

2009 USODA Pacific Coast Championships

2009 SFYC Leukemia Cup Regatta

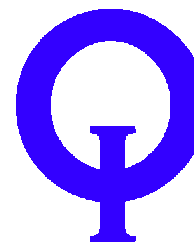
Opti NorCal Winter Series Regatta #1

The San Francisco Yacht Club

98 Beach Road, Belvedere, CA

September 19-20, 2009

Notice of Race



Organization and Venue

- The regatta is organized by The San Francisco Yacht Club and the USODA.
- The event host is The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California, and the primary racing venue will be Knox Shoal with a secondary venue reserved in Richardson Bay. The Optimist Green Fleet will race in Belvedere Cove. The SFYC will provide Green Fleet coaching.
- This regatta is part of The SFYC Leukemia Cup Regatta and will be scored as the Opti NorCal Winter Series #1 as well.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012)*.
- 1.2. The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 1.3. 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 racing rules.
 - a RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the sailing instructions and this notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."
 - b RRS 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.
 - c RRS 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform a race committee finish or measurement boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
 - d **On-the-water judging will be used and Appendix P will apply** - “Appendix P P2.1 will be replaced with: “When a boat is first penalized under instruction P1 her penalty will be: (a) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing: a two-turns penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing. (b) if her penalty is signaled after she finishes: ten (10) points added to her score for that race.”

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.
- 2.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor’s age on the first day of the regatta.
- 2.3. Competitors will have been born on or after January 1st, 1994.
- 2.4. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA or IODA. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership.

3. Registration and Entry Fees

- 3.1. The Registration fee is \$70. Registration shall be done online only. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration form together with all fees paid by 9/18. Additional late entry fees of US \$20 shall be paid for late registrations completed 9/12 thru 9/18 at 8pm.
- 3.2. Registration includes completing online registration and entry fee, plus submission of the Waiver and Medical form mailed to: SFYC Youth Sailing, 98 Beach Road, Belvedere, CA 94920.

The competitor shall confirm that the competitor is registered by checking the registration list on the regatta web site. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of his or her registration.

3.3. Registration will be closed 8 PM 9/18.

4. Format of the Regatta

There will be a Green Fleet. The Green Fleet racing area will be Belvedere Cove and The SFYC will provide coaching.

Friday, Sept 18	Saturday, Sept 19	Sunday, Sept 20
	0830: On-site check-in 1000: Competitors meeting 1015: Coach/Safety meeting	0930: Competitors Briefing
Early arrival. Youth dock open for practice. Coachboat launching.	1030: RC boats leave dock 1130: First warning. 4 races scheduled	1000: RC boats leave dock 1100: First warning. 4 races scheduled. No races will begin after 1430
	Snacks on the youth dock 1700: All sailors must leave	Hot appetizers shore-side Trophies to follow

Eight races are scheduled, with one race constituting a regatta.

5. Measurement

- 5.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee’s approval.
- 5.2. A boat shall not be entered until it has been measured, and each boat shall pass a safety check prior to launching.
- 5.3. Equipment and/or sails previously measured and stickered or stamped pursuant to the USODA measurement process that remains unaltered since the measurement may be checked and re-measured during the registration. Each competitor will be required to sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured.
- 5.4. Equipment and sails not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta.
- 5.5. The Race and/or Protest Committee may measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

6. Sailing Instructions

Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available online, and final official Sailing Instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

7. The Courses

The courses will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Penalty System

The penalties for upheld breaches of the certain sailing instructions shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions may be greater up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. Personal Buoyancy, Whistle, and Bow Line

- 10.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a **US Coast Guard approved PFD** properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a PFD will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee
- 10.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 10.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

11. Safety and Adult Responsibility

- 11.1. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 11.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative who will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 11.3. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

12. Support Boats

- 12.1. One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats.)
- 12.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a flag supplied by the Race Committee that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area (up to 100 feet deep), and a basic first aid kit.
- 12.3. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

13. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall; 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the white, blue and red fleets; 1st girl; and sportsmanship. Green fleet participants will be given green fleet medals.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

15. Further Information

Parking will be tightly regulated due to the Leukemia Cup Regatta. A limited number of parking passes for the SFYC lot will be given out each day on a first-come, first-served basis. Off site parking is available on the street (2 hr in many places) and at the Boardwalk shopping center at the corner of Beach Road and Tiburon Blvd. **The SFYC asks that all cars involved with the Opti PCCs please vacate the SFYC parking lot by 5pm on Saturday afternoon.**

For additional information about the regatta please contact Forrest Gay, Youth Sailing Director.

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