



## Introduction

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### The Optimist Dinghy

Originally designed in 1947, the Optimist Dinghy has become the world standard as both the introductory junior trainer and a premier one design racing class. It is the only sailboat designed specifically for children allowing them to learn the essentials of sailing without danger or fear. It is also the biggest and fastest growing racing class in the world with over 300,000 hulls built worldwide.

[But why choose the Optimist for your club or personal use?](#)

Three short articles

### The McLaughlin Optimist:

Most sailors will stay in the Optimist class for about 4 years. An investment in a good hull can eventually save you several hundred dollars over the long run. McLaughlin's Optimist hull is known world wide for its stiffness, durability, and speed. Like other classes, the Optimist has several levels of rigging depending on the sailors training, ambitions and commitment, but the hull is the foundation. Four different packages take you from the entry level Club Racer to the world class Optisailors Pro Racer.

When available you can also save money by specifying a [Chartered hull](#). All the packages can be purchase in this manor with new rigging. Please view our package pages to determine which equipment will best suit your sailor's needs.

We are committed to the Optimist. It is the only the only boat we build. All other Optimists on the market are imports. We are at every major Regatta. McLaughlin provides

instruction, repair, service and support both monetarily and physically to the sailors, parents and the United States Optimist Association, USODA.

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