



**BARNSTABLE YACHT CLUB
OPTIMIST GREEN FLEET REGATTA
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The Barnstable Yacht Club's Optimist Green Fleet Regatta emphasizes FUN! For many, this will be their first regatta. Competitors enjoy racing followed by an on-shore barbeque when sailing concludes in the early afternoon. Barnstable Yacht Club is an informal environment, where we recognize the children's abilities and encourage everyone to participate. Racing is kept close to the club, and Barnstable Harbor is generally smooth sailing.

Barnstable Harbor is surrounded by Marsh and we work to protect our waters for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. We ask all competitors to ***please bring your own re-usable water bottle. We will provide filling stations and water for use.*** We participate in Clean Regattas, which is a program of Sailors for the Sea, a nonprofit organization that educates and empowers boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. For information on the clean clean regattas program, please visit sailorsforthesea.org

If you have any questions, please contact us by email **BYCgreen@gmail.com** and we will get back to you. We will have day-of registration, however registrants will be assessed a late fee. Advance registration is encouraged through Regatta Network. **Please note the Barnstable Yacht Club has a no telephone/electronics policy and cellular phones, games, tablets, or computer use is NOT PERMITTED on club grounds.**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

The BYC Green Fleet Optimist Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. International Optimist Dinghy Association class rules will apply.

2. Eligibility

The Regatta is open only to Optimist sailors in the "Green Fleet". All sailors must be regatta novices, a participant in a sailing program, and must not have reached their 15th birthday as of December 31, 2016. All competitors must have a designated adult or parent that will be responsible for them through the event.

3. Registration and Fees

Eligible Sailors may be entered by completing the Registration and Medical Consent Form online or before July 31, 2016 with Regatta Network. Registration fee is \$40.00. Registrations after online closing will have an additional \$10.00 late fee. Please register early!

4. Schedule of Events

Regatta Date: Monday August 1, 2015

08:00- 9:00 Check-in, rigging and onsite Registration

9:00 Competitors Meeting followed by Coaches meeting and Harbor start

High Tide is at 11:00 am - We expect to be off the water by 2:00

Barbeque Picnic lunch and awards will be provided ashore at the conclusion of racing.

5. Venue: Racing area will be in Barnstable Harbor, off of the Club.

Courses will be simple triangles, starting and finishing in the middle.

We will use 3 minute whistle starts.

6. Sailing instructions will be given orally at the Competitors meeting at the discretion of the Race Committee. Coaching [by coaches!] is encouraged in the bottom half of the fleet. We encourage coaches to support all children, not just their own.

7. Scoring: The Low Point Scoring System will apply.

One race constitutes a regatta. As many races as practical will be conducted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. Coach boats and spectator boats: Easiest launching is at the Town of Barnstable ramps in Barnstable Harbor. Coach boats should be checked in with the race committee and fly their Club Burgee. Trailer parking at the Club is available, Please contact the Race Committee for further assistance. **Parents please note: BYC families typically run an informal spectator boat fleet and invite parents out on the water. Please bring your PFD.**

9. Prizes and Team awards: Participation awards are given to all registrants. There will be no place order medals awarded. Optimist Green Fleet emphasizes participation. To further the fun, we count the few highest individual scores in each race and use these to calculate a 'team score' and award trophies for the 'team' places.

10. **Fun! This is an introductory regatta for (y)our youngest sailors.** While we have official Notices and Sailing Instructions, BYC is an informal environment and recognizes each sailors' differing abilities. The regatta is a supportive learning environment and the children should have fun! They each receive a BYC green T-shirt which we hope will be their first of many regatta shirts.

11. Contact: For more information contact BYC Optimist Green Fleet Race Committee: BYCgreen@gmail.com or by mail:

Barnstable Yacht Club Opti Green Fleet Race Committee P.O. Box 83 Barnstable MA 02630

Please remember... the Barnstable Yacht Club has no phone and a strict NO electronics policy. We appreciate your cooperation.