



Optimist Spring Regatta Harken Challenge #1

Saturday and Sunday, February 22 – 23, 2020
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

Regatta Chair: Justin McJones | See NoR 16 for contact information

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), by the current [International Optimist Class Rules](#), and by the [2020 Harken Challenge Series Notice of Series](#).
- 1.2 A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket or, for international sailors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All lifejackets must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40. [DP]
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescription RRS 82 will not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to International Optimist Dinghy class boats.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors may enter their boat by having their parent or guardian complete online registration at the [Harken #1 Optimist Spring Regatta](#) webpage and paying all fees by the entry deadline of 1800 on Friday, February 21. Entries submitted after that time may be accepted only with the approval of the Regatta Chair and will be charged a \$10 late fee.
- 2.3 Each competitor's parent or guardian must complete the CYC Parental Consent Form and Waiver during on-line registration.
- 2.4 Only entries that have completed Check-in by 1000 on Saturday, February 22 will be eligible to race. Late Check-in may be allowed only with the approval of the Regatta Chair.

3. CHECK-IN

- 3.1 Check-in will be on the CYC pool patio adjacent to the Jr. Sailing Center between 0900 and 1000 on Saturday, February 22.
- 3.2 To complete Check-in, each entrant shall have met all eligibility and entry requirements, paid all fees and completed the CYC Parental Consent Form and Waiver during on-line registration.

4. FEES

The entry fee is \$50 for entries received by Wednesday, February 19. Thereafter, until the entry deadline, the fee is \$60.

5. REGATTA FORMAT

Fleet divisions and starts will be in accordance with [USODA Conditions 6.2 and 6.3](#). There will be a Green Fleet, which may be split to accommodate more coaching.

6. SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Feb 19		Discounted entry fee deadline
Friday	Feb 21	1800	Entry deadline
Saturday	Feb 22	0900 – 1000	Check-in and Support Boat registration (Pool Patio)
		1000	Competitors' briefing (Pool Patio)
		1015	Coaches' briefing (Pool Patio)
		1030	Competitors' briefing for Green Fleet (Pool Patio)
		1200	First warning signal - subsequent races to start ASAP
Sunday	Feb 24	1000	Competitors' briefing (Pool Patio)
		1015	Coaches' briefing (Pool Patio)
		1030	Competitors' briefing for Green Fleet (Pool Patio)
		1200	First warning signal - subsequent races to start ASAP
		After Racing	Awards presentation at CYC

Eight (8) races are scheduled. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer races.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted at the [Harken #1 Optimist Spring Regatta](#) webpage by Wednesday, February 19. Course Charts 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 a windward-leeward format and described in the SI.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Optimist Spring Regatta, Harken Challenge #1, will be scored as follows:

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

(b) When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores; when five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.2 The Harken Challenge Series will be scored per the [Notice of Series](#), section 6.

11. SAFETY

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 of its bow line.

11.3 Each skipper who launches their boat from CYC must sign-out prior to leaving the dock and sign-in upon return. Each skipper not launching from CYC, each day, shall notify the Regatta Chair before leaving their dock and, following the final race of each day, shall notify the Regatta Chair as soon as practical to confirm they have returned to their dock. (See NoR 16 for Regatta Chair contact information.) [DP]

12. DESIGNATED ADULT

12.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each competitor. It is solely the responsibility of this adult to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adult supervising the competitor is ultimately responsible for the risks. Additionally, this 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.

12.2 Each competitor's parent or guardian shall complete the CYC Parental Consent Form and Waiver during on-line registration, indicating the name and contact information for the adult who shall be on-site, and who is authorized and designated to be responsible for that competitor during this event per NoR 12.1. [DP]

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

13.1 Support boats must register with the OA and prominently display an identification flag provided by the OA. Only registered 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 22.

13.2 All support boats must carry and monitor a VHF radio. All individuals on such registered boats are required to wear PFDs.

13.3 The conduct of all support boats and support persons will be governed by the SI.

13.4 Support boats launched at CYC must have a CYC staff member operating the hoist at all times. Support and spectator boats shall remain in the water from the time they are launched at CYC until the completion of the regatta. These boats shall not be launched or recovered at CYC while competitors are launching or recovering their dinghies.

13.5 Competitors who wish to keep support boats at CYC must make prior arrangements with the Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. See NoR 16 for Dockmaster contact information.

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 in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, 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 event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair. Justin McJones at 310.213.4391 or ripplezero@gmail.com.

Hospitality. Competitors and their guests are invited to use the club facilities during the regatta. The entry fee includes morning snacks, lunch bag (granola bar and fruit), and after racing a light dinner on Saturday and hot appetizers on Sunday. Competitors should bring a re-usable water bottle; water stations will be available for refills.

Boat Launching, Berthing and Trailer Storage. Competitors are invited to use 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 Curtis Wagner at curtis.wagner@calyachtclub.net or 310.823.4567.

Harken Challenge Series information. See [2020 Harken Challenge Series Notice of Series](#) or contact Abby Featherstone, Series Chair at youth@sfyc.org.