

# Optimist Spring Regatta Harken Challenge #1

Saturday and Sunday, February 26 – 27, 2022  
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)

Event Chair: Rick Turner | See NoR 18 for contact information

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This event 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 2022 Harken Challenge Series Notice of Series. The Notice of Series will be posted on the Official Notice Board (NoR 3) when it is available.
- 1.2 [DP] A condition of entry and participation in this event 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.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescription RRS 81 will not apply.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by Wednesday, February 23 on the Official Notice Board. Course Charts will be available at Check-in.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

The Official Notice Board is the [Harken #1 Optimist Spring Regatta](#) webpage. Notices may also be posted on the bulletin board outside the main entrance to the CYC clubhouse.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Each coach is responsible for ensuring that all members of their team, support personnel and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or CYC applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities in effect during the event to minimize potential exposure to or transmission of the COVID-19 virus.
- 4.2 Failure to comply with NoR 4.1 may be misconduct.
- 4.3 Reasonable actions by event officials and CYC to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 This event is open to International Optimist Dinghy class boats.
- 5.2 Eligible competitors may enter their boat by having their parent or guardian complete online registration at the [Official Notice Board](#) and paying all fees by the entry deadline of 1800 on Friday, February 25. Entries submitted after that time may be accepted only with the approval of the Event Chair and will be charged a \$10 late fee.
- 5.3 Each competitor must submit a completed [CYC Parental Consent Form and Waiver](#), signed by a parent or guardian. This form can be scanned and emailed to the Event Chair (contact information in NoR 18) or submitted at Check-in.
- 5.4 Only entries that have completed Check-in by 1000 on Saturday, February 26 are eligible to race. Late Check-in may be allowed only with the approval of the Event Chair.

### 6. CHECK-IN

- 6.1 Check-in is on the CYC pool patio adjacent to the Jr. Sailing Center between 0900 and 1000 on Saturday, February 26.
- 6.2 To complete Check-in, each entrant shall have met all eligibility and entry requirements, paid all fees and submitted a completed [CYC Parental Consent Form and Waiver](#) per NoR 5.3.

### 7. FEES

The entry fee is \$50 for entries received by Wednesday, February 16. Thereafter, until the entry deadline, the fee is \$60.

### 8. EVENT 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.

## 9. SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Feb 16		Discounted entry fee deadline
Friday	Feb 25	1800	Entry deadline
Saturday	Feb 26	0900 – 1000	Check-in and Support Person Vessel (SPV) 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 27	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.

## 10. VENUE

Red, Blue, and White Fleets: The starting 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.

## 11. THE COURSES

The courses will be a windward-leeward format and described in the SIs.

## 12. SCORING

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

12.2 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.

12.3 The Harken Challenge Series will be scored per the Notice of Series.

## 13. SAFETY

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

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

13.3 [DP] 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 shall notify the Event Chair before leaving their dock and, following the final race of the day, shall notify the Event Chair as soon as practical to confirm they have returned to their dock. (See NoR 18 for Event Chair contact information).

## 14. DESIGNATED ADULT

14.1 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 event.

14.2 [DP] Each competitor shall provide a completed [CYC Parental Consent Form and Waiver](#), signed by a parent or guardian, 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 5.3 and 14.1.

## 15. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

15.1 [DP] Competitors who wish to keep SPVs at CYC must make prior arrangements with the CYC Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. See NoR 18 for Dockmaster contact information.

15.2 [DP] All SPVs shall carry and monitor a VHF radio capable of communicating on normal domestic and international channels.

15.3 The conduct of SPVs and support persons is governed by the SIs.

## 16. PRIZES

16.1 Health guidelines permitting, the awards ceremony will be held at CYC after racing on Sunday.

16.2 Awards will be presented to the top finishers in the Red, Blue and White Fleets, plus Overall awards.

16.3 Green Fleet competitors will receive participation awards.

**17. RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

**18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Event Chair.** Rick Turner at 310.418.4810 or [rickturner148@gmail.com](mailto:rickturner148@gmail.com).

**Acting CYC Dockmaster:** Eduardo Sylvestre at [eduardo.sylvestre@calyachtclub.net](mailto:eduardo.sylvestre@calyachtclub.net) or 310.823.4567.

**Hospitality (health guidelines permitting and subject to applicable CYC guidelines and protocols):** Competitors and their guests are invited to use the club facilities during the event. Complimentary refreshments will be provided after racing.

**Boat Launching:** Competitors are invited to use the dry storage, hoists and dinghy dock at CYC during the event, subject to applicable CYC guidelines and protocols. For information and arrangements regarding boat storage immediately preceding and following the event contact the CYC Dockmaster.

**Harken Challenge Series information.** Contact Abby Featherstone, Series Chair at [youth@sfyc.org](mailto:youth@sfyc.org).