

2011 USODA TEAM TRIALS

May 4 – 7, 2011

Measurement – May 2, 2011; Measurement and Check-in – May 3, 2011

*Hosted by
The San Francisco Yacht Club
98 Beach Road
Belvedere, California 94920*

NOTICE OF RACE

APRIL 22, 2011 - REVISED

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 89.2.)

The regatta will be organized by The San Francisco Yacht Club in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the “USODA”).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and “Conditions for USODA Events” which can be found at www.usoda.org/.
- 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. Appendix P will apply and 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. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted as regulated by ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Competitors are required to be current members of the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 1996.
- 3.2. Competitors shall be “Team Trial Qualified” as defined by the USODA or be invited by the USODA President.

4. Registration; Entry Fees

- 4.1. The Entry fee is \$180.00. Registration shall be done online only at www.usoda.org.
- 4.2. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration form together with all fees paid, by 8 PM, April 15. Additional late entry fee of \$60 shall be paid for late registrations completed after 8PM April 15 thru 8 PM **April 29 (REVISED)**.
- 4.3. Registration includes completing online registration, sailor emergency medical information/Authorization for Treatment, USODA Event Waiver and entry fee. 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.
- 4.4. Registration will be closed at 8 PM on **April 29 (REVISED)**.

5. Format of the Regatta

- 5.1. There will be one fleet. Depending on the number of competitors, the fleet may be divided into divisions. Competitors will be assigned a division and color each day. Competitors shall race that day only against competitors in the same color division. Boats will race in “Sets” of races. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed.
- 5.2. The assignment to division for the first day of racing will be based first on the order of finish for those competitors who attended the 2010 USODA National Championship, with a system like 1,2,3,3,2,1 etc. (depending on the number of divisions) applied to the 2010 USODA National Championship results. Then, those competitors who did not attend the 2010 USODA National Championship will be assigned to divisions on a random basis. The Class Representative and PRO shall approve the final split.
- 5.3. At the end of each day’s racing, competitors will be assigned to divisions for the next day on the basis of the cumulative regatta results as of the posted protest time limit, except that race scores for the current day’s racing shall be ‘preliminary’ and not include the results of protests or redress requests (including scoring inquiries). Assignment will be with a system like 1,2,3,3,2,1, etc. (depending on the number of divisions).

6. Schedule

6.1 Arrival

Teams wishing to arrive early are welcome as early as April 25th. Please do not arrive before that date, you will be turned away. Sunday, May 1st is “Opening Day on The Bay” and the SFYC parking lot will be shut down to new arrivals. **DO NOT PLAN TO ARRIVE ON MAY 1ST**. Those who have arrived before May 1st will be able to practice from the SFYC youth dock on that day, but there will be no car or trailer parking available on site at SFYC.

6.2 Breakfast and Lunch

Continental breakfasts and lunches will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.

6.3 Program

Registration and Racing will be conducted as follows:

Monday, May 2	1600-2000	Measurement
Tuesday, May 3	0900-1900	Sailor, Coach, Team Check-in, Measurement
Wednesday, May 4	0800-0930	Sailor check-in and Breakfast
	1000	Skippers, Coaches' and Parents' meeting
	1030	Cove Start
	1200	First Warning Signal
		Racing to follow
		Lunch on the water
Thursday, May 5	0800-0930	Sailors' Breakfast
	1000	Skippers, Coaches' and Parents' meeting
	1030	Cove Start
	1200	First Warning Signal
		Lunch on the water
Friday, May 6	0800-0930	Sailors' Breakfast
	1000	Skippers, Coaches' and Parents' meeting
	1030	Cove Start
	1200	First Warning Signal
		Lunch on the water
Saturday, May 7	0800-0930	Sailors' Breakfast
	1000	Skippers, Coaches' and Parents' meeting
	1030	Cove Start
	1200	First Warning Signal
		Lunch on the water
	1500	No first Warning Signal for a new
		Set of races after this time
	After racing	Awards Ceremony

7. Measurement

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. A boat shall not be entered until it has been measured, and each boat shall pass a safety check prior to launching.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. The Race and or Protest Committee may measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8. Sailing Instructions

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

9. Venue

The racing area will be Southampton Shoal and/or the northern Berkeley Circle of San Francisco Bay. This venue is between 30 and 60 minutes under tow from SFYC and crosses a major shipping lane. All competitors must be towed to the racing area in the mornings and towed back in the afternoons. No tows shall leave the Belvedere Cove (in front of SFYC) until signaled to do so at 1030 on race days.

