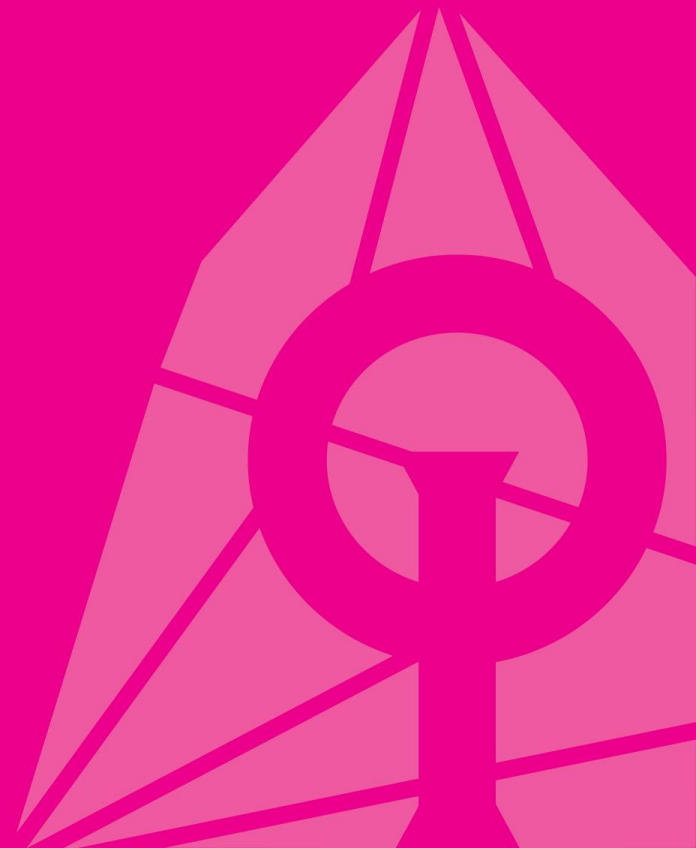




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# 2022 South American Championship: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil- October 8-15, 2022



A total of 165 sailors (107 boys and 58 girls), from 14 countries (ARG, BAH, BER, BRA, CAN, CHI, COL, ECU, GUA, PER, PUR, URU, USA and VEN)

# 2022 North American Championship: Nassau, Bahamas, Nov 13-20, 2022



A total of 155 sailors (102 boys and 53 girls), from 20 countries (ANT, ARG, BAH, BEL, BER, BRA, CAN, CHI, FRA, GER, ISV, MEX, NED, PAN, PER, PUR, SUI, SWE, URU and USA)

Mention: North American  
Champion was Isabella Calzadilla



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# 2023 South American Championship: Paracas, Peru: April 15-22, 2023



**OPTIMIST2023**  
South American Championship  
**Paracas, PERÚ**  
April 15 - April 22



A total of 143 sailors (92 boys and 51 girls), from 10 countries (ARG, BRA, CHI, ECU, MEX, PER, PUR, URU, USA and VEN)



# 2023 North American Championship: Antigua: July 2-9, 2023



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# 2024 North American Championship: Puerto Rico, July 2024



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# 2024 South American Championship: Encarnacion Paraguay, Septen 2024



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# Ongoing



- New and returning Members: Panama and Venezuela
- Sustainability
- Social Responsibility
- Development and smaller countries
- Increase female participation



# Sustainability



IODA is committed to making sustainability and the environment a focus of the class. As the largest youth sailing class in the world, we recognize that Optimist Sailors are the next generation leaders and future guardians of the worlds' lakes, oceans, rivers, and the planet.





