of **USD \$ 12** per competitor and per coach, payable at the time of registration before registration is completed. Details regarding this insurance can be found at:

http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/thirdParty.pdf_1948_en.pdf

There is a (Euro) €150 deductible payable on any claim.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For further information and queries, please contact:



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Event Contact:	Nicolas Benvenuto
E-mail:	info@sudopti2017.org
Website:	www.2017southamericans.optiworld.org

20.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an e-mail address.



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ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA





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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT

A. BEHAVIOUR

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. 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.

B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

- B.1. Competitors and team officials will be housed at the following hotels: 1. **Hotel de la Trinidad**
Address: **Mariscal Estigarribia esq. Jorge Memmel.** Phone: (595) 71 208099.
Web: <http://www.hoteldelatrinidad.com.py> 2. **Carnaval Hotel Casino** Website:
<http://www.carnavalhotelcasino.com.py/> Official accommodation will be available from 1400 on April 24, 2017 until 1100 May 1, 2017.
- B.2. All three meals will be provided. The breakfast will be served in the hotel. Packed lunches will be provided at the club for coaches to collect before heading out onto the water. Dinner will be served at the hotel. The first official meal will be dinner on April 24, 2017 and the last official meal will be breakfast on May 1, 2017.
- B.3. Shuttle busses will be regularly servicing each hotel throughout the day to transport teams to and from the venue. A detailed schedule will be posted in advance. The schedule will be altered to better serve all competitors if required during the event.
- B.4. Any extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid cash or by credit card.
- B.5. Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please send any special request filling in the relevant field on the entry form.

C. EARLY ARRIVALS

- C.1. Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should complete the relevant fields on the entry form. The daily fee will be **USD \$40 per person** per day including breakfast.
- C.2. Regatta facilities will be open from April 17, 2017.
- C.3. Note that accommodation on the night of the Early Arrival Day, April 23, will be provided for free to all fee paying sailors and adults. No meals, or transport to the venue will be provided April 17 – April 23 inclusive.

D. EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT BOATS

- D.1. It is possible to rent a support boat to be used before the Official Arrival day, from April 17, 2017 at **USD \$150 per boat per day**. The boat can be shared between two teams. Reservation of such boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Support Boat Reservation Form and by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount, which shall be **received on or before December 23, 2016** to guarantee availability. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival.
- D.2. In addition to the charter fee a **damage deposit of USD\$800** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.



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D.3. *Late reservations and payments of pre-Regatta charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%*

E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS

E.1. *Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day from **April 17, 2017** at **USD\$ 40** per boat per day. Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Charter Boat Reservation Form and transferring **100% of the fees**, which shall be received on or before **December 23, 2016**. **Charter boat fees will not be refunded.***

E.2. *In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of **USD \$200** per boat will be required upon receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.*

E.3. *Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.*

F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

F.1. *Delegations should arrange to fly into either the International Airport of Asuncion (ASU) or into the airport of Posadas, Argentina (PSS) and cross the bridge into Encarnacion. Transport to and from the airport should be arranged using the recommended provider by contacting the official travel company "La Mision" **Contact:** Olga Fischer **Email:** olgabfischer@gmail.com **Website:** www.lamisiongroup.com/ From (ASU) to Encarnacion the estimated travel time is 4 – 6 hours at an approximate cost of USD 180 – 200 per person both ways. From (PSS) Posadas to Encarnacion the transportation costs are approximately USD 90 per person both ways.. Dates and times of arrival and departure will be collected on the Final Entry Form.*

G. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make their own reservations. Please contact Olga Fischer at "La Mision" for assistance. Email: olgabfischer@gmail.com

H. SOCIAL EVENTS

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

I. MISCELLANEOUS

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

I.2. *The Organisers advise checking healthmap.org or their Consulate General for any current health advisory regarding travel to Paraguay. Precaution should be taken for mosquitoes.*



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J. SAILING CONDITIONS

<i>Daytime temperature</i>	<i>15 – 26 Celcius</i>
<i>Water temperature</i>	<i>19 Celcius</i>
<i>Wind speed</i>	<i>6 – 20 Knots</i>

K. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Some countries require a VISA to enter Paraguay. Teams are advised to check with their travel agency or government for any special requirement.

L. SPECTATOR BOATS

There will be two spectator boats organized each day at a cost of USD \$15 per passenger per day.

M. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.



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N. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

ITEM	COST	OBS.	
Required payments			NoR
Entry fee competitors	USD 700	1st Entry: Dec 23, 2016 – 50% 2nd Entry: Feb 12, 2017 – 50%	5 & 6
Entry fee adults	USD 800	1st Entry: Dec 23, 2016 – 50% 2nd Entry: Feb 12, 2017 – 50%	5 & 6
Support boat fee	USD 1200 per boat (USD 600 per coach)	1st Entry: Dec 23, 2016 – 50% 2nd Entry: Feb 12, 2017 – 50%	15.4, 15.5
Support boat Damage deposit	USD 800 per boat	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable.	15.6, D.2
Charter boat fee	USD 500 per boat	1st Entry: Dec 23, 2016 – 50% 2nd Entry: Feb 12, 2017 - 50%	16.7, 16.8
Charter boat Damage deposit	USD 200 per boat	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable.	16.9, E.2
Sail Measurement	USD 50	Sails without certificate, payable to IODA.	9.10
Insurance	USD 12	Competitors and coaches only	19
Surcharge	20%	Late payments. Depends on item.	Various, but see NOTE in 5.2
Optional Payments			extra info sheet
Accommodation Early arrivals	USD 40 per person per day	Details to be found on registration form. Refer to C 3 for details regarding 'free' accommodation on night of April 23	C.1, C.3
Support boat Early arrivals	USD 150 per boat per day	.100% due with First Entry December 23, 2016	D.1
Charter Boat Early arrivals	USD 40 per boat per day	100% due with First Entry December 23, 2016	E.1
Transportation to/from airport	Various / USD per person per round trip	Final Entry March 1 for arrival /departure times	F.1
Surcharge	20%	Late payments.	Various, but see NOTE in 5.2

Note: Credit cards cannot be used for payments of damage deposits to the charter boat provider. USD Cash only.