



OPTIMIST SPRING SERIES Harken Challenge #1

Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4, 2012
Marina del Rey, California USA



HARKEN

NOTICE OF RACE

The Optimist Spring Series, Harken Challenge #1 will be hosted by California Yacht Club (CYC) on Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4, 2012. CYC is located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Information about CYC and this regatta is available at www.cal yachtclub.com or at 310.823.4567.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the 2011 International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority (OA) is CYC.
- 1.4 In addition to the requirements of RRS 40 and its US SAILING Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, 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. Violation of this provision will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 1.5 US SAILING Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.6 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for filing requests for redress and requests to reopen a hearing. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed to provide that a boat that starts more than five (5) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 1.8 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."
- 1.9 RRS 82 will not apply.
- 1.10 RRS Appendix A2 has been changed so that when fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to International Optimist Dinghy class boats.
- 2.2 All competitors must have been born on or after January 1, 1996.
- 2.3 Each boat must be entered by an individual who is a member of (1) a yacht club or sailing association that is a member of US SAILING (or their own National Authority) and (2) the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (or their respective national Optimist Dinghy Association).
- 2.4 Each entrant shall have their parent or guardian complete all parts of the online registration process and pay all fees prior to 1700 hours on Friday, March 2, 2012. Entries may be accepted after that with consent of the Regatta Chairman; a Late Charge will apply.
- 2.5 Each competitor must submit a completed CYC Parental Consent Form, signed by their parent or guardian, no later than 1000 hours on Saturday, March 3, 2012. This shall be mailed or delivered to:
California Yacht Club
AttN: Harken Series #1
4469 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292 USA
- 2.6 Only boats that have completed check-in by 1000 hours on Saturday, March 3, 2012 will be eligible to race. Late check-in may be allowed only with the prior approval of the Regatta Chairman.

3. CHECK-IN

- 3.1 All competitors must check-in between 0800 and 1000 hours on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at CYC on the Pool Patio.
- 3.2 Check-in includes completing the online registration process and paying all fees, plus submission of a completed CYC Parental Consent Form, signed by a parent or guardian.

4. FEES

The entry fee is \$45 which includes: lunch and bottled water for competitors each race day and complimentary refreshments after racing each day. The Late Charge is \$10.

5. REGATTA FORMAT

There will be a Championship fleet and a Green fleet. Championship Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta.

6. SCHEDULE

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.

Friday	March 2	1700 hrs	Online registration deadline
Saturday	March 3	0800 – 0930 hrs	Check-in
		0930 hrs	Competitors' Meeting
		0945 hrs	Coach/Support Boat registration and briefing
		1200 hrs	Warning Signal for 1 st race of the day (subsequent races to start ASAP)
Sunday	March 4	1200 hrs	Warning Signal for 1 st race of the day (subsequent races to start ASAP)
		After Racing	Awards presentation and complimentary refreshments

Eight (8) races are scheduled. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer or additional races. There will be an on-the-water lunch break between races both days.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted at www.calyachtclub.com by Wednesday, February 29, 2012 and will be available at check-in.

8. VENUE

Championship Fleet (Red, Blue, and White Fleets): The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay approximately one (1) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

Green Fleet: A racing clinic will be conducted inside Marina del Rey Harbor adjacent to the CYC Guest Dock (F Basin).

9. THE COURSES

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

11. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

11.1 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

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

11.3 There will be a required check-out and check-in of the competitors at the launching dock for both days of the regatta.

12. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

12.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of 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.

12.2 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. Each competitor shall complete the CYC Parental Consent Form which indicates the parent or adult representative who will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

12.3 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.

13. COACH / SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Only coach/support boats that have registered with the RC and prominently display identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of \$20 required for each identification flag.
- 13.2 All coach/support boats must carry and monitor a VHF radio and check-in with the RC at the starting area via VHF radio. All individuals on such registered boats are required to wear PFD's.
- 13.3 The conduct of registered coach/support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.4 Competitors who wish to keep coach/support boats at CYC must make arrangements with the Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. Contact CYC Dockmaster Ty Olsen at ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net or at 310.823.4567.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday to the first through third place boat in the Red, Blue and White Fleets.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chairman. For further information, please contact Carrie Dair at carrie.dair@calyachtclub.net or 310 822 1908.

Hospitality. Competitors and their guests are invited to use the club facilities on race days. Complimentary refreshments will be provided following racing each day. Lunch will be provided for competitors.

Boat Launching. Competitors are invited to utilize the hoists and dinghy dock at CYC during the regatta. For information and arrangements regarding boat storage immediately preceding and following the regatta contact CYC Dockmaster Ty Olsen at ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net or 310.823.4567.