



# 21st Annual Stone Horse Yacht Club Opti Regatta



Monday, July 18, 2016  
Stone Horse Yacht Club  
2 Harbor Road, Harwich Port, MA  
[www.stonehorseyachtclub.org](http://www.stonehorseyachtclub.org)

## NOTICE OF RACE

The Opti Regatta organizing authority is the Stone Horse Yacht Club.

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS).
- 1.2 For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the Optimist class.
- 1.3 Rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions, or as amendments to the Sailing Instructions (See Section 7 of this Notice).

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Applicants for all classes must not turn 16 years old in the year of the event. Optimist class age rules apply.
- 2.2 There will be a Championship Fleet and a Green Fleet.
- 2.3 The Championship Fleet will be divided into three groups according to the ages of the competitors on July 13, 2015, as follows:
  - White Fleet: 10 years old or younger.
  - Blue Fleet: 11 or 12 years old.
  - Red Fleet: 13 years old or older and shall not have reached their 16th birthday in the current calendar year.
- 2.4 The Green Fleet is intended for novice racers.
- 2.5 One race can constitute the series.
- 2.6 Competitors may register online via the Stone Horse Yacht Club/Regatta Network website. The online entry fee is \$45.00 and early online registration **deadline is July 15, 2016**.
- 2.7 Late registration will be accepted up through Check-in/Arrival on July 18, 2016 on-line or on-site at Stone Horse Yacht Club. The late entry fee after July 16, 2016 is \$70.00 (includes a late fee of \$25.00).
- 2.8 Registered competitors will receive a t-shirt, continental breakfast, snacks, and post-race BBQ.
- 2.9 All participants must submit a medical form to compete. This form is available from our website, [www.stonehorseyachtclub.org](http://www.stonehorseyachtclub.org) and will be available at the registration desk on the day of the regatta.
- 2.10 Refunds will be provided if requested no later than two (2) days prior to the day of regatta.
- 2.11 All Optimist boats may be required to have their sail numbers verified on-site at check-in.
- 2.12 Entrance will be limited to the first fully registered 135 racers.

### 3. Designated Adult

- 3.1 Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative who shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 3.2 The designated adult is responsible for the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. This risk includes ensuring that the competitor wears appropriate clothing and be equipped with proper safety equipment.
- 3.3 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.

### 4. Schedule of Events

Check-in/Arrival:	0730-0830
Skippers Meeting:	0900
Harbor Start:	0930 (All Fleets)
Last Warning Signal:	No later than 1530
BBQ and Awards:	Post-Racing

## **5. Postponement**

**5.1** In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the regatta will be rescheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2016. Pre-registered participants will be notified of postponement by email no later than 2000 hours on Sunday, July 17, 2016.

## **6. Safety**

**6.1** Competitors shall comply with requests for safety checks on and off the water.

**6.2** All competitors must comply with the Safety Check-in/out system described in the sailing instructions. When leaving the race course, or retiring, competitors must notify an official Race Committee boat or designated patrol boat.

**6.3** Each competitor is required to have two (2) bailers secured to his or her boat at all times.

**6.4** A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification.

## **7. Sailing Instructions**

**7.1** The sailing instructions will be available at check in.

**7.2** Any amendments to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board in the SHYC clubhouse prior to the 0900 on July 18, 2016.

## **8. Support Boats**

**8.1** All support boats must stay clear of the race course at all times, and must follow any instructions of the Race Committee or designated patrol boats.

## **9. Scoring**

**9.1** The Low-Point Scoring System will be used.

## **10. Awards**

**10.1** All Green Fleet participants will receive participation medals.

**10.2** Championship fleet trophies will be awarded first through third overall. There will also be trophies for first through fifth in each Championship fleet (white/blue/red).

## **11. Parking**

**11.1** After leaving boats and sails at SHYC, cars and trailers may be parked in designated off-premise lots.

## **12. Motor Boat Launch**

**12.1** All motor boats, including coach boats, must be launched from Saquatucket Harbor, 715 Main St. (Rt.28)

## **13. Food For Non-Racers**

**13.1** SHYC snack bar will be open for the competitor's family and friends - cash only

## **14. Contact**

**14.1** For more information, contact the Stone Horse Yacht Club at 508-432-0868, or email at: [Regattas@StoneHorseYachtClub.org](mailto:Regattas@StoneHorseYachtClub.org) and you can also visit our website at [www.stonehorseyachtclub.org](http://www.stonehorseyachtclub.org)