10. The Course

The course will be included in the Sailing Instructions. The intention is to sail the Optimist trapezoid with either a reach or windward finish.

11. Penalty System

11.1. In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No_Appeal/Rule_70_5_a_Procedure.htm are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.

11.2. There will be penalties for upheld breaches of the certain Sailing Instructions and measurement infractions, which shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions the penalties may be greater, up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

12. Scoring

12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2. A set is completed when all divisions have completed a scored race. One completed set shall constitute the regatta.

12.3. A boat's scores from races in incomplete sets shall not be counted. This changes RRS A2.

12.4. When fewer than six (6) sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to ten (10) sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

12.5. RRS 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the combined number of boats registered in the two largest divisions.

13. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line

13.1. At this time of year, the weather and water of San Francisco Bay have the potential to be extremely cold (the water will be 54 degrees, and the air can range from 50 to 75 degrees). There is a high probability that it will blow over 20 knots on some or all of the days. It is the responsibility of the competitor, his/her parent and his/her coach to select the appropriate gear for the weather conditions. SFYC and the USODA strongly recommend that all competitors bring a dry-suit and/or wetsuit, wool hats, waterproof gloves, boots and other gear that will permit the competitor to compete under these weather conditions.

13.2. 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 PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee

13.3. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

13.4. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

14. Safety and Adult Responsibility

- 14.1. An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the 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.
- 14.2. 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 that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. Each day prior to harbor start, **and then again** after racing and before the protest time limit, sailors shall sign-out, and then on return ashore, sing-in with the safety committee. Both sign-in and sign-out will consist of each sailor removing their tag from a board located in front of the Youth Sailing Center and dropping it in a basket next to the board.

15. Coaches and Support boats

- 15.1. The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a coach or support boat on the race course throughout the regatta. Any sailor who does not have a support boat will be assigned one for the regatta to be towed to and from the venue.
- 15.2. 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 coach boats.)
- 15.3. All coach and support/spectator boats shall register and obtain a numbered 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 (25 feet deep or less), and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.4. The conduct of registered coach boats and all other support boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

16. Prizes

Awards will be presented to the top 15 overall finishers, and the top 5 girl finishers. Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta results.

17. SUMMER INTERNATIONAL TEAM QUALIFICATION

- 17.1. Qualification for summer international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted on the USODA web page at www.usoda.org. In the event of a tie that cannot be resolved by use of the racing rules governing this event, the matter shall be decided by the single flip of a coin by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 17.2. In the event no races are completed at the 2011 USODA Team Trials or if the Executive Committee of the USODA Board of Directors concludes prior to the start of the first race that a substantial percentage of the registered sailors cannot attend or otherwise participate in the regatta for reasons beyond the control of The San Francisco Yacht Club, the USODA or the registered sailors, then the order of selection (with 1st place to receive the 1st invitation, etc.) of those sailors from the 2010 USODA National Championship who;
 - a) are current members of USODA
 - b) registered for the 2011 USODA Team Trials, and

c) whose age permits them to sail in USODA events in the same year as the events for which teams that are being selected are to occur,

shall serve as the basis for selecting the individuals to be invited to join the USODA teams otherwise to be selected on the basis of the results of the 2011 USODA Team Trials.

- 17.3 All sailors should understand that the USODA reserves the right to amend this policy at any time prior to the conclusion of 2011 USODA Team Trials to implement an alternative basis for the selection of international teams should the 2011 USODA Team Trials not be deemed suitable for selection. Sailors do not have a vested right with respect to the selection of the international teams based on their finish at the 2010 USODA Nationals.

18. 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. Waivers shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

19. Further Information

For additional information please contact:

Event website: <http://www.belvederecove.org/page/Opti-Team-Trials>

Event email: 2011optiteamtrials@gmail.com

SFYC Youth Sailing Office: 415-435-9525

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