

Optimist Worlds Proves One-Design Integrity

The 2017 World Championship in Thailand established once again the success of the International Optimist Class in maintaining its strict one-design policy.

In Thailand charter boats were mandatory. Far East supplied 60% and Winner 40%, and each complete national team of five sailors was allocated three Far Easts and two Winners. The boats were allocated to named sailors and swapping was banned.

If the two makes were of identical speed then each would have that 60:40 split at all levels of the fleet.

And that is exactly what happened:

Placings by Buider & Fleet			
		Far East	Winner
All Boats		60.0%	40.0%
Yellow	(placed 1-71)	60.6%	39.4%
Blue	do 72-141	57.1%	42.9%
Red	do 142-211	65.7%	34.3%
Green	do 212-281	56.5%	43.5%