



## **American Yacht Club Optimist Invitational Saturday, July 22, 2017**

*Organizing Authority:* American Yacht Club (AYC), 499 Stuyvesant Ave, Rye, NY 10580

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The 2017 Rules for JSA of LIS (JSA) Events located at <http://jsalis.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Rules-for-JSA-Events-web.pdf> will apply.
- 1.3 JSA Code of Conduct Attached as Appendix A will apply.
- 1.4 US Sailing SafeSport Handbook will apply
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, “Arbitration” will apply,
- 1.6 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) listed below will be changed as follows. The sailing instructions may also change other rules.
  - a. Rule 64.4 (b) is changed to require a hearing before any action is taken.
  - b. Rule 6.1(a) is changed so that “A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, without consultation with instructors, coaches or support persons, including (if possible) the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested.”
  - c. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted so that protest flags are required.
  - d. Rule 60.3 will be 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 or the Rules for JSA Events.

#### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 This regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class that meet JSA eligibility requirements, as defined in 2017 Rules for JSA of LIS (JSA) Events Rule 3 “Eligibility”. This event is open to Optimist sailors representing member programs in JSA Area B. Sailors from programs outside JSA Area B may enter if space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of receipt.
- 2.2 All participants shall be certified as competent for this event by either the head instructor or the program head of their member program. Competency is defined by the JSA as follows: Each entrant is able to sail his/her Optimist to windward and to leeward in a variety of wind conditions, is able to right the boat after a capsized, and has previously sailed a race course.
- 2.3 This event is a qualifying event for the 2017 JSA Optimist Championship.

- 2.4 Entries for this regatta will be accepted via the JSA database regatta registration facility, and are due **no later than 1700 on Wednesday, July 19, 2017**. One check or electronic payment, payable to **American Yacht Club** must be drawn per club to cover all fees. Payment must be received by the start of the event. Items delivered to American Yacht Club should be directed to the attention of Jennifer Leary.
- 2.5 The entry package consists of the Regatta Entry Summary for the club, with a completed JSA Standard Waiver and Medical Release Form for each competitor, and a single payment to cover all fees. The entry is not complete until all these elements have been received at the address above.

### 3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$70 per sailor. There is no fee to send an instructor.
- 3.2 Late entries and/or changes may be accepted at the discretion of the regatta chairperson. To inquire about registering after the date listed above, contact the regatta chairperson. Please do not send late entries or changes without permission from the regatta chairperson as they may not be accepted. The entry fee for late entries is \$80 per sailor.

### 4 SCHEDULE AND REGATTA FORMAT

- 4.1 **Registration:** All competitors and instructors/coaches shall appear in person at the registration table during the registration period. Instructors shall also attend the instructors' meeting to receive safety assignments. **Please note that competitors will not be able to register without their self-check boat safety form.**

- 4.2 Competitors will be assigned to groups according to their age on the day of the regatta as follows:

White Fleet	10 and under
Blue Fleet	11 and 12
Red Fleet	13, 14, and 15

These groups may race together or separately, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

The race committee will supply colored streamers to be displayed by each boat if the groups race separately.

- 4.3 The schedule of events is as follows:

Time	Activity	Location
0830-1000	Registration	Clubhouse front porch
0830-1000	Self-equipment check	Dry-sail area
1015	Competitors Meeting	Front lawn near flagpole
1030	Instructors Meeting	Front lawn near flagpole
1045	Harbor Start	
1130	First Warning Signal	
Between races	Lunch	On the water
Following racing	Snacks and awards	Front lawn near flagpole

- 4.4 No warning signal will be made after 1630.

## **5 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT**

- 5.1 All boats shall conform to their class rules and with the JSA Optimist Inspection Checklist (Appendix A of the 2017 Rules for JSA Events). Boats are subject to inspection by the organizing authority or the judges at any time during the event.
- 5.2 **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):** Each competitor and instructor/coach shall wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water in accordance with JSA Rule 2.1.
- 5.3 Each skipper shall present their self-check boat safety form at registration.
- 5.4 **Bow line and whistle:** Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line, and each sailor shall have a whistle secured to his/her personal flotation device.
- 5.5 **Sail numbers:** Sail numbers must be complete and clearly visible from both sides of the sail. Entries of boats not complying with this instruction may be rejected by the Organizing Authority. If racing has already started, boats not complying with this instruction will be subject to protest by the race committee only.

## **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Preliminary sailing instructions may be available on line at [www.americanyc.org](http://www.americanyc.org) before the event. Final sailing instructions will be available at the on-site registration/check-in desk.

