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2015 Optimist Harken Challenge Series, Regatta #2 (Northern California Opti Winter Series #5)

April 11-12, 2015

The San Francisco Yacht Club
Belvedere, California

Notice of Race

The 2015 Optimist Harken Challenge Series, Regatta #2 will be organized and hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 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 All participants in this regatta must 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 penalty by the Race Committee up to disqualification from the entire regatta.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 This regatta is open to International Optimist Class boats only.
- 2.2 **All competitors must enter by completing the online entry found at www.sfyc.org. A late fee of \$20 will apply after 1800 hours on Wednesday, April 8. No entries will be accepted after 1800 hours on Friday, April 10. There will be NO ON-SITE registration.**
- 2.3 Each competitor must have a parent sign a waiver on-site at check-in.
- 2.4 There will be a Green fleet.
- 2.5 Red, White and Blue fleets will be determined by the USODA rules.

3 Fees

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$50 and includes lunches and snacks after racing each day.
- 3.2 Payment must be made by credit card online.

4 Schedule

Friday, April 10	1800	Registration deadline.
	All Day	Early arrival. (Docks and venue open for practice all day.)
Saturday, April 11	0900	Check-in opens
	1000	Competitors' meeting (Green fleet meeting to follow)
	1200	First warning. (4 races scheduled)
	1700	Snacks dockside
Sunday, April 12	1000	Competitors' briefing (Green fleet meeting to follow)
	1200	First warning. (4 races scheduled)
	1600	No races to start after
		Trophies and snacks after racing.

5 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available online after 1800 hours on Wednesday, April 8. They will also be available for pick up at the check-in desk.

6 Racing 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 and will have lunch on shore.

7 The Courses

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions, and will be the “Opti Trapezoid” for the Championship Fleet.

8 Scoring

7.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used. 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.

7.2 8 races are scheduled. 1 race will constitute a regatta.

9 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.

10 Parking

Parking at The San Francisco Yacht Club will be available to competitors. Trailers will need to be parked in the south end of the lot as tightly together as possible. Coachboats may be launched at SFYC. Please see Forrest Gay or the Harbor staff to get docking instructions.

11 Additional Information

SFYC Contact: Forrest Gay at forrest@sfyc.org or the Youth Office at 415-435-9525.