



2014 Connecticut State Optimist Championship  
Sunday, October 19th, 2014  
Niantic Bay Yacht Club, Niantic CT

#### NOTICE OF RACE

##### 1) Rules

- a) The race will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the U. S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA).
- b) The following additional documents govern the regatta: the online entry form, the waiver of liability and consent for medical treatment, the sailing instructions
- c) Racing rules 40, 60.1, 61.1(a) are changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- d) US Coast Guard approved PFDs are required and shall be worn at all times on the water except as specified in the sailing instructions. Use of inflatable PFDs or buoyancy aids is not permitted. A whistle is recommended. This changes rule 40.
- e) A competitor may not be protested for breaking a class rule that requires membership. An Optimist competitor may not be protested for breaking the IODA requirement for a paddle. This changes rule 60.1.
- f) Protest flags are required. This changes rule 61.1(a).

##### 2) Eligibility

- a) Sailors may not reach their 16th before the start of the regatta. Skippers will register into White, Red and Blue fleets according to their ages as of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- b) This event is open to all age eligible Optimist sailors.
- c) This event will be limited to the first (100) paid entries.

##### 3) Entry Requirements

- a) A completed entry with and entry fee of \$40.00 per sailor online at:  
**<http://tinyurl.com/optichamps>** prior to Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Entries received by this date will be guaranteed long sleeve tech t-shirts. Late and on site entry fee will be \$50.00. T-shirts will be available while supplies last.
- b) A completed Standard Waiver and Medical Release Form will be required for each competitor. Form will be available online during registration

#### **4) Registration and Sailing Instructions**

- a) Each sailor must appear in person to check in at the registration table during the registration period. Sailing instructions will be available online and at Registration Desk during registration time.
- b) The race committee will supply colored streamers to be displayed by each boat.

#### **5) Schedule**

- a) The schedule of events is as follows:
  - i) 09:30-10:30 Registration; Rigged & Ready
  - ii) 09:30-10:30 Safety check
  - iii) 10:30 Skippers meeting
  - iv) 10:45 Harbor start
  - v) 11:15 First warning
  - vi) No warning for a new race after 15:00

#### **6) Equipment and Safety Requirements**

Each boat must comply with the USODA rules. An inspection of some or all boats may be carried out at any time during the event.

#### **7) Racing Area**

The race area and rendezvous location will be posted on the notice board and announced at the Skippers meeting.

#### **8) Scoring**

- a) The low point scoring system of appendix A will apply.
- b) Two races constitute a series for the purposes of awards.
- c) There will be NO throw out if 5 or fewer races are sailed (changes Appendix A), a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

#### **9) Food and Drink**

Each sailor will be asked to bring their own lunches and water bottles. Refillable water stations will be on hand.

#### **10) Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in the Red, Blue and White fleets. Only sailors that are residents of the State of Connecticut will be eligible for perpetual trophies for top sailor in red, white & blue fleets. Top red fleet sailor is eligible for the "Morgan Point Trophy", top blue fleet sailor is eligible for the "Captain's Cove Trophy" and top white fleet sailor is eligible for the "Faulkner Island Trophy". In addition the top sailor, overall; that is a resident of the State of Connecticut will be awarded the Connecticut State Optimist Champion Trophy. Additional awards may be added at the discretion of the organizer.

#### **11) Responsibility for Safety**

As a condition of participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Niantic Bay Yacht Club and/or MudRatz Inc, the owner and the sailor of each boat agree that the safety of the boat and the sailor 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 participant, as does the responsibility for the safe condition of the boat including safety equipment and rigging and 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.

#### **12) Contact Information**

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