

2009 USODA Atlantic Coast Championship
October 3-4, 2009
Hosted by Larchmont Yacht Club
NOTICE OF RACE

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 89.2.)

The regatta will be organized by the Larchmont Yacht Club in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA").

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 1.3. Racing rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - a RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the sailing instructions and this notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply. "
 - b RRS 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.
 - c RRS 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform a race committee finish or measurement boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
 - d Appendix P, "Special Procedures for Rule 42", will apply. Appendix P P2.1 will be replaced with: "When a boat is first penalized under instruction P1 her penalty will be: (a) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing: a two-turns penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing. (b) if her penalty is signaled after she finishes: ten (10) points added to her score for that race."

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.
- 2.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta.
- 2.3. Competitors will have been born on or after January 1, 1994.
- 2.4. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA or IODA. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership.

3. Registration; Entry Fees

- 3.1. The Registration fee is \$100. Registration shall be done online only. Competitors shall have completed all parts of the online registration form together with all fees paid, by 6pm on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. An additional late entry fee of US \$50 shall be paid for registrations completed after September 15, 2009 thru September 22, 2009 or an additional late entry fee of US \$75 shall be paid for late registrations completed after September 22, 2009 through 6 pm, September 29, 2009.

3.2. The competitor shall confirm that the competitor is registered by checking the registration list on the USODA's web site. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of his or her registration.

3.3. Registration will be closed 6 pm on September 29, 2009.

4. Format of the Regatta

4.1. There will be a Championship fleet. There will be a Green fleet.

4.2. Both fleets will race Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 2009.

4.3. Depending on the number of boats, the Championship fleet may be divided into divisions, and if so, the Championship fleet will race in "Sets" of races. A "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions compete. Competitors will be assigned a division color each day and competitors will race that day only against competitors in the same color division.

4.4. The assignment to divisions for the first day of racing will be made on a random basis.

4.5. At the end of the first day of racing, competitors will be assigned to divisions on the basis of the cumulative preliminary results for that day, regardless of any pending protests or requests for redress, with a system like 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, depending on the number of divisions.

4.6. The race committee will run as many Sets of races as practical each day.

5. Schedule

Friday, October 2, 2009

1600-2000	Check in
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Saturday, October 3, 2009

0800-0900	Check in
0900	Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
0915	Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)
1000	Harbor Start
1100	First Warning Championship Fleet

Sunday, October 4, 2009

0830	Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
0845	Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)
0900	Harbor Start
1000	First Warning Championship Fleet
1530	No first Warning Signal for the start of a new "set" after this time
After Racing	Awards ceremony

The Green Fleet sailors' schedule will be the same through the competitors' meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.

6. Measurement

6.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.

- 6.2. A boat shall not be entered until it has been measured, and each boat shall pass a safety check prior to launching.
- 6.3. Equipment and/or sails previously measured and stickered or stamped pursuant to the USODA measurement process that remains unaltered since the measurement may be checked and re-measured during the registration. Each competitor will be required to sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured.
- 6.4. Equipment and sails not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta.
- 6.5. The Race and or Protest Committee may measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

7. Sailing Instructions

Preliminary sailing instructions may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

8. Venue

The racing area will be on Long Island Sound near the Larchmont Yacht Club.

9. The Courses

The courses will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Penalty System

The penalties for upheld breaches of certain sailing instructions shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions may be greater, up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. The number of Sets of races to be sailed will depend on the number of divisions and the weather conditions.
- 11.3. A Set is completed when all divisions have completed a scored race.
- 11.4. One completed Set will constitute a regatta.
- 11.5. When fewer than six (6) Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. Subject to rule 90.3(b), when from six (6) to ten (10) Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score and when eleven (11) or more Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, a boat's scores from races in an incomplete Set(s) will not be counted. This changes rule A2.

12. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line

- 12.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and it's US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 12.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

12.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

13. Safety and Adult Responsibility

13.1. An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

13.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

13.3. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

14. Support boats

14.1. One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats.)

14.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a number supplied by the Race Committee that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.

14.3. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall:	1 st through 10 th
Red Fleet:	1 st through 10 th
Blue Fleet:	1 st through 10 th
White Fleet:	1 st through 10 th
Top girl:	1 st through 5 th

Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

16. Team Trials Qualification

This regatta is a 2010 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of team trials eligible competitors as defined by the USODA registered in both the Championship and Green Fleets based on the final results may receive invitations to compete in the 2010 USODA Team Trials.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

19. Further Information

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