

# ***2012 OPTIMIST Mid-Winter Championship***

***February 11-12, 2012***

***Hosted by the Los Angeles Yacht Club***

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

**January, 2012**

This regatta will be organized by the Los Angeles Yacht Club.

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* [and “Conditions for USODA Events” which can be found at [www.usoda.org/](http://www.usoda.org/)].
- 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 boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.

### **2. Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration and paying all entry fees.
- 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, 1997.
- 2.4. All competitors are strongly encouraged to be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA or IODA. Membership with USODA can be achieved at: [www.usoda.org/](http://www.usoda.org/).

### **3. Registration and Entry Fee**

4. The Registration fee is \$45 if paid before 08:30 on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration fees paid later, and on Saturday, will be \$55. Online payment is encouraged, and available at: <http://layc.org/tp42/application.asp?app=Store01&id=126710>. Cash, check or CC payments will be accepted during Saturday's registration. Registration will also include completing the registration form and submission of the Waiver and Medical forms.

## 5. Format of the Regatta

5.1. There will be separate Championship and Green Fleets. Each fleet will have its own racing area and courses.

## 6. Schedule

### *Saturday, February 11*

0830-1000	Check in.
1000	Championship Fleet Skippers Meeting (Mandatory).
1015	Green Fleet Skippers Meeting (Mandatory).
1100	Championship and Green Fleets first race followed by subsequent races as conditions allow. An on the water lunch will be provided.
1530	Return to club for dinner. A party is planned, to which all racers and their families are cordially invited. This is a separate event with a nominal additional charge. Please see related flyer. It will be fun!

### *Sunday, February 12*

1000	Optional Skippers Meeting.
1100	First race both fleets. Again, we will provide lunch on the water.
1530	Return to club for hospitality and trophies.

## 7. Measurement

7.1. No measurement procedures will be required for this regatta.

## 8. Sailing Instructions

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

9. **Venue** The Championship racing area will be inside or outside the upper breakwater of Los Angeles Harbor in the vicinity of Cabrillo Beach. Exact location will be determined and announced the day of racing. The Green fleet course area is north of the public launch ramp, and provides reasonable viewing from nearby shore areas.

## 10. The Courses

The courses will consist of combinations of W-L-F or W-R-L-F. Course descriptions will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

## 11. Penalty System

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

## 12. Scoring

12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

12.2. The number of races sailed may depend on the weather or other unforeseen conditions.

12.3. Two completed races will constitute a regatta.

### **13. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line**

- 13.1. Each competitor shall wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear the PFD will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee
- 13.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 13.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line. Otherwise, the bow line shall be free of extra knots. The bow line shall be adequate for towing as is the custom in this class.

### **14. Safety and Adult Responsibility**

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. Competitor boats will be scrutinized for a safety check prior to leaving the rigging area. See attached listing of the required safety items.
- 14.5. All coaches and support personnel shall wear approved PFD's while on the water during this regatta.

### **15. Support boats**

- 15.1. All coach boats shall register with the Race Committee. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio.
- 15.2. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

### **16. Prizes and Hospitality**

Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each of the Championship Fleets, plus three perpetual trophies for Top Boy, Top Girl, and Top LAYC Junior. These trophies originated in the club many decades ago and carry significant history. The winners name and year will be engraved on each perpetual trophy. Participation Awards will be given in the Green Fleet. Additional awards and prizes may be presented, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

The Los Angeles Yacht Club will provide lunch for racers during both days of racing. Lunch for non racers may be available for purchase in the dining room during both race days if sufficient interest is shown. Please inquire with our club manager prior to the event if you are interested in this lunch availability. The club bar will have hours of operation both days. Prior to the regatta, the club will be open for Friday evening dinner with a grill menu and format. Racers and their families are warmly invited to the club for Friday dinner. Saturday evening is a social event. All racers and their families are again encouraged to join into the fun, dinner, and entertainment planned for Saturday afternoon and evening. This will be an additional event with separate flyer and charges, but lots of fun.

### **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.

**18. Hotel accommodations**

The Double Tree Hotel is located directly adjacent to LAYC and has a yacht club rate available. If interested, you may contact the hotel at: [http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en\\_US/dt/hotel/LGBSPDT-Doubletree-Hotel-San-Pedro-California/index.do](http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/LGBSPDT-Doubletree-Hotel-San-Pedro-California/index.do).

Ask for the hotel yacht club rate if enquiring about a room.

**19. Further Information**

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# 2012 LAYC Optimist Mid-Winter Safety Checklist

Sailor \_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_ Safety Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_

## SAILOR:

- Water bottle (water provided during regatta).
- US Coast Guard Approved PFD.
- No rips, tears, worn or threadbare fabric. Good to excellent condition.
- Whistle (pea-less type preferred) attached to life jacket w/ lanyard.

*Strongly recommended: sunscreen, hat, polarized sunglasses, dress for conditions (and a smile!)*

## BOAT:

- 3 properly inflated flotation.
- External flotation bags each have three straps securely fastened to hull. (Pre-IOD95 and wooden Optimis may substitute a piece of line tied between the outer two straps in lieu of a center strap.)
- Mast tie-in system or locking collar.
- Bailer, at least one – 1 liter size, durable, with lanyard.
  - *Strongly recommended: two rigid 1 gallon bailers w/ lanyards.*
- Bow line, positive flotation (polyethylene not acceptable... won't hold knots well), at least 1/4" (5mm) diam., 26'-28' length, ABSOLUTELY NO KNOTS except for attachment to mast step or thwart and bowline (of about 6" diam.) in running end. Must NOT be lead through bow drain hole (causes chafe).
  - *Skipper should demonstrate proper, safe stowage of painter. (coiled and rolled, no locking hitches, stuffed under bow rail).*
- Dagger board secured to boat with a lanyard. Rudder retaining clip.
- Praddel or paddle (USODA has not been enforcing this, but it is a strongly advised safety item!).

## RIGGING:

- Mast must have signs of positive flotation, ie- plugs in each end, or plug in bottom and cork in top. All 3 spars should be able to float.
- Boom bridle less than 10cm (4") at widest point from boom.
  - *Boom bridle preventer recommended.*
- Bridle/mainsheet connection. Must be a shackle-type device capable of easy/quick disconnect (screw pins or tying with line is not acceptable). MUST NOT BE SELF OPENING OR ABLE TO SNAG CLOTHING, LIFEJACKET OR TOWLINE. Stopper knot in end of sheet.

## SAILS:

- Unique sail number, clearly legible from committee boat.

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( ) **VIOLATION:** The above named sailor is not in compliance with the minimum safety standards required to compete at this event. The competitor is denied permission to compete or leave the launching area. Compliance with the above minimum safety standards must be demonstrated to the Safety Officer before permission will be granted.

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