



2018 Optimist Pacific Coast Championship

September 7-9

(Race Days: September 8-9)

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Long Beach, CA USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be organized by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA"), collectively known as the organizing authority.

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" will apply and can be found at www.usoda.org.
- 1.3. The following applies to RRS 61:
 - a) The third sentence of RRS 61.1(a) is changed to read, "The flag need not be displayed until she is no longer racing."
 - b) RRS 61.1(a)(2) shall not apply. She shall conspicuously display a red flag. The flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or personal flotation device and capable of being concealed and being conspicuously displayed at arm's length.
 - c) The following new rule is added:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee

In addition to meeting the requirements of RRS 61.1, a boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply as changed by the sailing instructions.
- 1.5. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country), except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Inflatable PFDs are not permitted. This rule applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.6. In all rules governing this championship.
 - a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.
 - b) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - c) [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.



2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted in accordance with IODA Class rule 2.8.1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees and completing the [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#) and the [USODA Sailor Code of Conduct](#).
- 3.3. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, September 8, 2018.
- 3.4. All competitors shall be members of their respective National Class Association (NCA), such as the USODA, and have been born on or after January 1, 2003. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Competitors who are not USODA members are invited to join the USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs need to email usoda@usoda.org for login ID and password.
- 3.5. Registration must be done on-line 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 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 in NoR 4 will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 3.6. Registration will be closed Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 12:00 PM PDT.
- 3.7. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

4. FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$110 if paid by August 22, 2018.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$135 total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 23, 2018 through August 29, 2018.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$160 total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 30, 2018 through 12:00 PM PDT September 5, 2018.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

The Championship fleet will race as a single division. There will be a Green Fleet if at least five (5) boats are registered. The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at Check-In. An executed [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#) and [USODA Sailor Code of Conduct](#) are required to complete Check-In.
- 6.2. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.



6.3. Program and Schedule

Friday, September 7

1500-1800 Competitor Check-In and Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Flag Registration

Saturday, September 8

0900-1030 Competitor Check-In and Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Flag Registration
Continental Breakfast

1015 Coaches' Meeting

1030 Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting

1100 Harbor Start

1200 First Warning Signal

Lunch on the water

1800 Competitors' Dinner at ABYC

Sunday, September 9

0900-1030 Continental Breakfast

1015 Coaches' Meeting

1100 Harbor Start

1200 First Warning Signal

Lunch on the water

1530 No First Warning Signal for a race 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.

6.4. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet. The Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available electronically on the USODA website. A printed copy will be posted on the official notice board.

8. VENUE

8.1. The racing area for the Championship Fleet will be in Long Beach Harbor for the Championship Fleet and inside Alamitos Bay for the Green Fleet.

9. THE COURSE

The courses to be sailed will be included in the sailing instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1. 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 as referenced in NOR 6.1. This change is added as the first sentence to RRS A2 and A4.2.

10.2. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.



10.3. Championship fleet scoring:

- a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4. Green Fleet will not be scored, although race finishes and progress may be recorded.

11. SAFETY

11.1. Each competitor shall submit a completed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site Check-In. This checklist shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.

11.2. Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.

11.3. IODA Class Rule 4.2 requires that each competitor shall have "A whistle attached to their personal flotation device at all times while on the water." [SP]

11.4. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the 8m (26ft 3in) painter. [SP] [DP]

12. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

12.1. In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. 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.

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.

12.3. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

12.4. 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.

13. SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS

13.1. The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the regatta.

13.2. One coach vessel for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach vessels.) [DP]

13.3. All support vessels shall register during Check-In hours (see NoR 6.3) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority while on the water. A \$20 security deposit will be required which will be returned at the end of the event with the return of the flag.

13.4. Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.

13.5. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support vessels, and all other vessels will be governed by the SI and RRS.

14. BERTHING

14.1. Boats shall be kept in the assigned area while they are in ABYC yard. [SP]



15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Championship Fleet (depth will increase if over 80 competitors are registered by 1st deadline)

Overall: 1st through 5th

Red Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Blue Fleet: 1st through 3rd

White Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Top girl: 1st through 3rd

Green Fleet - Participation awards for all green fleet competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

16. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2019 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event.

The top 25% of Championship Fleet (based upon the total number of boats registered in both the Championship Fleet and Green Fleets) will receive invitations to compete in the 2019 Optimist Team Trials. In the case where competitors in the top 25% are not team trials eligible, additional competitors will be invited. In case of series-ties for the last qualifying place, all tied competitors shall receive invitations.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 17.2. The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the ABYC and USODA, and all those involved in these organizations 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 3.2.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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