



## Optimist Spring Series Harken Challenge #1

Saturday and Sunday, February 25 & 26, 2017  
Marina del Rey, California USA



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS RED / BLUE / WHITE FLEETS

#### 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 are the [2016 International Optimist Association Class Rules](#).
- 1.3 "USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships", including the USODA 'Code of Conduct', will apply, and can be found at <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, especially respect for all other persons, personal property of others, CYC and Santa Monica Bay.
- 1.4 In addition to the requirements of RRS 40 and its US Sailing Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (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.
- 1.5 RRS 82 does not apply. Competitors must submit the standard CYC Entry Form, available through the online entry process or at CYC.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the CYC Junior Sailing Center.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the CYC front lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in race signals AP.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There will be a Competitors' Meeting at 0930 hours on Saturday, February 25 at the pool patio adjacent to the Junior Sailing Center.
- 5.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled: four (4) on Saturday and four (4) on Sunday. The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to run more or fewer races each day. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer total races.
- 5.3 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'
- 5.4 The Warning Signal for the first race each day is scheduled for 1200 hours. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the prior race.
- 5.5 A lunch break will be given on the water unless postponement ashore goes past 1200 hours.

**6. CLASS FLAG**

The class flag is an Optimist Dinghy symbol on a white background.

**7. RACING AREA**

Racing will be on Santa Monica Bay approximately one half (1/2) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater. If the racing area has to be changed, due to conditions, the location of the new racing area will be posted by 1000 or the end of postponement ashore, whichever is later.

**8. MARKS**

The marks are described on the Outside Course Chart (attached).

**9. COURSES**

The courses are described on the Outside Course Chart (attached).

**10. ON-THE-WATER CHECK-IN**

Prior to the Warning Signal for the first race each day, each boat shall check in by sailing past the transom of the RC signal boat, displaying code flag "L", hailing her sail number and being recognized by the RC.

**11. THE START**

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between Mark **S** at the port end and an orange and white checkered flag on the signal boat at the starboard end.

11.3 Boats subject to RRS 29.1 – *Individual Recall* – at their Starting Signal (*i.e.*, must comply with RRS 29.1 or 30.1) may be hailed by sail number via loud hailer.

11.4 Failure of the RC to hail, the order of the hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

**12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to the new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark (or finishing line) may not yet be in position.

**13. THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between an orange and white checkered flag on the signal boat at the port end and Mark **F** at the starboard end.

13.2 Competitors are reminded that RRS 24.1 prohibits a boat that has finished from interfering with boats still racing.

13.3 The blue shape or flag will not be used at the finishing line. This changes Race Signals.

**14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within thirty (30) minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.2 The time limit will be ninety (90) minutes for the first boat to finish.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored the position of the last boat to finish plus 2; this changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 The penalty for the first time a boat breaks SI 10 or any section of SI 19 will be 20% of the number of boats entered as calculated in RRS 44.3(c). RRS 63.1 is changed so that penalties for breaking SI 10 or 19 will be assigned without a hearing. The penalty for subsequent infractions will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee, up to and including DSQ. This changes RRS 64.

15.2 Appendix V, Section V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, applies.

**16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. A boat is therefore required to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area, and shall report her intention to protest to the RC after her finish.
- 16.2 Protests shall be filed at the CYC Junior Sailing Center no later than forty-five (45) minutes after the RC Signal Boat has docked (Protest Time Limit), which time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Protest forms will be available at the CYC Junior Sailing Center.
- 16.3 Within fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit, a notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This will constitute notice to all parties to a hearing under RRS 63.2. Competitors are responsible for checking the Official Notice Board for such a posting.
- 16.4 Hearings will be held in the Gallery Room, downstairs in the CYC clubhouse. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This changes RRS 63.3(a). Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Gallery Room.
- 16.5 No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Signal Boat has docked, a notice of boats receiving a scoring penalty per RRS A5 or SI 10 will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be the Protest Time Limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.6 Requests for redress relating to possible scoring errors shall be submitted in writing by the competitor and reviewed by the RC.
- 16.7 Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the RC may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.8 A breach of SI 10, 19 or 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.9 Protests and requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 16.10 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.4 do not apply.

**17. SCORING**

- 17.1 Appendix A, section A2, is 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; when six (6) or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.2 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

**18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 18.1 Boats may be measured at any time during the regatta for compliance with the class rules.
- 18.2 Boats are allowed only one hull, dagger board, rudder, tiller and extension, mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. A request to substitute lost or damaged equipment shall be made in writing to the RC whose response shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 Each competitor must sign out prior to leaving the launching dock and sign in upon return.
- 19.2 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the RC either before leaving the racing area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.
- 19.3 Competitors shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 19.4 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

**20. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY**

- 20.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is this adult's sole responsibility to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the regatta. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 20.2 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 that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 20.3 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.

**21. COACH / SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1 Only coach/support boats that have registered with the 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.
- 21.2 All coach/support boats must carry a VHF radio, monitor VHF Channel 68, assist any boat in need or perform any function requested of them by the RC and have a basic first aid kit. All individuals on such registered boats are required to wear a PFD.
- 21.3 Coach and support boats shall not display distinctive markings or signaling apparatus, or any flags other than flags provided by the RC, while any boats are racing.
- 21.4 Team leaders, coaches and all other support personnel shall not enter the racing area from the Preparatory Signal of any race until the finish of the last boat in that race. However, such boats may enter the racing area at the direction of the RC to assist a competitor or after a general recall, abandonment or postponement until a new preparatory signal has been made. The racing area shall be as indicated on Outside Course Chart (attached) and include any other area within one hundred (100) meters of any boat still racing.
- 21.5 Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.
- 21.6 Violation of SI 21 may result in any penalty that the Protest Committee deems appropriate, up to and including the disqualification of the associated competitor(s) from the regatta.

**22. PRIZES**

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded at CYC on the pool patio adjacent to the Junior Sailing Center as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday.
- 22.2 Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place boat for Overall and to the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place boat in the Red, Blue and White Fleets.

**23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 regatta) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.



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**OUTSIDE COURSE CHART**

**8. MARKS** (continued)

- 8.1 Marks **W**, **R**, **L** and **Ls/Lp** will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 8.2 Mark **S** will be the staff of a flag on the line boat.
- 8.3 Mark **F** will be the staff of a flag buoy.

**9. COURSES** (continued)

- 9.1 Marks **W** and **R** shall be left to port.
- 9.2 Mark **Ls/Lp** is a gate. In the event only one leeward mark (Mark **L**) is on station, that mark shall be rounded to port.
- 9.3 The distance from Mark **L** or Mark **Ls/LP** to Marks **S/F** will be approximately 0.25 nm.
- 9.4 Courses will be signaled by numeral placards from the RC signal boat as indicated below:

Course Flag	Course
1	Start – <b>W</b> – <b>Ls/Lp</b> – Finish
2	Start – <b>W</b> – <b>R</b> – <b>L</b> – Finish
3	Start – <b>W</b> – <b>Ls/Lp</b> – <b>W</b> – <b>Ls/Lp</b> – Finish
4	Start – <b>W</b> – <b>R</b> – <b>L</b> – <b>W</b> – <b>Ls/Lp</b> – Finish

