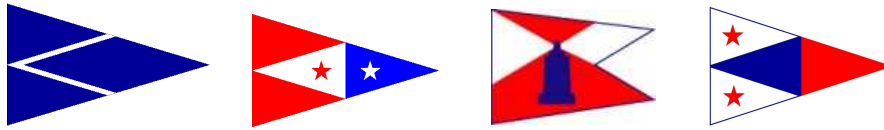


HARKEN®



2015 Harken Challenge Series

Notice of Series

1. RULES

The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Optimist Class Rules, this Notice of Series, and the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions issued by each host club.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

2.1 Competitors shall have been born on or after January 1, 2000.

2.2 Competitors must enter each individual regatta separately. A competitor will be automatically entered in the series by sailing in the first or second scheduled regatta.

2.3 Competitors must be members in good standing of the United States Optimist Dinghy Class. Membership can be obtained on the USODA Class website at www.USODA.org. Class membership information will be verified.

3. FEES

There is no series entry fee, but each host club may charge a regatta entry fee.

4. HOST CLUBS & SCHEDULE

Harken #1 @ Opti Spring Series at California YC, February 28-March 1, 2015

Harken #2 @ NorCal Winter Series at The San Francisco YC, April 11-12, 2015

Harken #3 @ Eli Rueben Memorial Regatta at Cabrillo Beach YC, May 23-24, 2015

Harken #4 @ Heavy Weather Regatta St Francis YC, June 19-21, 2015

Awards Ceremony at St Francis after racing.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued by each host club for each separate regatta.

6. SCORING

6.1 Harken Series scoring shall be based on the official results of each race tabulated only against other Harken Series entrants.

6.2 Harken Series scoring shall be in accordance with US Sailing Appendix A9.

6.3 For the Harken Series a DNC is defined as not registering for a Harken Regatta and shall be scored the number of entries in the Harken Series plus one.

6.4 Ties will be broken using US SAILING Appendix A. If a tie still exists, the winner shall be the yacht ahead in the final race that the two participating yachts both finished.

6.5 Throwout races will be incorporated into the series scoring with the following formulas:

If 5 - 10 races are completed, there will be 1 throwout

If 11 - 15 races are completed, there will be 2 throwouts

If 16 - 20 races are completed, there will be 3 throwouts

If 21 - 25 races are completed, there will be 4 throwouts

If 25 - 30 races are completed, there will be 5 throwouts

If 30 or more races are completed there will be 6 throwouts

6.6 Sail number changes must be reported to the Harken Series Chairman, Forrest Gay by email (forrest@sfyc.org) and reported to the host race committee before the first race each day.

7. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top places in the Red, Blue, and White Fleet Series Overall, Championship Fleet Series Overall, and top girl (Championship Fleet) Series Overall.

8. 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.

9. MORE INFORMATION

For more information contact each host club, or Forrest Gay, Series Chairman via email at forrest@sfyc.org. Host clubs can be contacted at: CYC 310-823-4567; SFYC 415-435-9525, CBYC 310 519-1694, StFYC 415-563-6363.