



## 2014 USODA Girls National Championship

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Measurement and Check-In July 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Hosted by California Yacht Club*

*Marina del Rey, CA*

# NOTICE OF RACE

Posted March 24, 2014

**This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to rule 89.2.**

### **AMENDMENT: July 18<sup>th</sup> – 14 Safety**

The regatta will be organized by the California Yacht Club (CYC) 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 (RRS) 2013-2016*.
- 1.2. “Conditions for USODA Events”, including the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’, will apply, and can be found at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org). Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and 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, California Yacht Club, and Marina del Rey.
- 1.3. Racing rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - a. Rule 61 will be changed as follows: The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the boom in a manner that conceals it until displayed. Rule 61.1(a)(2) will be deleted, and the following new rule will be added to rule 61:

#### **61.5 Informing the Race Committee**

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 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, call the race committee’s attention to her displayed red flag and inform the race committee of the sail number of the boat she is protesting.

- b. 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 race committee finish boat that she is retiring.” P2.3 will be deleted.

#### **2. Advertising**

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per ISAF 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.

### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.
- 3.2. All competitors shall be female members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA, and have been born on or after January 1, 1999. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org). Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org).
- 3.3. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta July 23, 2014.

### 4. Registration; Entry Fees

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid at the time of online registration at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org).
  - a. The entry fee is U.S. \$50 if paid by June 27, 2014.
  - b. A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$75 total) shall be paid for registration completed June 28 through July 4.
  - c. An additional very late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$100 total) shall be paid for registration completed July 5 through 1700 PDT July 11.
- 4.2. 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 on the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Event registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described below will apply at the time of her completed registration. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed at July 11, 2014 at 1700 PDT.

### 5. Format of the Regatta

This is a one day Girls National Championship and boats will race in a single fleet.

### 6. Schedule

Tuesday, July 22

1000-2000 Measurement and Check-in

Wednesday, July 23

0800-0900 Late Competitor Check-in, Coach/Spectator Flag Registration  
Continental Breakfast

0800-0900 **Measurement by appointment only** upon written request submitted to the Race Committee by Tuesday, July 22

0900 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)

1055 First Warning Signal Girls Championship Fleet

Lunch on the Water

1630 No first warning signal after this time

1900 Awards Ceremony and Dinner – CYC Fireside/Epicurean Room

### 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 approval of the Principal Race Officer.

- 7.2 **Equipment** previously measured and stickered or stamped pursuant to the USODA measurement process that remains unaltered since the measurement may be checked and re-measured during the check-in process.
- 7.3 **Sails** shall be marked by the measurement tent with the Nationals signature, and may be checked and re-measured during the measurement process.
- 7.4 Each competitor will be required to submit a Measurement Form and sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured.
- 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 Each competitor shall submit an acceptable Safety Self-Certification Form during the regatta site check-in. This form shall inform the Race Committee that all equipment is present and in working order.

## **8. Sailing Instructions**

Sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

## **9. Racing Area and Berthing**

- 9.1. The racing area will be in the ocean, on Santa Monica Bay, to seaward of the Venice Pier.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept at the California Yacht Club in the assigned spot.

## **10. Course**

The Course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. Penalty System**

The penalties for upheld breaches of certain sailing instructions and measurements 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 this Notice of Race.
- 12.2. One (1) completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- 12.3. When four or fewer races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **13. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line**

- 13.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing or for international sailors only, a personal flotation devise approved by their country's corresponding authority. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable PFD's may not be used.
- 13.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD 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. An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each sailor. It is the responsibility solely 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, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. **In accordance with guidance from the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), any sailor who may have experienced a concussion injury, is and will be encouraged to immediately seek medical attention from a healthcare professional before sailing in any subsequent races.**

## **15. Coaches and Support boats**

- 15.1. One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats.)
- 15.2. All coach boats shall register and shall prominently fly a flag provided by the Race Committee available at registration. It must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$20 security deposit will be required and returned at the end of the event with the return of your flag.
- 15.3. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, a basic first aid kit, and an anchor capable of securely anchoring the boat in the racing waters, to a depth of 60 feet.
- 15.4. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

## **16. Prizes**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall: 1st through 5<sup>th</sup>

Red Fleet: 1st through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Blue Fleet: 1st through 3<sup>rd</sup>

White Fleet: 1st through 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **17. 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. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

### **Further Information**

Online registration inquiries: Genoa Fedyszyn, USODA Executive Director, [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org)

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Event Website: [www.usodanationals-2014.org](http://www.usodanationals-2014.org)

*Accommodation and Charter Boat Information is available on the Event Website.*