



2018 Valentine's Day Regatta

February 2-4

Hosted by St. Petersburg 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 St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) 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", including the USODA 'Code of Conduct', will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors and all *Support Persons*, as defined by RRS, 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, SPYC, St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC), and the City of St. Petersburg.
- 1.3. RRS 61 is changed as follows:
 - a) 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.
 - b) RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - c) The following new rule is added to RRS 61:

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 in which she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the RC finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she intends to protest.

- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, "Second Penalty" will be changed to, "Second and Subsequent Penalties". There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, "unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the RC finish boat that she is retiring". P2.3 will be deleted.
- 1.5. In addition to the requirements of RRS 40 and its U.S. Sailing prescriptions, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international competitors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding national authority, 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. This change RRS 40 and RRS Part 4 Preamble.

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 Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, February 3, 2018.
- 3.3. 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 OA 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.

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. \$110 if paid by January 16, 2018.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$135 total) shall be paid for registrations completed January 17, 2018 through January 23, 2018.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$ 25 (\$160 total) shall be paid for registrations completed January 24, 2018 through 12:00 PM EST, January 30, 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 Tuesday, January 30 at 12:00 PM EST.
- 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. There will be two fleets. The Gold Fleet for more experienced sailors and Silver Fleet for less experienced sailors. The Silver Fleet will have a 15-knot sustained wind-speed limit. **There will not be a Green Fleet.**



- 5.2. The Gold Fleet will be divided into divisions depending on the number of entries. 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 (also known as the Spring Team Qualifier). All remaining assignments will be made on a random basis.
- 5.3. The Gold Fleet will race in “Sets” of races. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at Check-In. The USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist is 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, February 2

1600-1900 Check-In for Competitors and Coach/Support Boat Flag Registration @ SPSC

Saturday, February 3

0730-0830 Check-In for Competitors, Coach/Support Boat Flag Registration, and Continental Breakfast @ SPSC Classroom – 1st floor
 0830 Coaches’ Meeting @ SPSC Flag Pole
 0845 Competitors’, Coaches’, and Parents’ Meeting @ SPSC Flag Pole
 0900 Harbor Start - Gold Fleet
 0930 Harbor Start - Silver Fleet
 1000 First Warning Signal - Gold Fleet
 1030 First Warning Signal - Silver Fleet
 Lunch on the Water
 1830 Competitor Dinner hosted by SPYC

Sunday, February 4

0700-0800 Continental Breakfast @ SPSC Classroom – 1st floor
 0800 Coaches’ Meeting @ SPSC Flag Pole
 0815 Harbor Start - Gold Fleet
 0845 Harbor Start - Silver Fleet
 0930 First Warning Signal - Gold Fleet
 0945 First Warning Signal - Silver Fleet
 Lunch on the Water
 1400 No first Warning Signal for a “Set” of races after this time
 After Racing Awards ceremony @ SPSC

- 6.4. Six (6) “Sets” of races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet. The Silver Fleet will sail as many races as practicable.



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. 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 and on the USODA website.

9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be on Tampa Bay.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC) on Demens Landing in the assigned area.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. There will be separate race areas and courses for the Gold and Silver Fleets.
- 10.2. The course will be included in the SI.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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.
- 12.2. 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 modifies RRS A4.2 and applies to fleet divisions.
- 12.3. Scoring will be based on the number of races for the Silver Fleet. One completed race shall constitute the regatta for the Silver Fleet.
- 12.4. Scoring will be based on the number of "Sets" of races completed for the Gold Fleet. One completed "Set" of races shall constitute the regatta for the Gold Fleet. See NOR 5.3.
- 12.5. The process for removing a worst score will be specified in the SI.

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. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS (PARENT OR SPECTATOR)

- 15.1. The OA strongly recommends that each sailor have a coach or support (parent 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 January 31st and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.
- 15.3. All coach and support (parent or spectator) boats shall register during Check-In hours (see NOR 6.3) and 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 coach and 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
Red Fleet: 1st through 10th
Blue Fleet: 1st through 10th
White Fleet: 1st through 10th
Top girl: 1st through 3rd
Jane Funsch Trophy

Silver Fleet

Overall: 1st through 10th
Red Fleet: 1st through 5th
Blue Fleet: 1st through 10th
White Fleet: 1st through 10th
Top girl: 1st through 3rd
Steve Pardee Trophy

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. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2018 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Gold Fleet team trials eligible competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Gold and Silver Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2018 USODA Team Trials.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Regatta Chair: Todd Fedyszyn, VdayRegatta@gmail.com

Early Arrival & Additional Information: Contact (727) 822-3113 or email VdayRegatta@gmail.com.

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Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/US-Opti-Sailing-138942536154313/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

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

LODGING

Please check the SPYC website, www.spyc.org for hotel and motel accommodations within walking distance of the Club and Sailing Center.

OPTI CHARTERS & VENDORS

Information available on SPYC Website, www.spyc.org.

POWERBOAT RENTALS

Tierra Verde Boat Rentals, www.tvboatrentals.com, 727-867-0077. Reduced rates if you mention it is for the Valentine's Day Regatta.

OA- Organizing Authority

RC- Race Committee

SI- Sailing Instructions