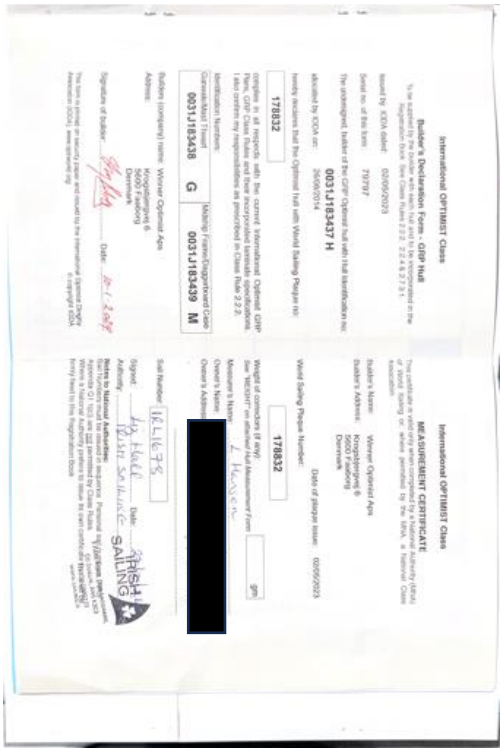
What is an Optimist?

There are a number of criteria that your “Optimist” has to meet in order to be an official Optimist Class Dinghy. For the purposes of being prepared for a major National or International event please see the checklist below. This is not an exhaustive list but highlights the important forms you need to have up to date and some of the common equipment rules often spot checked on the water at International events. If you have any questions or queries with regards to your own equipment please contact a National Measurer to clarify.

1. Registration & Measurement Booklet

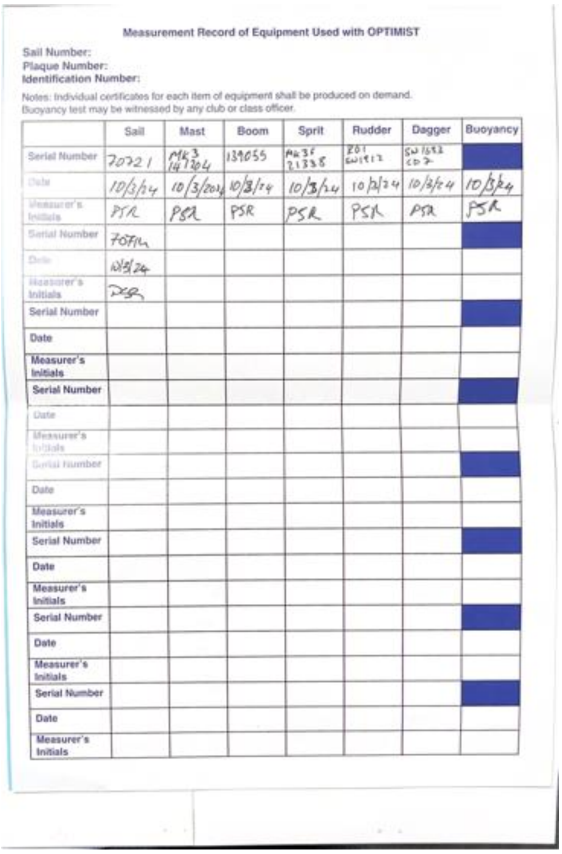
This is your boat’s birth cert detailing the builder and mould serial numbers used to build your boat which have been ratified by IODA. This will need to presented to Irish Sailing in order to register your boat and obtain an IRL sail number.



2. Measurement Record of Equipment Used with Optimist

Attached to this form will be your Measurement Record which lists all of the equipment measured by a class measurer to be used with your boat. It is important to ensure that the measurer updates this form as and when you get new equipment measured for your boat.

Each item of equipment measured, including **all spars, foils and sails**, must have it's own measurement form completed in order to be used at a championship event.



Measurement Record of Equipment Used with OPTIMIST

Sail Number:
Plaque Number:
Identification Number:

Notes: Individual certificates for each item of equipment shall be produced on demand.
Buoyancy test may be witnessed by any club or class officer.

