

Testimonial on Optimax sails by DinghyCoach Pim Stumpel, world class Optimist coach :

Optimax Dos:

This sail has a slightly fuller entry than for example Onesails. The entry is comparable with Jsails Blue but with more draft and thus a bit more power.

Because of the entry steering feels comparable with Jsail Blue. Quite forgiving. The entry can be adjusted well by changing luff tension.

The draft of the sail is positioned slightly lower and slightly more forward causing the leech to open up a little bit more.

Easier sheeting, and speed is maintained easier in sections with less wind or when wind speed is changing.

Because the draft is positioned a little bit lower, it can be adjusted more easily by adjusting the outhaul.

Optimax Uno:

Comparable with Olympic Gold. Same draft, same set-up. The entry can be adjusted well by changing luff tension. This makes it easy to adjust to a shallow entry on flat water and to a fuller entry on water with more swell.

The Draft of this sail is comparable to Olympic Gold providing good power for light to medium weight sailors.

Optimax Cero:

Very shallow draft. The difference with Jsails Green and Olympic Red (2 other options for light weight sailors) is that the draft is positioned a bit lower. This makes it easier to control draft with the outhaul. The draft of this sail is positioned slightly more forward compared to Jsails Green and Olympic red causing the sail to be more forgiving and allowing less precise steering.

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After sailing Optimist, Laser Radial and 470, Pim got into coaching as a coach for the Dutch National Optimist team in 2007. After a year of both coaching and sailing he started as a full time coach and became the head coach for the Dutch National Optimist team. Since Pim has been involved with the Dutch Optimist program, the Netherlands has been consistently in the top-6 ranked countries in the World, and have achieved several medals at Optimist Europeans & Worlds.