# Social Responsibility



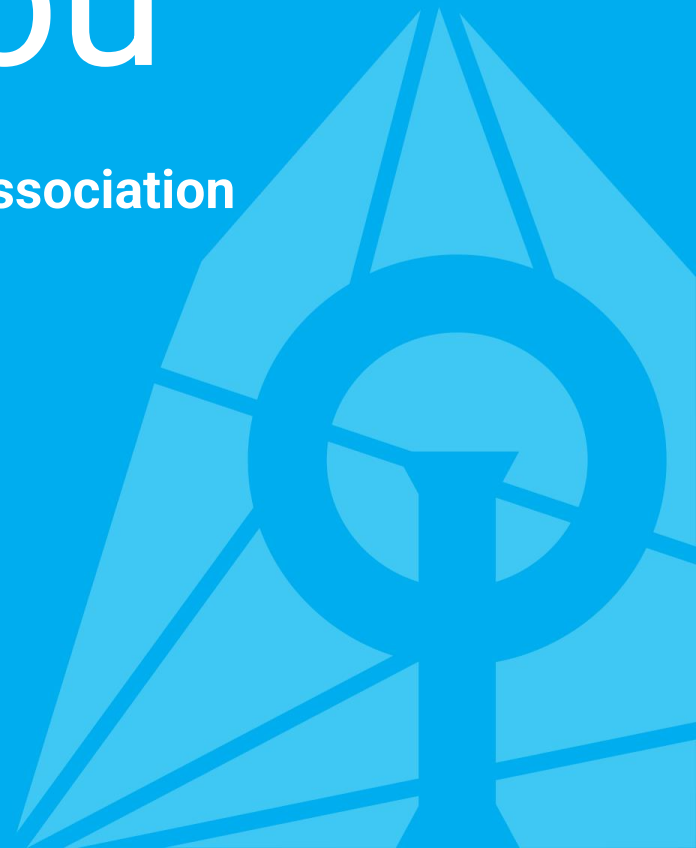
IODA believes that our sport is unique, but that it should also be inclusive. We can support and promote youth sailing as well as our Optimist family that spreads all over the world. We are a social responsible class but can do more.



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# ROPE PROGRAM

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A person wearing a red cap and a life vest is sailing a small boat on the water. The boat has "algarve" and "PORTUGAL" written on its side. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent magenta overlay. The text "IODA Sustainability Program" is centered in white.

# IODA Sustainability Program





# Recycled Optimist Parts & Equipment

# Vision



**To engage Optimist Sailors in  
Sustainability & Social Responsibility**



# Mission



IODA aims to promote **Sustainability** and **Social Responsibility** by engaging the sailors worldwide to **recycle and reuse** Optimist Parts and Equipment by **sharing with their peers** all around the World.

# Format



To encourage our sailors to **bring extra equipment to IODA Championships** so it can be collected, catalogued and distributed to **local sailing schools in need** as well as **to specific schools, clubs, and countries that are in dire need of this equipment**, giving it a second life and good use.

# ROPE Donations



Program launched  
at **2021 North  
Americans**

Promoted at all  
IODA events in  
**2021 & 2022**



# ROPE Donations



# ROPE Recipients



- Escuela de Vela La Cruz, MEX
- Vallarta Yacht Club, MEX
- Eleuthera Sailing Academy, BAH
- Make Them Sailors, BAH
- Hyderabad Foundation, IND
- Capitanes de Barrio, ARG
- Optinic, ARG
- Phuket Sailing School, THA
- Sudan Team Optimist Sailors, SUD
- Tanzania Team Optimist Sailors, TAN
- Venezuela Optimist Association, VEN
- Fédération Royale Marocaine de Yachting à Voile, MAR



# ROPE Recipients





# ROPE: Recycled Optimist Parts and Equipment



Dear friends at IODA,

I cannot express enough how grateful I am for the amazing ROPE program that you have carried out in Venezuela and other emerging countries. Your dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for people around the world is truly inspiring.

Your work in Venezuela has been particularly meaningful, providing aid and support to a nation that has faced unprecedented challenges. I am sure that the positive impact you have had in the lives of so many Venezuelans will be remembered for generations to come. I want to thank you on behalf of all those who have benefited from your program. Your generosity and solidarity have touched the hearts of many people and have provided hope where there was once despair.

I would like to conclude with a motto that I believe perfectly sums up your spirit and commitment: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." These are the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, a man who dedicated his life to helping others, and who I am sure would be proud of what you have achieved.

Thank you again for all that you do. With deep gratitude,

William Vega .

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# ROPE: Recycled Optimist Parts and Equipment



**ROPE wants to thank Alberto and Carmen Casco from DRCS for their most generous donation**

**They donated 8 boats fully rigged brought from Switzerland to be donated to our friends in Morocco**



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# ROPE: Recycled Optimist Parts and Equipment



**ROPE wants to thank  
Pierce and Finn Olsen for  
their generous donations  
and continuous support.**

**They have donated in  
every single of the events  
in the last 3 years**



# 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing



**In 2021 the IODA ROPE Program was recognized as a finalist in the World Sailing 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing Sustainability Awards.**

**The ROPE Program was profiled by World Sailing in May 2022**

**[World Sailing - 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Award 2021 - spotlight on IODA](#)**



# Next Steps

- Continue to work to **promote sustainability, circular economy and peer-to peer support** from sailors to sailors.
- **Scale the Project** to include the industry & partners – boat builders, suppliers etc.
- **Donate to more regions** in need globally to grow the base of sailing



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