

1st International Open Optimist Sailing Regatta in Ishigaki

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Event Purpose

In Ishigaki Island, a gateway to Asia from Japan, junior sailors from both Japan and abroad will come together to compete in sailing skills and seamanship they have honed through daily practice. Through this competition and international exchange, we hope to broaden the horizons of both local and international junior sailors, providing them with an opportunity to grow into world-class athletes.

Dates: January 3, 2026 (Saturday) to January 5, 2026 (Monday)

Venue: Painuhama Beach, Ishigaki City, Okinawa

Race Type: Optimist Dinghy (OP Class)

Organizers: Okinawa Sailing Federation, Ishigaki Marine Youth Association, and Ishigaki Junior Yacht Club.

Cooperation : Japan Junior Yacht Club Federation ,Fukuoka Sailing Federation, and Kyushu Watersports Management Association

Support: Ishigaki City, Ishigaki City Board of Education, Yaeyama Fisheries Cooperative, Public Interest Incorporated Foundation Japan Sailing Federation (Application Pending), and Japan Optimist Dinghy Association(Application Pending)

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LINE Open Chat

In addition to the official bulletin board, this event will utilize "LINE Open Chat" as a means of communication with participants. Please join the event's LINE Open Chat titled "1st International Open Optimist Sailing Regatta in Ishigaki."

URL : <https://tinyurl.com/zbs38tv>



Usage Rules

- Primarily for communication from the event organizers.
- The official bulletin board will take precedence, and LINE Open Chat will be used as a supplementary tool.
- For questions or inquiries, please contact the event office directly.
- Do not post personal content, defamatory remarks, or personal information.
- Please join the LINE Open Chat at least 7 days before the event.
- Profile names used in the LINE Open Chat should be formatted as follows: for participants, use the sail number + name; for supporters, use the affiliation + name.

Example for participants: JPN1111_Taro Ishigaki / Example for supporters: Affiliation_Goro Yaeyama

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (hereinafter referred to as "RRS").
- 1.2 The current Optimist Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS 60.2(a) is amended as follows: "A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee boat located at the finish line of the boat being protested immediately after finishing."
- 1.4 Appendix P of the RRS will apply for breaches of RRS 42.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 According to WS Advertising Regulation 20.3.2, competitors are allowed to display advertising on their hulls, but it is restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display event advertising selected and provided by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors must be under the age of 16.
- 3.2 Competitors must be registered members of the Japan Sailing Federation (JSF) for the 2024 fiscal year. This requirement does not apply to overseas competitors.
- 3.3 Competitors must be listed in the 2025 roster of junior yacht clubs registered with JJYU.
- 3.4 Competitors who have participated in the 2025 East-West Optimist Class Sailing Championships (A Class).

4. Participation Application

4.1 Entries must be completed by filling out the application form available on the official event website and by paying the required entry fee. Entry will not be considered complete until payment is confirmed. If a club has more than two participants, the club representative must submit a single consolidated form. Entry fees are non-refundable except under special circumstances. [Online Entry URL]: Details will be provided on the official event website.

4.2 The entry period will be from September 1, 2025 to November 1, 2025. Entries will be accepted only after full payment of the entry fee. Entry will close once the number of participants reaches 40.

4.3 The regatta may be postponed or canceled under the following circumstances: If the venue becomes unavailable due to natural disasters or other unforeseen events. If administrative authorities, facility operators, educational institutions, or the Japan Sailing Federation recommend or instruct cancellation or postponement due to public health concerns, such as the spread of COVID-19 or other infectious diseases.

4.4 If the event is canceled or postponed for reasons outlined in 4.3, a partial refund will be made after deducting necessary administrative costs from the entry fee. The charter fee and deposit will be fully refunded. In this case, for those who have already arranged transportation for using their own boats, a subsidy of JPY 30,000

per boat will be provided (a copy of the invoice or other document proving the transportation arrangement must be submitted).

