



2017 KO Sailing/USODA TEAM TRIALS

May 11-14

Measurement - May 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th (see 6.4 Schedule)

Full Sail Measurement (for Certificate but not required) May 8th by appointment ONLY

Hosted by Brant Beach Yacht Club & Brant Beach Sailing Foundation
Long Beach Township, NJ

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta is organized by Brant Beach Yacht Club (BBYC) and Brant Beach Sailing Foundation (BBSF) 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 USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships and the USODA Code of Conduct will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors, Coaches, Parents, Guardians shall abide by the USODA Code of Conduct. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, BBYC, and Long Beach Township.
- 1.3 Rule 61 will be changed as follows:
 - a. The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor's lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before it is needed and after the protested boat has acknowledged her foul.
 - b. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - c. The following new rule is added to rule 61:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area in which she is involved or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the RC measurement boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she intends to protest.

- 1.4 Appendix P will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is restricted per World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).



3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing the Measurement Form and the Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist.
- 3.2 Competitors shall be current members of the USODA and be born on or after January 1, 2002.
- 3.3 The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta, May 11, 2017.
- 3.4 Competitors shall be "Team Trials Qualified" as defined by the USODA or invited by the USODA President.

4 REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 All entry fees shall be paid at the time of online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a. The entry fee is \$210.00 if paid by April 3, 2017.
 - b. A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$235 total) shall be paid for registrations completed April 4 through April 10.
 - c. An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$260) shall be paid for registrations completed April 11 through 1200 hours EDT April 17, 2017.
- 4.2 Registration shall be done online at www.usoda.org in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including completion of the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the event. Each competitor shall confirm their registration by checking the online entry list on the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply. **Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3 Registration will be closed on April 17, 2017 at 1200 hours EDT.
- 4.4 Registration requests after registration has closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5 FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1 The intention is that the Team Trials Championship Series will have a three-day Qualifying Round followed by a one-day Final Round. The duration and specific parameters of each Round will be fully described in the sailing instructions.
- 5.2 There will be one fleet divided into divisions. The assignment to divisions for the first day of racing will be based on the order of finish for those competitors who attended the 2016 USODA Midwinter Championship. All remaining assignments will be made on a random basis.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Sailors and Teams wishing to arrive early are welcome at Brant Beach Yacht Club as early as 1200 hours EDT, May 5, 2017. Sailors and Teams wishing to arrive earlier shall make their own arrangements for water access and boat storage. Please contact the Regatta Chair for more information. See Notice of Race (NOR) 20.
- 6.2 Continental breakfast, 'make your own' lunches, and hot snacks will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.



6.3 Each Sailor shall be present at check-in. The Measurement Form and Self-Certification Safety Checklist are required to complete check-in.

6.4 Program and Schedule:

Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7

0900-1200 Measurement & Check-in
1600-1800 Measurement & Check-in

Monday, May 8

0900-1200 Full Sail Measurement by Appointment ONLY

Tuesday, May 9

0900-1200 Measurement & Check-in
1800 Dinner with guest speaker

Wednesday, May 10

1000-1100 USODA International Teams & USNTDT Presentation
0900-1800 Measurement & Check-in

Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13

0730-0830 Continental Breakfast
0815 Coaches Meeting
0830 Skippers, Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
0900 Harbor Start
1000 First Warning
Lunch on the water
After Racing Hot Snacks

Sunday, May 14

0630-0800 Continental Breakfast
0745 Coaches Meeting
0800 Skippers, Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
0830 Harbor Start
0930 First Warning
Lunch on the water
1430 No first warning signal for a set of races after this time
After racing BBQ & Awards ceremony

6.5 Twelve (12) “Sets” of races are scheduled. Three (3) “Sets” of races are scheduled for each day of racing. If the regatta becomes behind schedule, extra “Sets” of races to a maximum of five (5) “Sets” of races may be sailed in a single day. If the regatta is on schedule one (1) extra “Set” of races per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta does not become more than one (1) “Set” of races ahead of schedule.



