



2016 New York State Optimist Championship

September 17, 2016

Hosted By: The WaterFront Center

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NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing Rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other rules.
 - a. Rule 61 is changed to require that immediately after finishing a race, without consultation with instructors, coaches or spectators, a boat shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention to protest another boat and (if possible) provide the sail number of the protested boat.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Appendix T, Section B, Post-Race Penalties will apply.
 - d. Appendix P will apply, and is changed as follows: P2.2, "Second Penalty" will be changed to, "Second and Subsequent Penalties". P2.3 will be deleted

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All competitors are required to be members of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA). Proof of Class Membership is required at registration.
- 2.2 This event is open to all Optimist Sailors sailing in White, Blue and Red fleets.
- 2.3 All participants shall be certified as competent for this event by either the head instructor, head coach, parent, or the program head of their member program. Competency is defined 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 capsize, and has previously sailed a race course.
- 2.4 Entries for this regatta will be accepted via the RegattaTech website. Registrations shall be considered late if received after 1800 on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Registration will not be considered complete until payment has been made through our website. Please contact the WaterFront Center: 516.922.7245 if you have questions or issues with the registration process.
- 2.5 The entry package consists of the entry form 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. You may email or fax medical waivers to: info@thewfc.org or 516.922.2901

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$60 per sailor and \$0 per 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 \$75 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.

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.

Red, Blue and White Fleets shall start in the same start at the same time whether the regatta format is single or multi-division. At the discretion of the Race Committee, the fleet may be split into equally sized divisions. The divisions shall not be decided on the basis of age. In a single division and multi-division regatta, the overall final scores shall be used to determine red, blue, and white fleet awards

4.3 The schedule of events is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location
Saturday	September 17	00830 - 1000	Registration	Regatta Tent
		0830 - 1000	Measurement & safety equipment check	Boat Parking Lot
		1015	Instructors Meeting	Regatta Tent
		1030	Competitors Meeting	Regatta Tent
		1045	Harbor Start	Beekman Beach
		TBA	Lunch	West Harbor
		As soon as is reasonable	Presentation of Awards	Regatta Tent

4.4 A flight is a pair of races involving all divisions. No warning signal for the first race of a flight will be made after 1700 on Saturday, September 17.

5 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

5.1 All boats shall conform to their class rules. Boats are subject to inspection by the organizing authority or the judges at any time during the event.

5.2 **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):** In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Sailing prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is that sailors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the US Coast Guard that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the wearer with whistle attached and properly secured at all times (except for brief periods to adjust clothing) while on the water or on the dock.

5.3 **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.

5.4 **Sail numbers:** Sail numbers must be confirmed at Safety Check and shall not change without permission of the Organizing Authority (OA). 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 OA. 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.thewaterfrontcenter.org or www.regattatech.com before the event.

7 VENUE

The racing area will be West Harbor. Directions to the host club can be found at www.thewaterfrontcenter.org.

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

9 SCORING

9.1 If fleets are split into groups, one set (complete round robin) is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 When six (6) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When more than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When thirteen (13) or more races have been completed a boat's series scores will be the total of her races excluding her two (2) worst scores.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 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.

10.2 Spectator and support boats shall stay within the designated areas while boats are racing and shall monitor the VHF radio for updates and directives coming from the Race Committee. All spectator and support boats shall make no wake while operating near the race course. Failure to comply with these protocols may result in a penalty for the sailor(s) associated with the violators.

10.3 If a club is not sending a support boat (i.e., 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.

11 BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE

11.1 All boats will be dry-sailed.

11.2 Trailers & support vehicles will be stored on the south edge of the Beekman Beach parking lot and as assigned by WFC Regatta Support. Trailers may be moved by WFC Regatta Support. All vehicles and trailers will not be permitted to leave until all racing has concluded.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded.

12.2 A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

13 PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 13.1 All junior sailors and instructors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play.
- 13.2 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.

14 CLEAN REGATTA

- 14.1 This regatta will be implementing best practices from Sailors for the Sea’s Clean Regatta Program.
- 14.2 Some of the practices include:
 - a. Eliminating plastic. Competitors are expected to provide and bring their own reusable water bottle(s). Water refill stations will be available on and off the water.
 - b. Multiple trash receptacles will be available to separate waste, recyclable and compostable materials.
 - c. The organizing authority will work to reduce paper usage in as many ways as possible.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See racing 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 WaterFront Center, 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 (PFD). Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

The notice of race, sailing instructions, results and other information will be available at:
www.thewaterfrontcenter.org:

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