

What I need to bring to an IODA regatta

Coming to an Optimist event, comes with responsibility - different countries, different cultures, but if you prepare your travel in advance, you may avoid some small troubles and enjoy your time even more.

Before departure, check the IODA website, www.optiworld.org, for information related with the event.

- Look for the country travelling requirements, like Passport, Visa and maybe even some special attention to medication you may need to bring with you, or take before you travel.
- Check if your Name, Country and Sail Number is correctly printed in the Event Entry List, this should be available on the event web site.
- Make a list of local contacts: venue address, hotel address, local clubs and sailing shops.

IODA events normally have 2 options concerning the use of equipment:

Mandatory Charter, this means the organizers will supply competitors with a hull, foils, spars, trollies, but NOT SAILS. You can't use your private optimist hull in this kind of event, but you may choose to use your own gear.

NON Mandatory Charter, this means that you may bring ALL your gear including the Hull. In this case you will need to bring your "HULL MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE", don't forget it, you will not be able to use your hull if you don't have it.

In the first few days at IODA events, you will have Equipment Inspection (Measurement). All competitors MUST submit their equipment to this Inspection. You will not be allowed to Race in the event if you have not passed the Measurement Inspection.

There will be a dedicated area, on the venue, for Measurement. You should find out where it is and go there as soon as possible, to make arrangements with the Measurement Team, in order to book in advance your Team Measurement Period.

Each Country/Team will be given one period of time, on a specific day, in which the Full Team will have all their gear inspected.

Before starting your inspection, an IODA measurer will instruct your Team how to prepare and what to expect, from Measurement.

If you follow these suggestions you will see that, although they will be using UltraSound Machines, Metal detectors and other HiTec tools, it's quite easy and nothing to be scared of. Be patient and polite and our IODA team will teach you a few things you may not know about your Optimist.

Inspection Requirements

- **Sail**, MUST HAVE a Measurement Certificate. You should get this document when you buy a new sail, or alternatively ask your National Measurer to measure your sail. (check out additional information on www.optiworld.org)
- **Hull**, if you are using your own hull, bring the Measurement certificate. If you are chartering, the company/person should provide it.
- **Spars, foils**, should be clean and dry. Print your Country/Sail Number on them with a water proof marker.

This text has a few tips that will help you to have a great time. Remember to comply with our Class Rules and the ISAF rules. Optimist Sailing is all about making friends and enjoying a very special moment in your life

Have Fun!
IODA Measurement Team