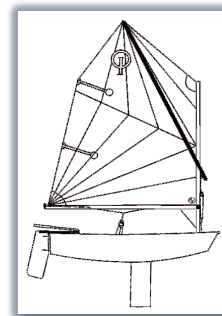


# Optimist Pre-Sail Checklist

Updated to 2018 class rules



## Safety Items (references to 2018 class rules shown in parentheses)

- Airbags fully inflated - firm, but not tight (3.2.7.1).
- At least three straps on each external bag (3.2.7.3).
- Bow line
  - At least 8m (or 26'3"). Minimum diameter 5 mm (3/16"). Line must float (4.3(b))
  - Secured to mast step ((4.3(b)).
  - Bowline knot in the free end of line for towing. No other knots.
  - Must not be led through drainage hole in bow rail. Led through a separate loop is OK.
  - Coiled and stowed (no locking hitches).
- Boom bridle no more than 4" (100 mm) at widest place from boom (3.5.3.8).
- Safety shackle on mainsheet boom block. Must be "non-fouling" type.
- Stopper knot to prevent mainsheet from coming out of ratchet block.
- At least one rigid 3.5 liter bailer (two 1 gallon recommended) tied into boat (4.3(a)).
- Daggerboard tied to boat (3.3.4).
- Mast secured with tie-in line or mast clamp (3.5.2.11).
- Rudder retaining clip (3.4.5.2)
- USCG approved life jacket, fully buckled and/or zipped (4.2).
- Whistle attached by lanyard to lifejacket (4.2).
- Praddle or small paddle (4.3(c)).
- Drinking water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, footwear, adequate clothing for weather.

## Other Class Rule Items:

- Sail band within mast band limits (6.6.3.1).
- IODA button on sail (2.7.5).
- All sail and corner ties within 10mm of mast or boom. None missing. (6.6.3.3, 6.6.3.4)
- Unique sail number with proper letter sizes and spacing (6.5.1).
- Sail number on rudder, daggerboard, spars (2.7.4).

## Performance Items - highly recommended:

- All sail and corner ties secured with tight knots.
- Mast sail ties adjusted for wind conditions as needed.
- Foot of sail can flop from side to side when tacking.
- Clew of sail nearly touches boom.
- Boom bridle freely led (not bound by sail ties).
- Boom preventer (bling line) properly led and adjusted for wind conditions.
- Outhaul led 2:1 and adjusted.
- Mainsheet led in proper direction thru ratchet block (does it click?).
- Tell tales on luff and leach of sail.
- Vang adjusted approximately for conditions.
- Mast rake checked and adjusted.
- Tiller extension joint inspected.
- Is the sailor ready to sail?