

Stage Harbor Yacht Club 23rd Annual Opti Regatta July 6, 2017 Notice of Race

1.1 The regatta will be organized by Stage Harbor Yacht Club in Chatham, Massachusetts.

1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.3 Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) while on the water that is inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothes.

1.4 All competitors and support personnel shall comply with the parking, launching and hauling, and support boat regulations, shall comply with reasonable requests from regatta officials. The Protest Committee may, at its discretion, assess a penalty after a hearing for breaches of this rule, including dismissal from the event.

1.5 By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of him or her made during the period of the regatta without compensation.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 Age - A skipper can only race Optimists until December 31st of the year in which they turn 15. On December 31st of that year they "age out" and can no longer race Optimists.

2.2 White Fleet is for Skippers who are 10 and under. Blue Fleet is for Skippers 11 or 12. Red Fleet is for Skippers who are 13, 14, or 15. Green Fleet is a special fleet for beginner racers and does not have any age limitations.

2.3 The regatta is limited to 100 competitors in total and will be accepting entries on a first-come, first serve basis.

2.4 Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14739>

2.5 Registration shall close at noon on Wednesday July 5th, 2017 or when 100 competitors are registered (whichever comes first).

2.6 Entries will not be accepted the day of the event.

3 FEES

3.1 Entry fee is \$45.00 which includes sack pack, light breakfast, snack on water and post racing lunch.

4 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

4.1 There will be a Green Fleet and a Championship Fleet comprised of White, Blue, and Red divisions. The Championship Fleet and the Green Fleet will race on separate courses.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Sailor Check-In 0745-0845 hrs. Skippers Meeting 0900 hrs.
Coach/Parent/Support Boat Mtg. 0915 hrs. (Mandatory) First Warning Signal To be announced at the Skippers Meeting LUNCH at approximately 1300 hours - on the water. Awards at approximately 1700 hrs.

6 SUPPORT BOATS

6.1 Each support and coach boat must carry a VHF radio, monitoring the channel provided for each of their sailors' course at all times while on the water.

6.2 Unless safety dictates otherwise, team leaders, coaches and all other support personnel shall avoid entering the racing area for the Championship Fleet. The race area shall be the area as indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

6.3 Coaching for the bottom half of the Green Fleet will be allowed with the main objective of helping those sailors who are struggling or considerably behind.

7 VENUE

7.1 The racing area for the Green Fleet will be located inside the harbor. The racing area for the White, Blue, and Red Fleets will be located outside the harbor to the west of the cut through. Course location may change at race committee discretion.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

9.1 It is the intent to run as many races as practicable. No warning gun will be made after 3:45PM.

9.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 The worst score will be excluded with the completion of six (6) races.

10 PRIZES

To be given as follows:

Championship fleet - 1st Overall

Top 3 White Fleet Finishers

Top 3 Blue Fleet Finishers

Top 3 Red Fleet Finishers

Top 3 Green Fleet Finishers

Green fleet participation awards for all

Sportsmanship Awards for Championship & Green Fleet

11 EQUIPMENT

11.1 Each competitor shall ensure that their boat complies with the USODA Self-Certification Safety Equipment Checklist, which is posted at <http://regattanetwork.com/event/14739> under "Event Documents".

11.2 Each competitor must submit the signed Safety Checklist form to the check-in desk the day of the event before leaving the beach.
Competitors who fail to do so will not be allowed to race.

12 SAFETY

12.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety

of the sailor during the regatta.

12.2 Boats are required to comply with the check-out/check-in procedure as outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the event.

12.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

12.4 Competitors who require assistance should so signify by blowing a whistle or waving one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who, in the opinion of the Committee, require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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