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Optimist Harken Challenge Series, Regatta #2

April 11-12, 2026

The San Francisco Yacht Club

Belvedere, California

Notice of Race

The regatta will be organized and hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club: 98 Beach Rd, Belvedere, CA.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] All participants in this regatta shall wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing other clothing. Violation of this rule will result in a protest by the race committee, resulting in a protest committee decision up to disqualification from the entire regatta.

2 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available online after 1800 hours on Wednesday, April 8. There will be no printed version available.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all boats that meet the International Optimist Class Rules.
- 3.2 **Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry found at www.sfyc.org under On the Water > Regattas. A late fee of \$25 will apply after April 8. No entries will be accepted after 1700 on April 10. There will be NO ON-SITE registration.**
- 3.3 There will be a Green fleet.
- 3.4 Red, White and Blue fleets will be determined by the USODA rules.

4 Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$80 and includes trophies for winners, and a BBQ after racing on Saturday and snacks on Sunday.
- 4.2 Payment shall be made by credit card online at the time of registration.

5 Schedule

Friday	All Day	Early arrival (Docks and venue open for practice all day)
Saturday	1000	Competitors' meeting (Green fleet meeting to follow)
	1200	First warning (3 races scheduled for Champs)
		Snacks dockside after racing
Sunday	1000	Green fleet meeting
	1200	First warning (3 races scheduled for Champs)
	1600	No initial warning for a race after this time
		Trophies and snacks after racing

6 Venue

- 6.1 The primary race area for the Championship Fleet will be Southampton/Berkeley Circle. In the event of extreme conditions Richardson Bay or Belvedere Cove may be used as alternate race areas.
- 6.2 The Green Fleet will race in Belvedere Cove, or Richardson Bay if there is not wind in the Cove.

7 Courses

- 7.1 The courses will be described in the sailing instructions, and will be the “Optimist Trapezoid” with an upwind finish for the Championship Fleet.
- 7.2 The green fleet will race windward/leeward and triangle courses, as announced at the green fleet meeting and on the water.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 When fewer than 5 races are completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races are completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.2 6 races are scheduled. 1 completed race will constitute a regatta.

9 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the SFYC liability waiver.

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

10 Parking

Parking at The San Francisco Yacht Club will be limited to SFYC Members and visiting trailers. Trailers will need to be parked in the south end of the lot as tightly together as possible. Non-Member vehicles may enter the parking lot for drop off only, but must park at a nearby lot or on the street. Coachboats may be launched at SFYC. Coachboats must be docked on the west side of the white dock across from the north hoist.

11 Additional Information

SFYC Contact: Abby Featherstone, youth@sfyc.org, or 415-435-9525
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SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL CLUB RULES

- There will be a BBQ on Saturday after racing at the Cove House. Competitors’, siblings, and coaches meals are included.
- All competitors and guests must abide by all of the special Club rules that may be in effect, while on Club property (ie: docks, parking lot, clubhouse/deck, etc).