4.5 Event Homepage and Event Office

Event Homepage URL: <https://ishikaiyoshonen.wixsite.com/ijyc>

Event Office: Terufumi Azuma

Event Office Email: ishigakijyc@gmail.com

Phone Number: 090-7986-4595

5. Participation Fee

5.1 Entry Fee

Entry fee per athlete: ¥15,000

5.2 Charter Boats

A total of 20 charter boats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of 2 boats per club.

Manufacturer: Far East

Fee: JPY 40,000 per boat (sails not included)

Damage Deposit: JPY 50,000 per boat

The full deposit will be refunded if no damage is confirmed upon return. Charter requests must be submitted at the time of entry via the official procedure to the Regatta Office. Applications by phone, fax, or other unofficial methods will not be accepted.

5.3 Transportation Subsidy

For sailors bringing their own boats from outside Okinawa Prefecture, a transportation subsidy of JPY 30,000 per boat will be provided. Payment will be made on the final day of the race.

5.4 A subsidy for foreign athlete recruitment expenses (100,000 yen per country) will be provided. However, this applies only to athletes who placed within the top 20 in their national competition. Payment will be made on the final day of the race.

5.5 The participation fee must be paid by the end of the application period. Please write the participant's name in the payer section. If you are paying for multiple participants, email the names of the participants to the event office as a club unit.

[Bank Transfer Information]

Bank Name: THE BANK OF OKINAWA ,LTD.

SWIFT code: BOKIJPJZ

Branch Name: YAEYAMA BRANCH

Branch Address: 16 MISAKICHO ISHIGAKI CITY OKINAWA JAPAN

Beneficiary Number: 601-1971775

Beneficiary Name: Shā) Ishigaki Kaiyō Shōnendan and Ishigaki Junior Yacht Club
Beneficiary Address: 426-21 MAEZATO ISHIGAKI CITY OKINAWA JAPAN
Telephone: 090-1875-8682

5.6 Participation fees will not be refunded in case of cancellation. The deposit will be refunded.

6. Race Structure

6.1 The regatta will be conducted as a single fleet, with all boats starting together.

7. Schedule

January 2, 2026 (Friday): Preparation Day

13:00 – 17:00 Registration and boat unloading, Charter boat handover

★ Tide: Low tide / 12:03 / 83 cm

January 3, 2026 (Saturday): Preparation, Exhibition Race & Reception

08:00 – 12:00 Registration and boat unloading, Charter boat handover

13:00 Opening ceremony and coaches meeting

14:00 Exhibition race

18:00 – Reception (Venue: Art Hotel Ishigakijima)

<https://www.art-ishigakijima.com/>

★ Tide: Low tide / 12:53 / 79 cm

January 4, 2026 (Sunday): Day 1 of Competition

09:25 Scheduled time for the first race warning signal, Subsequent races to follow

16:00 No warning signals will be made after this time

★ Tide: Low tide / 13:40 / 74 cm

January 5, 2026 (Monday): Day 2 of Competition

09:25 Scheduled time for the first race warning signal, Subsequent races to follow

15:00 (planned) Awards ceremony and closing ceremony

Note: No warning signals will be made after 12:00 on the last day.

★ Tide: Low tide / 14:25 / 70 cm

7.1 A total of 7 races are scheduled. A maximum of 4 races will be held per day.

7.2 Lunch may be taken on the water each day.

8. Measurement

8.1 Charter boats manufactured by Far East will be provided for hulls (excluding sails) and equipment.

However, the use of equipment other than the hull is permitted. In such cases, a valid measurement certificate must be submitted at registration. No modifications to fixed equipment on charter boats are allowed.

8.2 Competitors bringing their own boats must present a valid measurement certificate at registration.

8.3 The race committee may conduct measurements at their discretion.

9.Safety Regulations

9.1 Crew members must wear appropriate life jackets from departure until return to shore.

9.2 Since the race area becomes shallow enough to stand during low tide, participants are required to wear boots.

10. Sailing Instructions

10.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the official event website from December 1, 2025 onward.

No paper copies will be distributed by the organizing committee.

