



Stamford Yacht Club
97 Ocean Drive West, Stamford, CT 06902
Connecticut State Opti Champs
September 23rd, 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (and "Conditions for USODA Events" which can be found at www.usoda.org.)
- 1.2 The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 1.3 Racing Rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other rules.
- 1.4 Rule 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the sailing instructions and this notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."
- 1.5 Rule 60.3 is changed to permit the protest committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of sportsmanship.
- 1.6 RRS A4 will be changed so those boats scored TLE (time limit expired) shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus three but not worse than last.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 All competitors must be 15 or younger as of December 31, 2012 and be members of the USODA or JSA-LIS or ECSA.
- 2.2 This is a Red, Blue and White Fleets event.
- 2.3 This event will be limited to the first 80 paid entries. This number may be expanded at the discretion of the Regatta Chairperson.
- 2.4 Each boat must comply with USODA rules. All boats must be inspected by a responsible adult and the signed inspection sheet delivered to the registration desk prior to leaving the dock.
- 2.5 Sail numbers must be complete and clearly visible from both sides of the sail. Entries not complying with this instruction may be rejected in compliance with Rule 76.1, or protested only by the Race Committee.
- 2.6 All sailors must have an identified adult on the water. It is preferred to have the support person be a coach, however it may be a family member or adult friend. All support craft must be equipped with a working VHF Radio, an anchor and a first aid kit.

3 ENTRY AND FEES

The fee for the regatta shall be \$60. All registration shall be processed through Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com) under the 2012 Connecticut State Optimist Championship section. A link to the sign up can also be found on the Stamford Yacht Club web site (www.stamfordyc.com). All sailors register for the regatta by completing an Entry Form, a Release of Liability Form and a Medical Consent Form, (available at www.yachtscoring.com). Please bring these documents to the regatta registration table on the day of the regatta. Late entries must register at the regatta registration table (email regatta chair if you are registering late). There will be a \$30 fee for late registration. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

4 REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: All competitors and instructors/coaches must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period. Instructors must also attend the instructors' meeting to receive safety assignments.
- 4.2 Competitors will be assigned to fleets according to their age on the day of the regatta as follows:
- White Fleet 10 and under, but must be age 9 by 12/31/12
Blue Fleet 11 and 12
Red Fleet 13, 14, and 15
- 4.3 All Fleets will start together
- 4.4 The schedule of events are as follows:

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sept 23, 2012	0800 - 0930	Registration	Front lawn
	0930	Instructors Meeting	SYC Club house
	0945	Competitors Meeting	SYC Club house
	1000	Harbor Start	
	1100	First Warning Signal	
	After Racing	Presentation of awards	Front lawn

No warning signal will be made after 1530 on race day.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Preliminary sailing instructions may be available on line at www.yachtscoring.com/ before the event. Final sailing instructions will be available at the on-site registration/check-in desk.

6 VENUE

- 6.1 The racing area will be the waters outside the Stamford Harbor southwest of Gong "1." Directions to the host club can be found at www.stamfordyc.com.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply.
- 8.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.3 At least one race must be completed to constitute a series.

9 SUPPORT/COACH/SPECTATOR BOATS

- 9.1 Support/coach boat personnel must register during the Registration period. All sailors must have an identified adult on the water. A meeting of all support/coach boat personnel and coaches will be held at the conclusion of the Competitor Briefing.
- 9.2 Support/coach/spectator boats shall stay well clear of the course area while boats are racing and must listen to the radio VHF 05 for updates.

10 BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 10.1 All boats will be dry-sailed.
- 10.2 Boats, dollies, and/or trailers will be stored at a designated spot that will be made available during registration race day.
- 10.3 Competitors arriving by land will be beach launched and will be required to have a dolly.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in the Red, White and Blue Fleets.
- 11.2 A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.
- 11.3 There may be other special trophies awarded at this regatta. These will be defined in the Sailing Instructions for this event.
- 11.4 The winner of the 2012 CT State Opti Championship must be a resident of the State of Connecticut.

14 DISCIPLINE

14. All junior sailors and instructors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. The protest committee may discipline a junior sailor or instructor for actions that include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. swearing at, intimidating or harassing anyone, including teammates, on or off the water; or
 - b. stealing or borrowing without permission, anything that does not belong to them; or
 - c. possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
 - d. failure to wear a properly fastened PFD
 - e. failure to comply with curfew requirements or other conditions of the regatta

Please note that if an instructor is asked to leave a racecourse, all juniors for whom that instructor is responsible shall leave the race course as well unless other satisfactory supervisory arrangements are made.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

- 15.2 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, or any other organization) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 15.3 As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Stamford Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- The Notice of Regatta, Sailing Instructions, results and other information will be available at www.yachtscoring.com/
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