



The San Francisco Yacht Club

Notice Of Race

2008 San Francisco Bay Optimist Championship
in conjunction with
The 2008 Leukemia Cup Regatta
October 4 and 5

1 Organizing Authority and Venue

1.1 The regatta is organized by The San Francisco Yacht Club. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, the Optimist Class Rules, and this Notice of Race, except in the event that any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The event host is The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California, and the primary racing venue shall be the waters of San Francisco Bay.

2 Eligibility and Entry

All eligible competitors may enter by completing an entry form prior to racing.

3. Registration

Advance registration is encouraged. Forms will be available on the Regattas page at www.sfyc.org and should be completed and e-mailed or faxed to youth@sfyc.org. Payment will be accepted at the event, or checks can be mailed to SFYC Youth Sailing, P.O. Box 379, Belvedere, CA 94920.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$50 per boat. The entry fee shall include trophies and a contribution to the Leukemia Cup Regatta. 100% of the entry fee will be given to charity. SFYC Youth Sailing will donate all associated regatta costs so that all of the entry fee can go to charity.

5. Schedule of Events.

Saturday October 4

0830	Registration
1000	Championship and Green Fleet skippers' meeting
1130	First warning for Championship Fleet. Lunch on the water.
1100	Harbor Start for Green Fleet, lunch back at SFYC dock (time at discretion of Green Fleet PRO).
1500	No starts after this time.

Sunday October 5

- 1100 First warning for Championship fleet, lunch on the water.
- 1030 Harbor Start for Green Fleet, lunch back at SFYC dock (time at discretion of Green Fleet PRO).
- 1430 No starts after this time.
- 1530 Trophies in conjunction with Leukemia Cup Regatta on the lawn.

6. Racing

6.1 The Green Fleet will sail in Belvedere Cove, with the Championship Fleet either in Richardson Bay, Knox, or Raccoon Straights.

(The waters of SF Bay are cold and can be very choppy.)

6.2 Ten (10) races will be attempted.

7. Course

7.1 The courses for the Championship Fleet are outlined in the attached course diagrams.

7.2 The course for the Green Fleet will be triangle, windward-leeward or a combination of both.

7.3 The starting sequence will be 5 minutes for the Championship Fleet. The start/finish line will be between an Orange Flag on the RC boat and an Orange Ball.

7.4 The starting sequence will be 3 minutes for the Green Fleet. The start/finish line will be between an Orange Flag on the RC boat and an Orange Ball.

7.5 All marks shall be left to port.

8. Scoring

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used. One race is required to complete the regatta.

9. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at the onsite registration.

10. Protests

Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. In accordance with Optimist Class rules, a protest flag must be flown by the protesting yacht. This instruction amends RRS 61.1(a).

11. Personal Flotation

Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification. This changes RRS 40. The Y flag shall not be flown.

12. Safety

12.1 Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

12.2 A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to clothing. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.

13. Support boats

All support and coach boats shall render assistance while competitors are on the water if requested by representatives of the organizing authority, or as may be otherwise required. It is the intention of this provision that each sailor shall have a support boat on the course. Support boats shall monitor the VHF Channel announced at the coaches meeting at the end of the skippers' meeting.

14. Measurement

14.1 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.

14.2 There may be measurement inspection on the water.

14.3 All equipment may be subject to a safety check at launch time by the Race Committee and only boats that pass the check shall launch.

15. Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

16. Trophies

Top boy: 1st (perpetual)

Top girl: 1st (perpetual)

Red Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Blue Fleet: 1st through 3rd

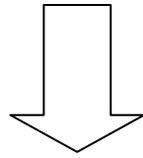
White Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Participation awards for green fleet sailors.

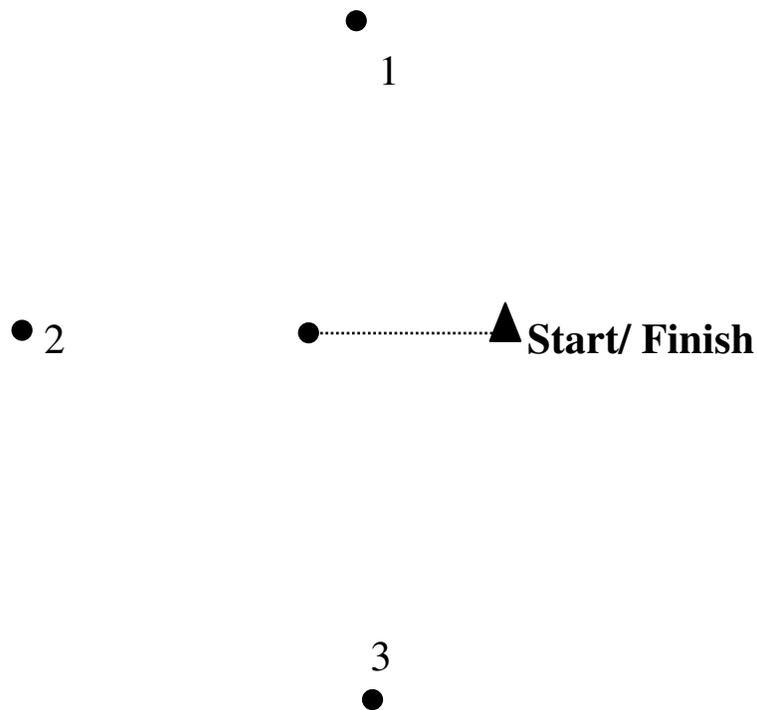
17. Designated Adult

Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. It is the competitor's parents (or designated adult) decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The designated adult will 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.

COURSE CHART



WIND



Course 1: Start-1-3-Finish

Course 2: Start-1-2-3-Finish

Course 3: Start-1-3-1-3-Finish

Course 4: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish

*Note angle may vary on reach legs