



2015 USODA Pacific Coast Championship September 19-20

Hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be organized by The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC) 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 (2013-2016)*.
- 1.2. “USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships”, including the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’, will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and Guardians shall abide by the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, SFYC, and the Cities of Belvedere and Tiburon.
- 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 rules.
 - a. Rule 61 will be changed as follows: In rule 61.1(a), delete, “She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing,” and replace with, “Her protest flag shall be attached to the helmsmen’s lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before and then after it is displayed.” Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. Add rule 61.5:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the race committee finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.

- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, “Second Penalty” will be changed to, “Second and Subsequent Penalties”. There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, “unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the race committee finish boat that she is retiring”. P2.3 will be deleted.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.



3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta September 19, 2015.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2000. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at usoda@usoda.org.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$60 if paid by September 2.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$85 total) shall be paid for registrations completed September 3 thru 1700 hours PDT September 16.
- 4.2. Registration must be done on-line at www.usoda.org in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including completion on the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Event registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of her completed registration. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed **September 16** at 1700 hours PDT.
- 4.4. Registration requests after registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

There will be a Championship fleet that will race as a single division. There will be a Green fleet.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at check-in. The USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist form is required to complete check-in.
- 6.2. Lunch and hot snacks after racing will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.3. Program and Schedule

Friday, September 18

1600 – 1900	Competitor Check-in & Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in
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Saturday, September 19

0900-1000	Competitor Check-in & Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in
1000	Competitors, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1045	Harbor Start
1200	First Warning Championship Fleet
	Lunch on the water
After Racing	Competitor BBQ at SFYC



Sunday, September 20

1000	Competitors, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1045	Harbor Start
1200	First warning Championship Fleet
1530	No start after this time
After racing	Hot Snacks & Awards Ceremony

The Green Fleet Sailors schedule will be the same through the competitors meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet Sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.

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. Each competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist form during the regatta site check-in. These Forms shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 7.3. The race and or protest committee may inspect or 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 AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle for the Championship Fleet. The Green Fleet will race in Belvedere Cove.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept at SFYC in the assigned area.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the sailing instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- 11.3. Scoring based on number of races completed:
 - a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - b) When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When eleven (11) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.



12. LIFEJACKET, WHISTLE, AND BOW LINE

- 12.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Sailing prescriptions, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international sailors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable lifejackets may not be worn.
- 12.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 12.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

13. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 13.1. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their 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.
- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. 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. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. 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 support boats.)
- 14.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the race committee during Check-in, that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$20 deposit is required. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 14.3. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the sailing instructions.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Overall: 1st through 5th
- Red Fleet: 1st through 3rd
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 3rd
- White Fleet: 1st through 3rd
- Top girl: 1st through 3rd

Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

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.



16. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2016 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of team trials eligible Championship Fleet competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2016 USODA Team Trials.

17. 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. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org.

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