



# Optimist Spring Series Harken Challenge #1

Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and March 1, 2015  
Marina del Rey, California USA



## NOTICE OF RACE

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority is California Yacht Club (CYC), located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Phone: 310.823.4567 | Web: [www.calyachtclub.com](http://www.calyachtclub.com)

Regatta Chairs: John Hamilton and Bill Line | Phone: 310.383.5747 (John) or 310.463.3013 (Bill) |

Email: [jph@hamiltonarchitects.net](mailto:jph@hamiltonarchitects.net) or [williamline@yahoo.com](mailto:williamline@yahoo.com)

---

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the [2014 International Optimist Association Class Rules](#), and the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) Conditions, available at <http://www.usoda.org/>.
- 1.3 In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Sailing Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Violation of this provision will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 1.4 Rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed so that a boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 1.5 Rule 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."
- 1.6 Rule 82 will not apply. Competitors must submit the standard CYC Entry Form, available through the online entry process or at CYC.
- 1.7 Appendix A2, will be changed so that when fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores.
- 1.8 Appendix T, Section C, Expedited Hearings, rule T3 and rule T4 will apply, except rule T4.6.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to International Optimist Dinghy class boats.
- 2.2 All competitors must have been born on or after January 1, 2000.
- 2.3 Each boat must be entered by an individual who is a member of (1) a yacht club or sailing association that is a member of US Sailing (or their own National Authority) and (2) the USODA (or their respective national Optimist Dinghy Association).
- 2.4 Each competitor shall have their parent or guardian complete all parts of the [online registration process](#), including the [CYC Parental Consent Form](#), and pay all fees prior to 1700 hours on Friday, February 27, 2015. Late entries may be accepted with approval of a Regatta Chair; a late charge will apply.
- 2.5 Only boats that have completed check-in by 0930 hours on Saturday, February 28, 2015 will be eligible to race. Late check-in may be allowed with approval of a Regatta Chair.

### 3. CHECK-IN

- 3.1 All competitors must check-in between 0800 and 0930 hours on Saturday, February 28, 2015, on the CYC Pool Patio.
- 3.2 Check-in includes completing the online registration process and paying all fees, plus submission of a completed CYC Parental Consent Form, signed by a parent or guardian, if not completed online.

**4. FEES**

The entry fee is \$40. The late entry charge is \$15.

**5. REGATTA FORMAT**

There will be a Championship fleet and a Green fleet. Championship Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta. The Green Fleet may be split to accommodate more coaching.

**6. SCHEDULE**

The Green Fleet sailors' schedule will be the same through the Competitors' Meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.

Friday	Feb 27	1700	Online registration deadline
Saturday	Feb 28	0800 – 0930 hrs	Check-in; late registration
		0930 hrs	Competitors' Meeting
		0945 hrs	Coach/Support Boat registration and briefing
		1200 hrs	Warning Signal for first race of the day (subsequent races to start ASAP)
Sunday	Mar 1	1200 hrs	Warning Signal for first race of the day (subsequent races to start ASAP)
		After Racing	Awards presentation

Eight (8) races are scheduled. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer races. There will be on-the-water lunch breaks.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be posted at [Opti Spring Series](#) by Wednesday, February 25, 2015, and will be available at check-in.

**8. VENUE**

Red, Blue, and White Fleets: The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay approximately one-half (1/2) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

Green Fleet: A racing clinic will be conducted inside Marina del Rey harbor; racing areas to be assigned.

**9. THE COURSES**

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. SCORING**

One (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

**11. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

11.1 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

11.2 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

11.3 There will be a required check-out and check-in of the competitors at the launching dock for both days of the regatta.

**12. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY**

12.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the sole 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.

12.2 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. Each competitor shall submit a completed [CYC Parental Consent Form](#), which indicates the parent or adult representative who will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

12.3 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.

### 13. COACH / SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Only coach/support boats that have registered with the Race Committee (RC) and prominently display identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of \$20 required for each identification flag.
- 13.2 All coach/support boats must carry and monitor a VHF radio and check-in with the RC at the starting area via VHF radio. All individuals on such registered boats are required to wear PFDs.
- 13.3 The Sailing Instructions will govern the conduct of registered coach/support boats and all other boats, including spectator boats.

### 14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in the Red, Blue and White Fleets, plus Overall awards. Green Fleet competitors will receive participation awards.

### 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this regatta to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### 16. FURTHER INFORMATION

**Regatta Chairs.** For further information, please contact a Regatta Chair, John Hamilton at [jph@hamiltonarchitects.net](mailto:jph@hamiltonarchitects.net) or 310.383.5747 or Bill Line at [williamtline@yahoo.com](mailto:williamtline@yahoo.com) or 310.463.3013.

**Hospitality.** Competitors and their guests are invited to use the club facilities on race days. The entry fee includes morning snacks, lunch bag (granola bar, fruit and bottled water), and light dinner after racing, both days.

**Boat Launching, Berthing and Trailer Storage.** Competitors, who are guests of CYC, are invited to utilize the hoists and dinghy dock at CYC during the regatta. For information and arrangements regarding boat storage immediately preceding and following the regatta contact CYC Dockmaster Ty Olsen at [ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net](mailto:ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net) or 310.823.4567.

**Harken Challenge Series information.** See [Harken Challenge Notice of Series](#) or contact Forrest Gay at San Francisco Yacht Club: [forrest@sfyc.org](mailto:forrest@sfyc.org)