

**2018 Commitment Letter
For Opti Sailors and their Parents**

Sailing is an exciting sport and we're thrilled that the SFYC Opti Program is seeing explosive growth. Sailing is also a labor-intensive sport. Because of this, we want to make clear the commitment expected from the sailor and the parents.

It is the SFYC's belief that when sailing on the SFYC Opti Race Team, the sailor and the parents are ambassadors of the Yacht Club and the SFYC Optimist Race Team. Sailors on the Opti Race Team are expected to show a high level of individual responsibility and maturity. Actions of misuse of equipment or disrespect for coaches or other sailors will result in a warning or possible dismissal. When participating on the team, sailors are expected to represent the highest values of seamanship and sportsmanship both on and off the water.

The SFYC Race Team is a 12-month commitment beginning January 1, 2018. The cost is \$3000 annually or monthly installments of \$250 per sailor. Due to the growth of our active Optimist Sailors we are also offering the opportunity to apply to the team prior to the New Year. If selected by the coaches, participation starts now and runs through December 31, 2018.

The monthly fee covers boat storage at SFYC, coaching for home practices and subsidized coaching for specified in-state regattas and national regattas. Participants sailing in regattas outside the Bay Area will incur an additional coaching fee (\$25-\$75/day), and may incur additional fees to cover transportation costs of boats and/or equipment. Special clinics, involving outside coaches, may require additional fees as well.

The reason we have become so successful in the past five years is through an increase in parent volunteers. Parental help is essential to achieving team success. We want to be clear that this is not a drop and go sport. We require all Parents to commit to 20 volunteer hours. We have attached descriptions of volunteer positions for you to sign up for. If you haven't signed up for volunteer hours then you will be assigned a task. Examples of recent volunteer work have been: Parent Champions of SFYC hosted regattas, team coordination at national regattas, organizing the volunteers, soliciting donations for our raffle and auction and organizing our Awards night.

Finally, we ask that if a parent or sailor has a complaint that you speak directly with the coach. It is divisive to discuss other sailors amongst each other. If there is a problem, the coach will follow up with the others involved.

By signing below, you will be committing to the 12-month (January to December) race team program and the payment schedule. (This allows us to plan and hire coaches.) You also agree that both PARENTS and SAILORS will act in a sportsmanlike way at all times when representing the SFYC.

Sailor's name _____

Sailor's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

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