2010 OPTIMIST SAFETY SELF-CHECK LIST

Competitor is NOT officially registered until all safety requirements are met, certified by an adult via this form and form is turned in to registration.

BELOW ARE MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS REQUIRED TO COMPETE AT THIS EVENT. COMPETITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER CLASS OR LOCAL MARITIME RESTRICTIONS OR REGULATIONS.

Competitor: ___________________________________________ Sail number: _____________

___US Coast Guard approved (not Zhik, Gill, etc.) properly sized Life Jacket
   • whistle attached by lanyard

___26’3” – 30’ Bow line in good condition, 5mm minimum diameter (1/4”)
   • Secured to mast step
   • Knot free between ends (if knots cannot be removed, replace it)
   • Roughly 6-8” diameter bowline at outer end
   • Floating, but not slippery polyethylene
   • Must NOT be passed through drain hole in bow (bow loop optional)

___Bailer - 1 minimum at least 1 liter, tied to boat. (2 gallon size strongly recommended)

___Air Bags - 3 (even boats with side covers), must be firmly inflated and obviously able to hold air
   • Each external bag must be well secured by three straps

___Rudder Retainer Clip (to keep rudder secured to transom)

___Daggerboard lanyard (to prevent it floating away in capsize)

___Mast Tie-in system (line and/or locking collar – check locking collar operation. No tape!)

___Bridle/mainsheet connection
   • Must be a shackle-type device capable of easy/quick disconnect (screw pins or tying with line is not acceptable). MUST NOT BE SELF OPENING OR ABLE TO SNAG CLOTHING, LIFEJACKET OR TOWLINE.

___Mainsheet Bridle - No looser than 100 mm (approx. 4”) from the boom at any point. (to prevent head entrapment)

___Paddle or Praddel

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I have personally checked and this Optimist Dinghy meets ALL Safety Requirements above.

______________________________________________ Date ____________
Signed (must be adult over 21yrs of age)