



# 2019 Optimist Valentine's Day Regatta

February 8-10

(Race Days: February 9-10)

St Petersburg Yacht Club  
St Petersburg, Florida 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 St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) 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](http://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 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, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply as changed by the sailing instructions.
- 1.5. A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), or for international or for international competitors only, an appropriately sized PFD/buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitors country of origin. International competitors may be required to self-certify their PFD/buoyancy aid meets the requirements of this section. All PFDs/buoyancy aids shall be properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved nor permitted as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result in a penalty up to and 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.



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, February 9, 2019.
- 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, 2004. 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](http://www.usoda.org). Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs need to email [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org) for login ID and password.
- 3.5. Registration must be done on-line at [www.usoda.org](http://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 Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 12:00 PM EST.
- 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](http://www.usoda.org).
  - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$110 if paid by January 22, 2019.
  - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$135 total) shall be paid for registrations completed January 23, 2019 through January 29, 2019.
  - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$160 total) shall be paid for registrations completed January 30, 2019 through 12:00 PM EST February 5, 2019.



**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 race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. If there are multiple divisions, the Gold Fleet will race in “Sets” of races. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions completed. The process for allocating boats to divisions and the format will be specified in the SI.

**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, February 8**

1600-1900 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag

**Saturday, February 9**

0730-0830 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag;  
Continental Breakfast

0830 Coaches’ Meeting  
 0845 Competitors’, Coaches’ and Parents’ Meeting  
 0900 Harbor Launch for Gold Fleet  
 0930 Harbor Launch for Silver Fleet  
 1000 First Warning Signal of the day for Gold Fleet  
 1030 First Warning Signal of the day for Silver Fleet  
 Lunch on the water  
 1830 Regatta Dinner

**Sunday, February 10**

0700-0800 Continental Breakfast  
 0800 Coaches’ Meeting  
 0815 Harbor Launch for Gold Fleet  
 0845 Harbor Launch for Silver Fleet  
 0930 First Warning Signal of the day for Gold Fleet  
 0945 First Warning Signal of the day for Silver Fleet  
 Lunch on the water  
 1400 No first Warning Signal for a “Set” of races after this time  
 After Racing Awards ceremony at SPSC

- 6.4. Six (6) “Sets” of races are scheduled for the Gold Fleet if they sail a multi-division regatta. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the Gold Fleet if they sail a single division regatta. The Silver 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

The racing area for the Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet will be on Tampa Bay.

## 9. THE COURSES

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

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the SI.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. One completed race or “Set” of races shall constitute the regatta.
- 11.3. Scoring will be based on races or “Sets” of races completed:
  - a) When fewer than five (5) races or “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When five (5) or more races or “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 12. SAFETY

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 12.3. 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]
- 12.4. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the 8m (26ft 3in) painter. [SP] [DP]

## 13. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY AND SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS

- 13.1. All coaches, parents, guardians and ‘designated adults’ are *support persons* (See RRS definition *support person*).
- 13.2. In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor 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.
- 13.3. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their competitor.
- 13.4. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for them throughout the event.



- 13.5. 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.
- 13.6. The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 13.7. 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]
- 13.8. 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.
- 13.9. 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.
- 13.10. 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 located at the St Petersburg Sailing Center. [SP][NP]

**15. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet

- Overall: 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>
- Red Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>
- Blue Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>
- White Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>
- Top girl: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Silver Fleet

- Overall: 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>
- Red Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>
- Blue Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>
- White Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>
- Top girl: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

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 Gold Fleet (based upon the total number of boats registered in both the Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet) 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 the 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 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 3.5.



## 18. FURTHER INFORMATION

**Registration:** USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org)

**Regatta Chair:** Todd Fedyszyn, [VdayRegatta@gmail.com](mailto:VdayRegatta@gmail.com)

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

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SPYC Website – [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org)

Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/US-Opti-Sailing-138942536154313/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](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](http://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](http://www.spyc.org).

### **POWERBOAT RENTALS**

Tierra Verde Boat Rentals, [www.tvboatrentals.com](http://www.tvboatrentals.com), 727-867-0077. Reduced rates if you mention it is for the Valentine's Day Regatta.