



2011 Sail Newport Youth Challenge

June 11 – 12, 2011
Newport, RI

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2011 Sail Newport Youth Challenge is Sail Newport.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The 2011 Sail Newport Youth Challenge will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies (White, Blue and Red), Laser Radials and Club 420s may enter by completing online (www.sailnewport.org) or walk-in registration with Sail Newport.
- 3.2. **Opti:** For the Opti class, competitors who turn sixteen (16) in 2011 are not eligible. Opti White, Blue and Red Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of racing. There will be no Green Fleet in this regatta.
- 3.3. Optimist fleet/age guidelines can be found in the "FAQ" section of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) website, www.usoda.org.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. The entry fees are:
 - Opti \$60
 - Club 420 \$60
 - Laser Radial \$30
- 4.2. The early entry deadline is June 3, 2011. Any entry received after June 3 will incur a \$25 late fee.
- 4.3. Entry is not considered complete unless a parent or legal guardian has completed a Sail Newport Minor Waiver.
- 4.4. The entry fee includes entry for the competitor in scheduled races, a social event after racing on Saturday (Optis only), and an awards reception at the conclusion of the event for all classes.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 11- ONLY OPTIS WILL RACE

0800	0930	Late Registration and Check-in, Optis only
0930		Mandatory Skippers' Meeting
0945		Mandatory Coach/Support Boat Meeting
1000		Harbor Start
1100		Initial Warning Signal
After Racing		Hearty Snack and Social

Sunday, June 12- ALL CLASSES WILL RACE

0800	0930	Laser Radial and Club 420 late Registration and Check-in
0930		Mandatory Skippers' Meeting for all classes
0945		Mandatory Coach/Support Boat Meeting for all classes
1000		Harbor Start
1100		Initial Warning Signal
1430		No initial Warning Signal will be made after this time
After Racing		Social and Awards

6. FLEETS

- 6.1. The Opti fleet will be divided into Red, Blue, and White divisions in accordance with the USODA fleet/age guidelines.
- 6.2. There will be no divisional splits for the Club 420 or Laser Radial fleets.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be made available at on-site Check-in/Registration and posted online (www.sailnewport.org) by 1700 on June 10, 2011.

8. COURSES AND RACING AREA

- 8.1. Racing will take place in the waters of Narragansett Bay either between Rose and Goat Islands or north of the Newport Bridge at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 8.2. Windward/Leeward, Triangle, or Trapezoid courses may be utilized.
- 8.3. Specific course details will be outlined in the SIs.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."
- 9.2. RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted, meaning that all boats are required to display a protest flag as described in RRS 61.1(a).
- 9.3. The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a)

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 10.2. One race constitutes a series.

- 10.3. A competitor's worst score may be discarded after five or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.

11. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 11.1. Each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock, except briefly while adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 11.2. Each competitor shall designate in writing the adult who shall be in attendance and accept ultimate responsibility for the personal safety and conduct of the competitor.
- 11.3. All class required safety equipment is mandatory.
- 11.4. A waterproof safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, must be attached with a line to the PFD or clothing. Competitors whom the Protest Committee finds have not complied with this instruction may be given a scoring penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.
- 11.5. Designated adults (see NOR 11.2) are responsible for the safety of the sailor, which means that they must make the decision whether or not their sailor(s) can handle the conditions throughout the day.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. All support boats must register with the OA and attend the daily mandatory meeting(s). A representative of each support boat must sign a Support Boat Waiver.
- 12.2. Each support boat may be required to prominently fly a flag supplied by the OA at all times while on the water. A replacement fee of \$50 will be incurred for any lost flags.

13. PARKING AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 13.1. Competitor and support boats may arrive after 1200 on Friday, June 10 and launch from either of two available ramps.
- 13.2. Ample parking is available at Sail Newport's location in Fort Adams State Park. Park Rangers strictly enforce parking regulations. All vehicles must be detached from their trailers and removed from the boat at staging/rigging areas and parked in designated parking spots. There is no parking allowed on grass in any part of Fort Adams.
- 13.3. Support boats may be docked overnight at the designated Sail Newport docks from June 10 through June 12. Support boats are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes for the Opti class will be awarded to the first three finishers in each fleet, and top three overall. For the Laser Radial and Club 420 classes prizes will be given to the top three finishers.
- 14.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA based on criteria other than scores.

15. TRASH

- 15.1. Fort Adams is a carry-in/carry-out park. For that reason there are no trash receptacles. Although there will be a few trash barrels, all participants are expected to remove all of their trash from the State Park.

16. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 16.1. All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the racecourse including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the facility and the State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against them to the Protest Committee and/or their class association. Any coach or family member who violates this trust may have a complaint lodged against them to the class association.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 17.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

18. LIABILITY

- 18.1. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who 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 practice for or participation in this event during shoreside or on-the-water activities. 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.

19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 19.1. For additional information contact:

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