



2017 USODA Pacific Coast Championship

August 26-27

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* (RRS).
- 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. Rule 61 is changed as follows:
 - a. The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor’s lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before it is needed and after the protested boat has acknowledged her foul.
 - b. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - c. The following new rule is added to rule 61:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

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 RC finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.

- 1.4. Appendix P shall apply. P2.2, “Second Penalty” is changed to, “Second and Subsequent Penalties”. There is also 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 RC finish boat that she is retiring”. P2.3 is be deleted.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per World Sailing 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 (OA).



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 August 26, 2017.
- 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, 2002. The OA may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join the 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. \$80 if paid by August 9, 2017.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$105 total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 10, 2017 through August 16, 2017.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$ 25 (\$130 total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 17, 2017 through 12:00 PM PDT, August 23, 2017.
- 4.2. Registration shall 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 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 the completed registration. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 12:00 PM PDT.
- 4.4. Registration requests after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

The Championship fleet 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 is required to complete check-in.
- 6.2. Lunches and snacks will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.3. Program and Schedule

Friday, August 25

1600 – 1900

Competitor Check-in & Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in



Saturday, August 26

0900-1000	Competitor Check-in & Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in
1000	Coaches Meeting
1015	Competitors, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1045	Harbor Start
1200	First Warning Championship Fleet
	Lunch on the water
After Racing	Snacks

Sunday, August 27

1000	Coaches Meeting
1045	Harbor Start
1200	First warning Championship Fleet
	Lunch on the water
1530	No start after this time
After racing	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. Any request to consider approving equipment substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) before the end of protest time limit the day prior to the day for which substitution is to be made. If changes are required during a day's racing, approval may be made verbally and the written request submitted before the day's protest time limit.
- 7.2. Each competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site check-in. These forms shall inform the RC 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 (SI's) may be available online, and final official SI's 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 as shown in Attachment A. The location within this area will be at the discretion of the OA, based on weather conditions. This area is between 30 and 60 minutes under tow from SFYC, crossing a major shipping lane. **All competitors shall be towed to the race area in the mornings and towed back in the afternoons.**
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept at SFYC in the assigned area.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be described in the SI's.



11. SCORING

- 11.1. The number of boats **entered** in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor check-in at the regatta venue as referenced in NOR 6.1. This modifies rule A4.2.
- 11.2. Eight races are scheduled, and 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 six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. While finishes for each race and progress may be tracked, Green Fleet will not be scored.

12. LIFEJACKET, WHISTLE, AND BOW LINE

- 12.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its U.S. Sailing prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. 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. All lifejackets must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 40 and the Part 4 Preamble.
- 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 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 seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two (2) coach boats.) Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by August 24th and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.
- 14.2. All coach and support (parent or spectator) boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the RC during check-in that must be displayed 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 SI's.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Championship Fleet

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 green fleet competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and OA, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

16. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2018 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Championship Fleet team trials eligible competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship Fleet and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2018 USODA Team Trials.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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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Attachment A - RACING AREA



OA- Organizing Authority
RC- Race Committee
SI- Sailing Instructions