7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Any request to consider approving equipment substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) before the end of protest time limit the day prior to the day for which substitution is to be made. If changes are required during a day's racing, approval may be made verbally and the written request submitted before the day's protest time limit.
- 7.2 Each competitor shall submit a Measurement Form during the regatta site check-in. This form shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in compliance with Class Rules.
- 7.3 **Equipment** previously measured and stickered with a USODA measurement decal or stamped with an IODA measurement decal pursuant to the USODA measurement process which remains unaltered since the measurement may be self-certified as part of the measurement process. Each competitor shall sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment has not been modified since the date it was measured.
- 7.4 **All sails** shall be removed from the boom for inspection and stamped by a Measurement Official with the 2017 USODA Team Trials signature regardless of previous regatta stamps or signatures.
- 7.5 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 7.6 The race and/or protest committee reserves the right to measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.
- 7.7 Equipment not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet Class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta and shall be measured and approved during Measurement.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions may be available online. Final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

9 VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1 The racing area will be west of the BBYC on Little Egg Harbor Bay.
- 9.2 All Optimist boats shall be kept at BBYC in the assigned area.

10 THE COURSE

The course will be defined and diagrammed in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Pending approval from U.S. Sailing, in accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final.
- 11.2 The penalties for upheld breaches of certain sailing instructions and for measurement infractions 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.



12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply as revised by the sailing instructions which will specify the scoring for Qualifying and Final Rounds; the Team Trials; and the Age Group (Red, Blue, and White) Series.
- 12.2 Race scores are based on the number of registered boats in the largest division. This changes rules 44.3(c) and A4.2.
- 12.3 The number of boats entered in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor check-in at the regatta venue. See NOR 6.3. This modifies rule A4.2 and applies to fleet divisions.
- 12.4 A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. One completed “Set” of races in the Qualifying Round will constitute the Team Trials Series and Age Group Series.
- 12.5 When fewer than 5 “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.6 When 5 or more “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 LIFEJACKET, WHISTLE, AND BOW LINE

- 13.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its U.S. Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not satisfy this requirement. Inflatable lifejackets may not be worn.
- 13.2 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to his or her lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 13.3 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

14 SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1 Each competitor shall submit a completed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site check-in. This checklist shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 14.2 In addition to the requirements of rule 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor(s). It is the responsibility 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.
- 14.3 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 that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 14.4 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.



15 COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a coach or support boat on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 15.2 One coach boat for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eight sailors would be allowed two coach boats.) Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by May 6, 2017 and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.
- 15.3 All coach, support, and spectator boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the OA and which must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water (\$20 deposit). Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.4 The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the sailing instructions.

16 PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the top 10 overall finishers, the top 5 finishers in each age group fleet, and the top 3 female finishers in the Gold Fleet contingent upon the Qualifying Round completion; and awards will be presented to the top 5 overall finishers in the Silver Fleet. Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of The Brant Beach Yacht Club and USODA, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta results.

17 SUMMER INTERNATIONAL TEAM QUALIFICATION

- 17.1 Qualification for summer international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted on the USODA web page at www.usoda.org. In order to be eligible for international team selection, required paperwork shall be completed, notarized, submitted and received by the deadline. In the event of a tie that cannot be resolved by use of the rules governing this event, the matter shall be decided by a game of chance supervised by the PRO.
- 17.2 In the event no races are completed at the 2017 USODA Team Trials or if the Executive Committee of the USODA Board of Directors concludes prior to the start of the first race that a substantial percentage of the registered sailors cannot attend or otherwise participate in the regatta for reasons beyond the control of Brant Beach Yacht Club, the USODA or the registered sailors, then the order of selection (with 1st place to receive the 1st invitation, etc.) of those sailors from the 2016 USODA Midwinter Championship:
 - a. who are current members of USODA,
 - b. who registered for the 2017 USODA Team Trials, and
 - c. whose age permits them to sail in USODA events in the same year as the events for which teams that are being selected are to occur,

shall serve as the basis for selecting the individuals to be invited to join the USODA teams otherwise to be selected on the basis of the results of the 2017 USODA Team Trials.



18 U.S. NATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM INVITATION

Invitations to the U.S. National and Development Teams will be in accordance with the criteria established by the USODA and posted on the USNT/DT web page at www.usoda.org.

19 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. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Registration - USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org

Regatta Chairs - Dave Coward, davcow4@comcast.net, (609) 661-4492
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Event Facebook Page – <https://www.facebook.com/USODA-Team-Trials-295628520777847/>

BBYC Website – <http://www.bbyc.net/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/USOptiSailing>

Event Website – www.teamtrials2017.com

Accommodations, charters, and more information are available on the event website.