



# Optimist Spring Series Harken Challenge #1

Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, 2017  
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.

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the [2016 International Optimist Association Class Rules](#), and the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) Conditions, available at <http://www.usoda.org/>.
- 1.3 RRS 82 will not apply. Competitors must submit the standard [CYC Entry Form](#), available at Regatta Network.
- 1.4 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. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Violation of this provision will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 40, its US Sailing Prescription and the Preamble to RRS, Part 4.

### 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, 2002.
- 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 by 1800 Friday, February 24, 2017. 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 25, 2017 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 25, 2017, 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 early entry fee will be \$50.00 per boat for entries received by Wednesday February 22, 2017 (Early Entry Deadline). The fee for entries received after that date will be \$60.00.

### 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.

Wednesday	Feb 22		Early entry deadline
Friday	Feb 24	1800	Online registration deadline
Saturday	Feb 25	0800 – 0930 0930 0945 1200	Check-in; late registration Competitors' Meeting Coach/Support Boat registration and briefing Warning Signal for first race of the day (subsequent races to start ASAP)
Sunday	Feb 26	0930 1200  After Racing	Competitors' Meeting (Green Fleet) Warning Signal for first race of the day (subsequent races to start ASAP) 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 22, 2017, 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: Racing 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. The parent or guardian of each competitor shall submit a [CYC Parental Consent Form](#), signed by their parent or guardian, which indicates the parent or adult representative that 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. SUPPORT BOATS & SUPPORT PERSONS, INCLUDING COACHES**

- 13.1 Coach/support boats must register with the RC and prominently display an identification flag provided by the RC. Only registered coach/support boats will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of \$20 required for each identification flag, payable on-site on February 25.
- 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 conduct of registered coach/support boats, all other support boats, and support persons, will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.4 Coach/support and spectator boats shall remain in the water from the time they are launched at CYC until the completion of the regatta.
- 13.5 Competitors who wish to keep coach/support boats at CYC must make arrangements with the Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. Contact CYC Dockmaster, Evan Davis at [evan.davis@calyachtclub.net](mailto:evan.davis@calyachtclub.net) or at 310.823.4567

**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 Regatta Chair Michelle Ondrey at phone: (310) 213-9475; email: [mlparker22@verizon.net](mailto:mlparker22@verizon.net).

**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 and fruit), and light dinner after racing, both days. Competitors should bring a re-usable water bottle; water stations will be available for refills.

**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 Evan Davis at [evan.davis@calyachtclub.net](mailto:evan.davis@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).