	Sail	Mast	Boom	Sprit	Rudder	Dagger	Buoyancy
Serial Number	70721	MK3 147204	139055	MK3F 21338	Z01 SW1812	SW1683 CD7	
Date	10/3/24	10/3/2024	10/3/24	10/3/24	10/3/24	10/3/24	10/3/24
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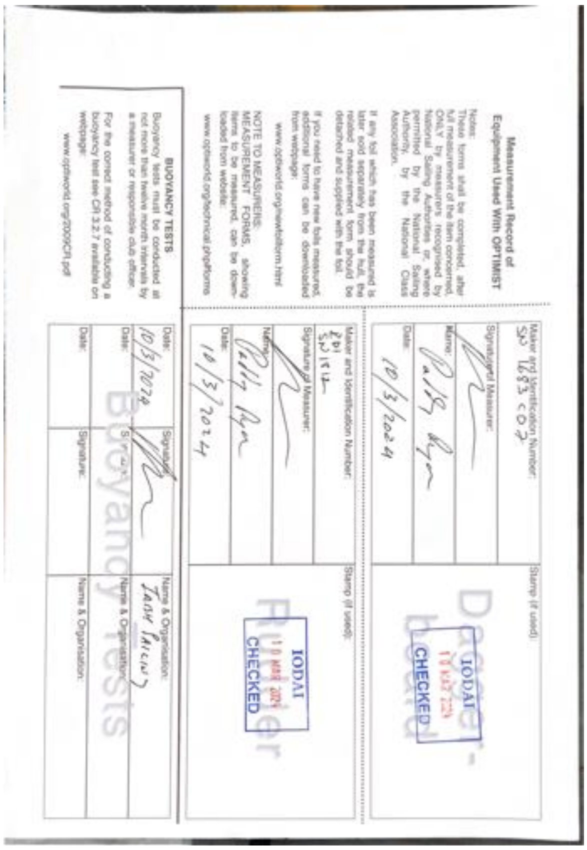
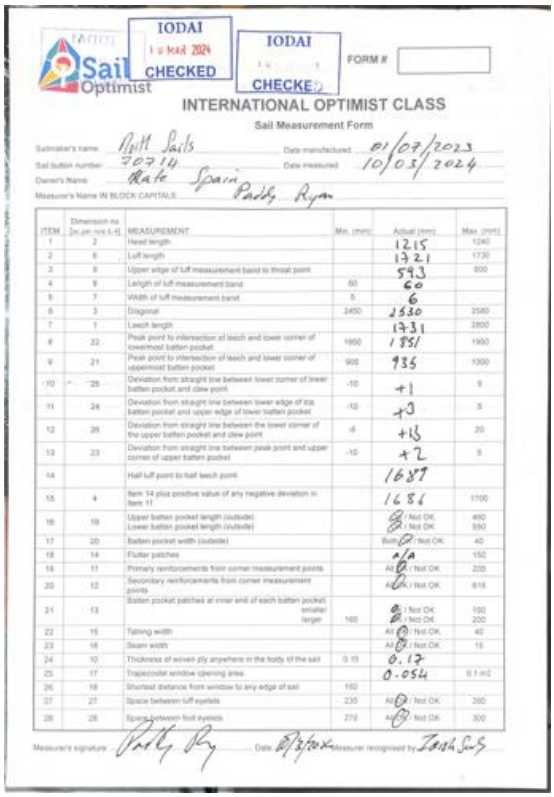


3. Sail Measurement Form

Each sail must have it's own completed measurement form. The first page details the technical measurements of the sail and is sometimes completed by the sailmaker if they have a local measurer. The second page details the national letters and sail numbers. Please note that if you change the sail numbers they must be remeasured by a class measurer.



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Sail Measurement Form

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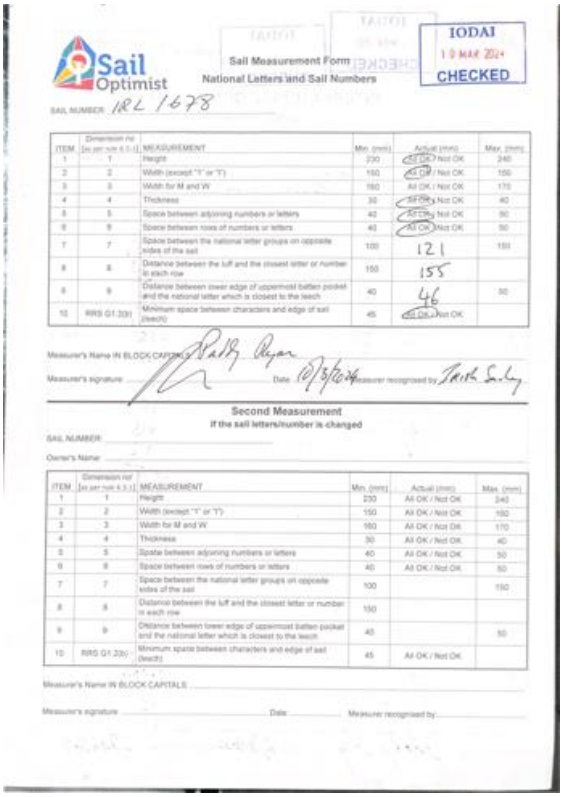

Sail Measurement Form

National Letters and Sail Numbers

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Other Class rules to be aware of that may be spot checked:

- A buoyancy test must be signed off at least once every 12 months by a class measurer.
- Painter must be 8m or longer and of a material not less than 6mm in diameter and must float. There are no knots allowed in the length of the painter except a loop at the end.
- You must have a paddle, bailer and mast retention system (mast clamp) securely attached to your boat.
- Bailers, paddles etc must be tied directly to the boat. They may not be tied to toestraps or the bungee cord used for retaining the daggerboard etc.
- Your daggerboard must be attached to the boat.
- The maximum distance between the sail and the mast and boom at each sail tie is 10mm.
- The maximum distance between the boom and the attachment point of the mainsheet block on the boom bridle is 100mm.