11.Venue

11.1 Painuhama Beach, Ishigaki City, Okinawa Prefecture

11.2 The race area is indicated in the attached Diagram A.

12.Course

12.1 The sailing course shall be one of the following. For details, please refer to the Sailing Instructions.

- 1) Sausage Course
- 2) Trapezoid Course

13.Scoring

13.1 A total of 7 races are scheduled. The regatta will be valid if at least one race is completed.

13.2 If fewer than 4 races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of all race scores.

13.3 If 4 or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of all race scores excluding the worst score.

14.Support Boats

14.1 Support boats are not permitted.

14.2 There will be no spectator boats. Set up a viewing space.

15.Awards

15.1 Awards will be presented to top-performing competitors as follows:

1) Competitors placing 1st through 6th will receive certificates and commemorative prizes.

The 1st place winner will be awarded the championship trophy.

2) Awards and commemorative gifts will be presented to the top six winners in the U12 (elementary school) category.

16.Risk Statement

16.1 By applying for this event, participants are deemed to have pledged the following:

16.2 According to RRS 3, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is solely that of the boat." By participating, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing involves inherent risks and potentially dangerous actions. These risks include strong winds, rough seas, sudden weather changes, equipment failures, errors in boat handling, inexperienced handling by other boats, unstable footing, and increased injury risks due to fatigue. Risks specific to sailing sports include drowning, psychological trauma, hypothermia, and other causes of severe, lasting injury or death.

16.3 The organizing authority will not be liable for any physical damage, bodily injury, or death occurring before, during, or after the event. The organizing authority also accepts no responsibility in case of infection by COVID-19 or any other infectious disease.

17.Insurance

17.1 Competitors and supporters must have valid accident insurance during the event.

18.Athlete's Image Rights and Personal Information Disclosure

18.1 By participating in the event, athletes grant the organizing authority and the event committee the right to use videos, still images, and footage related to the athlete or their equipment during the event without compensation.

18.2 Personal information submitted upon entry will not be provided to third parties without the individual's consent, but names, affiliations, sail numbers, school years, and genders may be published in entry lists and results.

Other Information (Additional Information Not Included in the Race Notice)

1. To use Okinawa Prefecture Ishigaki Youth Center (<https://ishigaki-yh.com/>), an application form is available; please apply as a club to the tournament secretariat. Accommodation costs: 410 yen per night for children (elementary and junior high school students), 810 yen per night for adults (an additional 185 yen for sheets is required in addition to the accommodation fee), 600 yen for breakfast, and 800 yen for dinner. A shuttle bus will run from Ishigaki Youth Center to Painuhama Beach every morning and evening from January 3rd to 5th (if there are few participants, the bus will be replaced by a car provided by the organizers).
For other accommodations, please make your own arrangements. There are many hotels located about a 15-minute walk from the race venue (Painuhama Beach). There is a convenience store nearby.
2. Garbage Disposal: No garbage collection service is provided. Generally, Please take all garbage back to your accommodation.
3. Reception Participation Fee on January 3, 2026: Reception participants will be charged:
Adults: JPY 6,000 per person
Elementary and junior high school students: JPY 4,000 per person
We will prepare local elementary, junior high, and high school students and other entertainment events.

Applications must be sent by club to the event office using a separate form. Prepayment is required.

(Venue: Art Hotel Ishigakijima <https://www.art-ishigakijima.com/>)

4. Facilities: Changing rooms and restrooms are available in the management building.
5. Shipping destination for brought-in boats: Painuhama Beach, Painuhama Town, Ishigaki City, Okinawa Prefecture. Person in charge at the shipping destination: Hiroshi Maeda, Tel: 090-1875-8682 (They will support receipt and return work.)
6. It takes about 25 minutes by car from Ishigaki Airport to the race venue. The race period coincides with the busy tourist season. After confirming the race application, it is recommended to promptly book your airline tickets and hotel accommodations.
7. Participants who plan to use their own equipment (spars, etc.) should check with their airline in advance whether it can be transported by air.

Attached Illustration A: Race Area

