



2018 Optimist Team Trials

April 26-29

MANDATORY Measurement – April 21, 22, 24, 25 (see NOR 6.3 Schedule)

Full Sail Measurement (for Certificate but not required) April 23rd by appointment ONLY

Hosted by Key Biscayne Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be organized by Key Biscayne Yacht Club (KBYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the “USODA”), *collectively* known as the organizing authority (OA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 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) RRS 61.1(a) is changed to add that the red protest flag required in RRS 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. The third sentence of RRS 61.1(a) is changed to read, “She shall display the flag until the protested boat(s) has been informed.”
 - (b) RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - (c) The following new rule is added:

“61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

In addition to meeting the requirements of RRS 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in 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 is protesting.”
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply.
- 1.5. 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. All lifejackets must be suitable for the competitor’s weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to an including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.



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 OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees, and completing the USODA Measurement Form, USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist and Sailor Code of Conduct.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta April 26, 2018.
- 3.3. Competitors shall be members of the USODA and be born on or after January 1, 2003.
- 3.4. Competitors must be "Team Trials Qualified" as defined by the USODA.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$215 if paid by March 19, 2018.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$240 total) shall be paid for registrations completed March 20, 2018 through March 26, 2018.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$265 total) shall be paid for registrations completed March 27, 2018 through 12:00 PM EDT April 2, 2018.
- 4.2. 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 described above will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed Monday, April 2, 2018 at 12:00 PM EDT.
- 4.4. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1. The intention is that the Team Trials 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 2017 USODA Southeast Championship. All remaining assignments will be determined by the Scorer.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at Check-In. The USODA Measurement Form, USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist, and 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

Saturday-Sunday, April 21-22

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

Monday, April 23

0900-1200 Full Sail Measurement by Appointment only. This is NOT measurement for Team Trials, but for sailors who do not have a sail certificate, and who may need one for an international event. Please contact Beth Danilek at measurement@usoda.org with any questions.

Tuesday, April 24

0900-1200 Measurement & Check-In
Support (Coach/Spectator) Boat Flag Registration
1800 Regatta Dinner with guest speaker

Wednesday, April 25

1000-1100 USODA International Teams & USNTDT Presentation
0900-1800 Measurement & Check-In
Support (Coach/Spectator) Boat Flag Registration

Thursday, April 26

0730-0830 Continental Breakfast
0815 Coaches' Meeting
0830 Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting
0900 Harbor Start
1000 First Warning
Lunch on the water
After Racing Snacks

Friday-Saturday, April 27-28

0730-0830 Continental Breakfast
0830 Coaches' Meeting
0900 Harbor Start
1000 First Warning
Lunch on the water
After Racing Snacks

Sunday, April 29

0700-0800 Continental Breakfast
0800 Coaches' Meeting
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



- 6.4. Twelve (12) races are scheduled. Three (3) “Sets” of races are scheduled for each day of racing, however, up to four (4) “Sets” of races may be sailed in one day providing the championship never gets more than one race 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. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the written or verbal approval of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 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. **All equipment** shall meet Class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta and shall be measured and approved during Measurement.
- 7.4. **All sails shall be removed from the boom for inspection**, and stamped by a Technical Committee (Measurement) Official (TCO) with the 2018 Team Trials signature regardless of previous regatta stamps or signatures.
- 7.5. The race and/or protest committee reserves the right to inspect or measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions (SI) may be available online. Final official SI will be available onsite at Check-In upon request and on the USODA website.

9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be on either side of the Intercoastal Waterway on Biscayne Bay.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept in the assigned area located at the KBYC.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the SI.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. *Pending U.S. Sailing Approval* - In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. If the requirements shown on <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/new-no-appeals-page/> are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.
- 11.2. The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the SI.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply as revised by the SI which will specify the scoring for Qualifying and Final Rounds; the Team Trials Series; 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 RRS 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 as referenced in NOR 6.1. This change is added as the first sentence to RRS A2 and 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. Scoring based on number of “Sets” of races completed:
- When fewer than five (5) “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - When five (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. SAFETY

- 13.1. Each competitor shall submit a completed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist during regatta Check-In. This checklist shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 13.2. Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 13.3. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 13.4. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

14. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1. 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.
- 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.
- 14.3. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 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. SUPPORT (COACH / SPECTATOR) BOATS

- 15.1. The OA strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) 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 (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach boats.) Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by April 9, 2018 and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.
- 15.3. All support boats shall register during specified Support Boat Flag Registration Check-In hours (see NOR 6.3) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the OA 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.



- 15.4. Each support boat 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.
- 15.5. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats will be governed by the SI and RRS.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet

- Overall: 1st through 10th
- Girls: 1st through 3rd
- Red Fleet: 1st through 5th
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 5th
- White Fleet: 1st through 5th

Silver Fleet

- Overall: 1st through 5th

In the rare event the Qualifying Round is not completed or there are no races in the Final Round, prizes for the Team Trials will be based on a competitor's Qualifying Round score and will not be given for Silver Fleet.

Gary Sprague Cup: Overall Winner

Trevor Moore Memorial: Overall White Fleet Winner

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

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 Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 17.2. In the event no races are completed at the 2018 Optimist 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 Key Biscayne 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 2017 USODA Southeast Championship:
 - a. who are current members of USODA,
 - b. who registered for the 2018 Optimist 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 2018 Optimist Team Trials.



18. U.S. NATIONAL TEAM INVITATION

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

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 19.2. The OA including the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the KBYC 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 4.2.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org

USODA Chief Measurer (TC) – Beth Danilek, measurement@usoda.org

Regatta Chair: Jennifer Buttrick, jsbuttrick@bellsouth.net, 305-301-5396

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Event Website: www.kbyc.org

Facebook Page – <https://www.facebook.com/USODA-Team-Trials-295628520777847/>

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

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

OA- Organizing Authority

RC- Race Committee

SI- Sailing Instructions

NOR- Notice of Race