## **7 VENUE**

The racing area will be the waters south of American Yacht Club. Directions to American Yacht Club can be found at [www.jsalis.org](http://www.jsalis.org).

## **8 THE COURSES**

The course to be sailed will be a trapezoid with the start and finish in the middle of the windward leg.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS**

- 9.1 The penalty for breaches of the Rules for JSA Events will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than or greater than DSQ for one or more races. Please see JSA Rule 4.

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 The race committee will run as many races as is reasonably possible. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **11 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1 Any club entering three or more boats shall supply a support boat equipped with a working VHF radio, an anchor and a first aid kit. An instructor, coach and/or other support personnel shall drive the support boat in accordance with JSA Rule 4 and shall register with the organizing authority at registration to receive safety patrol assignments.
- 11.2 Spectator and support boats shall stay well clear of the race course area while boats are racing and shall monitor the VHF radio for updates and directives coming from the race committee.
- 11.3 If a club is not sending a support boat (e.g., a club is sending fewer than three boats), arrangements shall be made with another club to allow the instructor supervising those sailors to go out on the

water. In no circumstances will competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the race course.

## **12 BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE**

- 12.1 All boats will be dry-sailed.
- 12.2 Boats, dollies, and/or trailers will be stored in the assigned area of the American Yacht Club parking lot.

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in the White, Blue and Red fleet age groups.
- 13.2 A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

## **14 PERSONAL CONDUCT**

- 14.1 All junior sailors, instructors and support persons are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. A junior sailor, instructor or support person may be disciplined as per JSA Rule 4, the JSA Code of Conduct, RRS 64.4 or RRS 69 for violation of this Rule. An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the JSA Code of Conduct.
- 14.2 Please note that if an instructor is asked to leave a race course, 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 RRS4, 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 (including the JSA or official) 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 American 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.
- 15.4 By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, the owner and helmsman agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis, or death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees,

members, committees, employees, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

**16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, results and other information will be available on the American Yacht Club web site at [www.americanyc.org](http://www.americanyc.org).

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## **Appendix A JSA of LIS CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Introduction**

Each competitor in a Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound (JSA) event hereby pledges that he or she agrees to uphold the spirit of this JSA Code of Conduct (Code). This Code is not intended to establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe the appropriate behavior for competitors in every aspect of their participation in a JSA event. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct of competitors in situations that have ethical implications.

The competitor commits to familiarization with this Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of participation in a JSA event. Competitors who do not conform to this Code will be subject to the consequences of their actions, as specified below. The competitor has a right to a hearing if charged with a violation of this Code.

### **Elements of the Code**

Each competitor in a JSA event pledges they agree to abide by the Rules for JSA Events (JSA Rules) and Bylaws of JSA with regard to alleged incidences of misconduct, and abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook. The event is defined as running from on-site registration to departure from the venue at the conclusion of the event.

### **Participation**

> Will abide by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, the JSA Rules and Bylaws, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the JSA event.

> Are eligible to compete under all JSA rules.

### **Fair Play and Conduct**

> Will abide by *RRS* 2 and 69, and the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

### **Drugs & Alcohol**

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

> For junior competitors in any JSA event, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:

1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
2. any alcoholic beverages.

### **Sexual Abuse & Harassment**

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

### **Physical Abuse & Assault**

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

### **Bullying & Hazing**

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

### **Enforcement of the Code**

> Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding the Code and voluntary compliance, secondarily upon reinforcement by peers, and, when necessary, upon enforcement through disciplinary action as outlined by the *RRS*, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, and the JSA Regulations and Bylaws.

> If an incident is brought to the attention of the Organizing Authority, Host and/or the Protest Committee for the event alleging that a competitor has violated this Code, the Protest Committee shall protest the competitor and conduct a hearing that meets the requirements of Part 5, Section B of the *RRS*. The competitor has the right and option to voluntarily withdraw from the event rather than proceeding with a hearing. If the Protest Committee decides that the competitor has violated the Code and is not exonerated, it may

- (a) remove some or all of the competitor's event privileges or benefits,
- (b) disqualify the competitor's boat from the race or races sailed nearest in time to that of the incident, or
- (c) disqualify the competitor's boat from all races in the event and exclude the competitor from the event or venue. Further action may be determined by the Protest Committee if warranted including considering calling a hearing under *RRS* 69.2(b).

### **Scoring**

When a competitor withdraws from part of an event pursuant to the Code, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding of subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place. The same scoring applies if a boat is disqualified from the remaining races in an event

