

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB

One Hundred Eleventh Race Week

NOTICE OF REGATTA

OPTIMIST OPEN

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*, the current rules of the JSA of LIS and the USODA class rules. Each skipper must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times while on or near the water. Each boat must carry the safety equipment specified by the JSA and the USODA. Part 5, Section B is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of the rules of Part 2.

2 ELIGIBILITY

All skippers shall be at least 9 years old on or by December 31, 2009 and be no older than 15 years of age as of July 16, 2009. An instructor or a committee chairperson of a Club's Junior Sailing Program must certify that all skippers from that Club participating in this regatta are competent to compete. Competency shall be defined as the ability of each entrant to rig his/her own Optimist and to steer on all points of sail. Each entrant must have previously completed a race, participated in capsizing drills, and be familiar with regatta safety procedures.

3 ENTRIES

3.1 [Eligible boats must submit both entries and JSA waivers using the JSA online regatta registration at jsalis.org.](http://jsalis.org) Entries are not considered complete until all information on both forms is completed.

Entries and completed JSA Standardized Waiver and Medical Form for each participant are due no later than **1700 Thursday, July 9, 2009.**

3.2 The entry fee is \$50.00 per sailor. **Fees will be billed to each club** based upon the actual number of participants confirmed by registration the day of the regatta. Checks should not be submitted by each club in advance.

3.3 Mrs. Kristine Budhill should be contacted with any questions regarding entries, changes and waivers at 914-833-0796

3.4 The Larchmont Yacht Club reserves the right to limit this regatta to a maximum of 200 boats, on a first completed entry basis.

4 REGISTRATION & INSPECTION

4.1 Each participant must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period to verify his/her name, birthday and sail number.

4.2 Each skipper must collect, in person, his/her streamer when checking in at the registration table. No streamers will be handed out after the skippers' meeting. Instructors may **not** collect streamers for their sailors. All competitors must first complete a Boat Safety Inspection. No competitor will be issued a streamer at registration without the completed Boat Safety Inspection Form.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

09:30- 10:45	Registration & Inspection: boats arrive, register, get inspected and launch
11:00	Skippers' Meeting in the Pandemonium
11:15	Instructors' Meeting
11:30	Harbor Start
12:15	First Warning
1700*	Prizes and refreshments (*approximate)

6 RESCHEDULING

In the event no races are completed on Thursday, July 16 the regatta will not be rescheduled.

7 DIVISIONS

7.1 Each competitor will be assigned to a division by age:

RED Ages 13 through 15

BLUE Ages 11 through 12

WHITE Age 10 and under, but must be age 9 by 12/31/09

7.2 Based on the number of entrants each division may be split into subdivisions by the Race committee. Each division/subdivision will be assigned a specific color streamer at registration.

8 RACING AREAS

The racing area for the red and blue divisions will be just to the east of the Larchmont breakwater. The racing area for the white division will be in the vicinity of Bell #1 off Larchmont Harbor.

9 SAIL NUMBERS

Numbers must be complete and clearly visible from both sides of the sail. Any boat with an incorrect or illegible sail number may not be scored.

10 EQUIPMENT

All boats must meet the safety equipment requirements as set forth by the USODA and the JSA of LIS.

11 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All competitors and instructors must have and wear a USCG approved, non-inflatable, life jacket. Each club is expected to send a support boat equipped with a VHF 2-way radio and a qualified operator suitable for racecourse safety patrol. (It is recommended to have one instructor boat for every 10 sailors) Safety patrol assignments will be made at the instructors' meeting immediately following the skippers' meeting.

12 SCORING

A maximum of eight races is scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If fewer than five races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her series score. If five or more races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, subject to rule 90.3(b).

13 PRIZES

First place prizes will be awarded for divisions with 2 or more starters; second place for divisions with 5 or more; third place for divisions with 10 or more and an additional place prize for every additional 10 starters. The William G. LeBoutillier Trophy will be awarded for the best overall performance as judged by the regatta committee.

14 NO COACHING

During a race, there will be no coaching of any competitor by a parent, sailing instructor or other person not racing. Breaking this rule will result in the race committee initiating action under rule 60.

15 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

15.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Larchmont Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

15.2 The Larchmont Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she

may have against the Larchmont Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Larchmont Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Larchmont Yacht Club, 1 Woodbine Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538. Telephone 914-834-2440. Jr. Sailing Fax: 914-468-7752)CP) Website: HYPERLINK "http://www.larchmontyc.org" www.larchmontyc.org.

Regatta Committee	Jed Kelly Chairman
Principal Race Officers	Charlie Ulmer and David V. Smalley
Protest Committee	Mary M. Savage, Chairman
Junior Sailing Committee	Suzanne Schlegel and Merrill Ulmer, Co-Chairmen
Event Chairman	Kristen Budill