



# Optimist Spring Regatta

## Harken Challenge #1

Saturday and Sunday, February 22 – 23, 2020  
Marina del Rey, California USA



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 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 Chair: Justin McJones | See SI 24 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board at the CYC Junior Sailing Center adjacent to the pool patio (Official Notice Board) and at the [Harken #1 Optimist Spring Regatta](#) webpage.

#### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 1030 on the day it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the CYC front lawn.
- 4.2 When the Answering Pennant (AP) is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" for the AP in RRS Race Signals. AP displayed ashore means "Racing is postponed, do not leave the dock."

#### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Check-in will be from 0900 - 1000 on Saturday, February 22.
- 5.2 A competitors' briefing is scheduled for 1000, on both Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23 on the pool patio adjacent to the CYC Junior Sailing Center.
- 5.3 A coaches' briefing will immediately follow the competitors' briefings on Saturday and Sunday.
- 5.4 Eight (8) races are scheduled: four (4) on Saturday and four (4) on Sunday. Without posting a change to the schedule of races, the Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to run more or fewer races each day.
- 5.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1200. Subsequent races will start as soon as practicable.
- 5.6 Code flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today".

#### 6. CLASS FLAG

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

#### 7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay. The starting area will be approximately one-half (1/2) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater. If the racing area has to be changed, the location of the new racing area will be posted by 1030 or the end of postponement ashore, whichever is later.

#### 8. MARKS

Marks are described in Attachment A.

#### 9. COURSES

Courses are described in Attachment A.

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

Prior to the first warning signal each day, when the RC signal boat is displaying Code Flag "L", each competitor shall sail past, on starboard, the stern of the RC signal boat, hail her sail number, and be recognized by the RC. Boats failing to check-in properly may be given a twenty percent (20%) scoring penalty for the first race of the day, assessed without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.

**11. THE START**

- 11.1 Red, Blue, and White Fleets shall start together in the same start.
- 11.2 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.3 To notify competitors of an upcoming starting sequence, an attention signal will be given approximately one (1) minute before the warning signal.
- 11.4 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange and white checkered flag on the RC line boat and the staff displaying an orange and white checkered flag on the RC signal boat. (See Attachment A)
- 11.5 A boat that starts more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.

**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 a new position.

**13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange and white checkered flag on the RC line boat and the staff displaying an orange and white checkered flag on the RC signal boat. (See Attachment A)
- 13.2 Competitors are reminded that RRS 24.1 prohibits a boat that has finished from interfering with boats still racing.

**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 seventy-five (75) 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 one (1). This changes RRS 35 and A5.

**15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 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 signal boat after her finish.
- 15.2 Protests shall be filed at the CYC Junior Sailing Center no later than forty-five (45) minutes after the RC signal boat docks each day (Protest Time Limit), which time will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal boat docks. Protest forms will be available at the CYC Junior Sailing Center.
- 15.3 RRS 62.2 (Redress) is modified as follows:
  - (a) The second sentence of RRS 62.2 is changed to: "If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the CYC Junior Sailing Center within the Protest Time Limit for that day."
  - (b) No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal boat docks each day, a notice of boats scored per RRS A5 for that day will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The deadline for a request for redress based on this list will be the Protest Time Limit for that day.
  - (c) Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the RC may have made. Furthermore, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. The deadline for a request for redress based on this will be the Protest Time Limit for that day.
  - (d) On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted.
- 15.4 Requests for redress relating to possible scoring errors shall be submitted in writing by the competitor within the Protest Time Limit or 30 minutes after the preliminary results are posted each day, whichever is later, and reviewed by the RC.
- 15.5 No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit each day, 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.
- 15.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 15.7 Hearings will be held in the Gallery Room, downstairs in the CYC clubhouse. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Gallery Room.
- 15.8 The helmsman shall represent the boat. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- 15.9 Protests and requests for redress will be heard as soon as possible.

**16. SCORING**

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 The Harken Challenge Series will be scored per its [Notice of Series](#), section 6.

**17. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**

- 17.1 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 17.2 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.
- 17.3 Each skipper launching 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 SI 24 for Regatta Chair contact information.)
- 17.4 A competitor that withdraws from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to start a scheduled race, shall notify the RC either before leaving the racing area or as soon as practicable after arriving ashore.

**18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

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. [DP]

**19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

Boats may be measured at any time during the regatta for compliance with the class rules.

**20. DESIGNATED ADULT**

- 20.1 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 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.
- 20.2 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 SI 20.1. [DP]

**21. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- 21.1 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 during Support Boat registration.
- 21.2 All support boats must carry a VHF radio, monitor VHF Channel 69, 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 Support boats shall not enter the racing area from the warning 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 warning signal has been made. The racing area shall be as indicated by a dashed line on Attachment A Outside Course Chart and include any other area within one hundred (100) meters of any boat still racing.
- 21.4 Support boats shall not display distinctive markings or signaling apparatus, or any flags other than their ensign and the flags provided by the RC while any boats are racing.
- 21.5 Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.
- 21.6 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.

**22. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday downstairs in the CYC Clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place boat in the Red, Blue and White Fleets, first Overall, and Top Girl Overall.

**23. 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.

**24. FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Regatta Chair:** Justin McJones at 310.213.4391 or [ripplezero@gmail.com](mailto:ripplezero@gmail.com).

**CYC Dockmaster:** Curtis Wagner at 310.823.4567 or [curtis.wagner@calyachtclub.net](mailto:curtis.wagner@calyachtclub.net).



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## ATTACHMENT A OUTSIDE COURSE CHART

- 8. **MARKS** (continued)  
Marks 1 and 2s/2p will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9. **COURSES** (continued)
  - 9.1 Courses will be a windward / leeward format.
  - 9.2 Mark 1 shall be rounded to port.
  - 9.3 Mark 2s/2p is a gate. In the event only one gate mark is on station, that mark shall be rounded to port.
  - 9.4 The distance from Mark 2s/2p to the start/finish line will be approximately 0.2 nm.
  - 9.5 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will use numeral pennants to signal one of the courses shown below:

Numeral Pennant	Course
1	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish

