

NOTICE OF RACE

2015 Old Cove Invitational & PGJSA Qualifier

Optimist

OLD COVE YACHT CLUB

1400 Old Harbor Road, New Suffolk, NY 11956

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JULY 10, 2015

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the Optimist class, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race or by the Sailing Instructions.

Team Racing is prohibited and may be protested and result in a penalty.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS

Per US SAILING Regulation 5.03, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.), the possession of which is unlawful. This regulation is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure. On report of a violation of this regulation, a hearing will be held generally in accord with the recommendations of Appendix L of the RRS. Penalties for a violation of the regulation may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. Additionally, the hearing officers may recommend further action under rule 69. The officers for hearing a violation of US SAILING Regulation 5.03 will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the jury, and the Event Chairman.

ALTERATION OF CLASS RULES

The Class rules will be used except that RRS 60.1 (a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership or imposing a weight limit.

ADVERTISING

Advertising must be in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code (Appendix 1) and the relevant class rules.

CLASSES

Optimist Green; Optimist White, Blue, Red

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Applicants for the PGJSA Championship must be a member of the PGJSA through their own club. For the Championship Series the PGJSA Optimist age rule applies.

US SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in US SAILING is encouraged for each competitor.

APPLICATION

Registration with payment and completion of forms will be available only online at www.pgjsa.org (Regatta Registration). Registration later than midnight of the day **before** the event will incur an additional \$10 late fee and will be available only until the scheduled start of the Skippers' Meeting. Cancellation with refund will be permitted online up until the scheduled start of the Skippers' Meeting. Refunds will not be permitted if a regatta is postponed or cancelled after the scheduled start of the Skippers' Meeting.

FEES

Entry is \$45 per competitor and covers all races, an official regatta apparel, breakfast, lunch, beverages and trophies. There is an additional \$10 fee for late registration as defined above.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 10, 2015

Check-In:

*All competitors shall appear *in person* to confirm registration with regatta management during the designated check-in time.

*Sail number changes from what appears on the registration form are to be made online by the sailor, *not the host club*, prior to the first race. In addition, sailors are to report their sail number change to the check in staff and the Race Committee. Sailors who fail to correct their sail numbers may be disqualified.

0800-1000	Arrival & Check-in	1300	Racing Resumes
1015	Skippers' Meeting	1500	Racing Ends
1100	First Start	1600	Awards
1230	Lunch (at club or on water)		

Schedule subject to change pending conditions of the day.

ALTERNATE DATE

In the event that severe weather could imperil sailors, the Old Cove Yacht Club Race Committee has sole discretion to postpone the regatta to a later date. All PGJSA Head Instructors and Program Directors will be notified no later than 1500 hours July 9, 2015 by phone and/or email.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at check-in.

BOATS & EQUIPMENT

Competitors must bring their own boats and dollies. Each competitor will be responsible for their boat's compliance with the class rules. Boats are REQUIRED to have a tow line not less than 5/16" x 30'.

SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System-Appendix A of the racing rules and the PGJSA Championship scoring policies will apply. One (1) race constitutes a series. There will be NO throw-outs.

PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in Optimist White, Blue, Red divisions. The Race Chair may present a sportsmanship award.

SAFETY

PFDS (COAST GUARD APPROVED) ARE REQUIRED FOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE REGATTA INCLUDING SAILORS, COACHES, SAFETY BOATS, AND ANY OTHER PERSONS ON THE WATER. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

COACHES

There must be a minimum of one coach/instructor registered for each Club which has a competitor entered. It is the sole responsibility of Clubs to provide enough support boats and personnel to ensure the safety of their sailors, considering the weather conditions, venue, and sailing experience.

See Sailing Instructions and PGJSA coaching conditions and responsibilities.

ETHICS AS ADOPTED FROM JSA of LIS:

Respected Sailors always:

1. Know and abide by the Racing Rules. They promptly: Take a penalty or retire when they know they broke a rule, or file a protest when appropriate.
2. Obey event regulations, on and off the water.
3. Are organized, prepared and responsible for their own equipment.
4. Show respect to fellow sailors and those helping to run regattas and programs.

Respected Sailors never:

1. Swear at, intimidate or harass anyone, including teammates, on or off the water.
2. Steal or borrow, without permission, anything that does not belong to them.
3. Break laws related to alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs.