



2014 USODA Team Race National Championship

July 20-22

Measurement and Check-In July 19th

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: June 15th – 4 Registration & Fees

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This regatta will be organized by the California Yacht Club (CYC) in conjunction with the U. S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA).

1 Rules

- 1.1 This 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, and personal property of others the California Yacht Club, and Marina del Rey.
- 1.3 Appendix D Team Racing Rules will apply with the following changes to be made in the Sailing Instructions:
 - a. RRS D1.1(d) “arm signals” will not apply.
 - b. D1.2(a): Add “ (c) A boat may not protest for a breach of the Sailing Instructions”.
 - c. RRS D1.2(c) will be deleted and replaced by “Protests and requests for redress will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T, Section C, Expedited Hearings.”
 - d. RRS D2.3 PENALTIES INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE: will add, “(h) a boat fails to comply with a sailing instruction or a class rule.”
 - e. RRS D5.3 and 5.4: “Race Committee” will be replaced with “Protest Committee” in both rules.

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 advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.3 **Each team member will be issued a team identification number. Each team member will apply this number above their sail numbers on both sides of the sail near the head. Additionally, each team will wear distinguishable team T-shirts over their lifejackets. Both these numbers and t-shirts will be provided by the Organizing Authority at check-in. With the permission of the Race Committee, team pinnies may be worn in the Gold Round if the color matches the assignment.**

3 Eligibility & Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy Class.
- 3.2 Each team shall consist of at least four sailors, with a maximum of five, but only four sailors shall sail in each race.
- 3.3 Competitors and teams must be in compliance with the Team Racing Eligibility requirements of the USODA. **Paragraph 4 'Team Eligibility for Silver Fleet' is deleted.** Before log-in at www.usoda.org, click on USODA Nat'l & Reg'l Events, then scroll down to the event and click on the Team Race Eligibility.
- 3.4 Competitors must have been born on or after 1 January 1999.
- 3.5 All competitors must be members of USODA.
- 3.6 Each designated team captain shall enter using the USODA online registration system found in the Members Section of www.usoda.org. The designated team captain shall follow the instructions in the USODA "Team Management and Registration" system that is available on the "Regatta Central" sub-menu to first create a team before registering for the event. A minimum of four names must be submitted at time of registration for which the payment system will automatically charge \$400. There will be an option to add a 5th sailor for an additional charge of \$100. Each competitor and his or her parents shall ensure that the online waiver and the health care forms are current. A comprehensive step by step overview of how to create a team race team and then register the team for a USODA team race event is posted. ***Teams must have completed and submitted all parts of the registration form and the names of the competitors on their team for their entry to be accepted.***
- 3.7 Substitutions: After the entry deadline the Organizing Authority may approve a request to substitute one competitor so long as it has no impact on seeding of teams, and all appropriate forms described in 3.6 are completed and submitted before check-in.
- 3.8 The winning team in the Gold Fleet will qualify to represent the USODA at the European Opti Championship in Germany during October 2014.

4 Registration & Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee will be US \$400 for a four person team, and \$500 for a five person team.
- 4.2 Entry forms must be completed on-line through USODA online registration system found in the Members Section www.usoda.org. Registration includes completing online registration including the Waiver and Medical form, and paying the entry fee.
- 4.3 **Registration will open on March 21 and close at 1700 PDT on June 28, 2014.** Teams must have completed all parts of the registration process and submitted the entry fee by 1700 PDT **June 28, 2014.** **Entries received after June 28, 2014 may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.**

5 Format of the Regatta

- 5.1 The event will be a four-boat against four-boat team race. For those teams having five competitors, any four may compete in a race.
- 5.2 The intention of USODA is to have teams compete in one or more Qualifying Series that will be used to divide the teams into Gold (Top 8 Teams) and Silver (and possibly bronze depending on the number of teams entered) fleets for one or more subsequent series in the remainder of the regatta. The specific regatta format and number of races will be determined by the Regatta Chairperson, Principal Race Officer and Chief Umpire, in consultation with the USODA representative. The decision will be based on the number of teams registered, number of race courses, and the weather conditions.
- 5.3 The planned format will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and posted on the Official Notice Board by 1800 on **July 19, 2014.**

6 Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 19

0900-1900	Measurement & Check-in (ALL team members must be present)
1700-1900	Mandatory PFD and Protest flag inspection by Umpires
1700-1900	Coach/Spectator Flag Registration

Sunday, July 20

0800-0900	Check-in, Mandatory PFD and Protest flag inspection by Umpires , Coach/Spectator Flag Registration and Continental Breakfast
0800-9000	Measurement by appointment only upon written request submitted to the Race Committee by Friday, July 18
0930	Competitors, Coaches and Parents Meeting
1125	First Warning Signal Lunch on the water
After racing	Debrief with Umpires – CYC Fireside Room

Monday, July 21

0800-0900	Continental Breakfast
0900	Competitors, Coaches and Parents Meeting
1055	First Warning Signal Lunch on the water
After racing	Debrief with Umpires – CYC Fireside Room

Tuesday, July 22

0800-0900	Continental Breakfast
0900	Competitors, Coaches and Parents Meeting
1055	First Warning Signal Lunch on the water
1530	No First Warning Signal after this time
1830	Awards and Dinner – CYC Pool Patio

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 posted on the Official Notice Board and be available at check-in.

9 Racing Area

Racing will be held in the ocean, on Santa Monica Bay, nearby the Venice Pier.

10 Courses

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions and may include a starboard hand digital N, or a port 'box'.

11 Scoring

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

12 Umpiring and Protests

- 12.1 The Regatta will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D as modified by the Sailing Instructions. Some races may have more umpires than others as determined by the Chief Umpire in consideration of the stage of the event. If some races cannot be umpired, brief on-the-water expedited protest hearings using Section C (expedited hearing procedures) of US Sailing Prescription Appendix T will apply.
- 12.2 The required 'red' protest flag for competitors shall be attached to the sailor's PFD and it will be capable of being conspicuously displayed (waved) at full arm's length where it is easily visible to the protested boat and umpires, and then concealed when the incident is closed. The umpires recommend using a twelve inch long bungee cord to attach the flag.
- 12.3 Each competitor's protest flag, including method of attachment, and PFD shall be inspected and approved by the umpires during check-in time before the sailor can compete in the regatta.

13 Prizes

- Gold Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams
- Silver Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams
- Bronze Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams (if there is a bronze fleet)

14 Safety

- 14.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 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. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable PFD's may not be used.
- 14.2 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 14.3 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.
- 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 Adult Responsibility

- 15.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. The adult is solely responsible 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.
- 15.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
- 15.3 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at check-in the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for them throughout the course of the event.
- 15.4 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during an activity related to the Regatta. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the Regatta.

16 Berthing

All competitor boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the California Yacht Club.

17 Support Boats

- 17.1 Each team is allowed one designated coach boat per 4 or 5 person team.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

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 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 competitors and their parents/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

19 Contact Info

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

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Event Website: www.usodanationals-2014.org

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