

2008 USODA Girls National Championship
July 23rd 2008
Hosted by South Bay Scooter Club & Patchogue Village, NY
NOTICE OF RACE
06/08/2008

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 88.2.)

The regatta will be organized by South Bay Scooter Club (“SBSC”) 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. The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 1.3. RRS 61.1(a)(2) will be deleted. Boats will be required to display a red flag when protesting as will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, will apply as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees.
- 2.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor’s age on the day of the regatta.
- 2.3. Competitors must have been born on or after January 1st 1993.
- 2.4. All competitors must be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA or IODA. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership.

3. Registration; Entry Fees

- 3.1. Registration will be done online only. Competitors must have completed **all** parts of the online registration form together with all fees, by 8 PM July 19th.
- 3.2. Registration includes completing online registration and entry fee, plus submission of the Waiver and Medical form mailed to:

Wes Whitmyer
2008 USODA National Championship
St. Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC
986 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT 06905

The competitor must confirm that the competitor is registered by checking the registration list on the regatta web site.

- 3.3. **Registration will be closed 8 PM July 19th!**

4. Schedule

Wednesday / July 23rd

0930	Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
0945	Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)
1200	Warning

Sunday / July 27th

After Racing	Awards ceremony
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5. Measurement

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. Each boat must pass a safety check prior to launching.

6. Sailing Instructions

Preliminary sailing Instructions may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

7. Venue

The racing area will be Patchogue Bay.

8. The Course

The course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Penalty System

9.1. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.

9.2. The penalties for upheld breaches of the certain sailing instructions shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions may be greater up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

10. Scoring

10.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2. The number of races to be sailed will be at discretion of the Race Committee.

10.3. One race shall constitute a regatta.

11. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line

11.1. Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee

11.2. Each competitor must have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

11.3. Each boat must have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

12. Safety and Adult Responsibility

12.1. An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each 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.

12.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must 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 shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

12.3. The designated adult will 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.

13. Support boats

13.1. 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.)

13.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a number supplied by the Race Committee that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio.

13.3. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats shall be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

14. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows.

Overall: 1st through 10th

Red Fleet: 1st through 5th

Blue Fleet: 1st through 5th

White Fleet: 1st through 5th

15. Disclaimer of Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

16. **For additional information contact:** Roger Baker Email: RDBAKJR505@yahoo.com