



2014 USODA National Championship

July 24-27

Measurement and Check-In July 23rd

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 18th – 14 Safety

The regatta will be organized by 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. 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. 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. Add rule 61.5

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.

- 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 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 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. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at 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 24, 2014.

4. Registration; Entry Fees

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid at the time of online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a. The entry fee is U.S. \$250 if paid by June 27, 2014.
 - b. A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$275 total) shall be paid for registration completed June 28 thru July 4.
 - c. An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$300 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 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

- 5.1. There will be a Championship Fleet and there will be a Green Fleet. The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.
- 5.2. National Championship:

The intention is that the National Championship Series will have a two-day Qualifying Round followed by a two-day Medal Round. The duration and specific parameters of each Round will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Schedule

Wednesday, July 23

1000-2000	Measurement, Competitor Check-in, and Coach/Spectator Flag Registration
1030	USODA Coffee Talk – Progression in the Opti Presentation – Fireside Room
1900	Girls Nationals Awards Dinner – CYC Fireside/Epicurean Room

Thursday, July 24

0800-0900	Late Competitor Check-in, Coach/Spectator Flag Registration Continental Breakfast
0800-0900	Measurement by appointment only upon written request to the Race Committee by Tuesday, July 22
0930	Opening Ceremonies – CYC Front Lawn / Flagpole
1000	Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1155	First Warning Championship Fleet Lunch on the Water

After Racing Welcome Dinner – CYC Pool Patio

Friday, July 25

0800-0900 Continental Breakfast
0930 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1125 First Warning Championship Fleet
Lunch on the Water
1 hour after USODA Annual General Meeting – CYC Fireside Room
Signal boat docks

Saturday, July 26

0800-0900 Continental Breakfast
0930 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1125 First Warning Championship Fleet
Lunch on the Water
After Racing Dinner and Entertainment – CYC Pool Patio

Sunday, July 27

800-0900 Continental Breakfast
0930 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1125 First Warning Championship Fleet
Lunch on the Water
1430 No Warning Signal for the start of a new “set” after this time
After Racing Awards for National Championship – CYC Front Lawn

NOTE: The overall schedule for the Green Fleet will be similar to that of the Championship Fleet. Details will be available during the Green Fleet Skippers Meeting immediately following the Championship Skippers Meeting.

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 upon 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. Green Fleet racing will take place inside Marina del Rey harbor..
- 9.3. All Optimist boats shall be kept at the California Yacht Club in the assigned spot.

10. The Course

The course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Penalty System

11.1. For the Qualifying Round only:

In accordance with R70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted. However, if the requirements shown on http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No_Appeal/Rule_70_5_a_Procedure.htm are not met, the protest or redress may be appealed. Competitors may appeal decisions of the protest committee in the Medal Round.

- 11.2. The penalties for upheld breaches of certain sailing instructions and measurement 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 Appendix A will apply as revised by the sailing instructions which will specify the scoring for Qualifying and Medal Rounds; the National Championship; and the Age Group (Red, Blue, and White) Series.
- 12.2. A "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. A boat's scores from races in incomplete sets shall not be counted. This changes Rule A2.
- 12.3. One completed Set of races in the Qualifying Round will constitute the National Championship Series and Age Group Series.

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 device 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

National Championship Fleet - Prizes will be awarded based on a competitor's Championship Series Score.

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

All Green Fleet participants shall receive Participation Awards.

17. Qualification for Future Events

This regatta is a 2015 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 50% of team trials eligible Championship Fleet competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2015 USODA Team Trials.

18. 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

For registration inquiries: Genoa Fedyszyn USODA Executive Director, usoda@usoda.org

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Official Event Website: www.usodanationals-2014.org

Accommodation & Charter Boat Information is available on the event website.