



**2012 Fall Opti Blast**  
**Hingham Yacht Club**  
**211 Downer Avenue, Hingham, MA**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES**

**1.1** The Fall Opti Blast will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**1.2** The rules of the **Optimist** class will apply.

**1.3** Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

**1.4** By participating in this regatta, a 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 and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

**2. ADVERTISING** – Shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the relevant class rules.

**3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

**3.1 AGE**

Optimist class age rules apply.

**3.2 CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

US SAILING recommends that competitors are members of the Optimist class association.

**4. BOATS/MEASUREMENT**

**4.1** Boat class **Optimist** with a crew of **one** including helmsman will be used.

**4.2** Competitors are required to bring their own boats.

4.3 There are no boats available for charter.

4.4 Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.

5. **FEES** - The entry fee for all classes is **\$50** per boat. The entry fee includes a turkey sub **lunch**.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>9/14</b>	<b>Check-In</b>	<b>5:00pm – 7:00pm</b>
<b>9/15</b>	<b>Race Day</b>	
	➤ <b>Late Check-In</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	➤ <b>Skipper's Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	➤ <b>Harbor Start</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	➤ <b>Warning Signal</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	○ <b>Four races scheduled (more or fewer at discretion of the Race Committee)</b>	
	➤ <b>Awards presentation</b>	

7. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION** - Competitors shall register in advance (online) by completing one Event Registration Form per boat via Regatta Network. Logon to [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com), click on Calendar, and locate the Fall Opti Blast to register.

- Registration deadline is **September 14, 2012**.
- Late fee of **\$25** applies thereafter.
- Registration closes at **7:00 pm on Friday, September 14, 2012** or when event participation reaches capacity, whichever comes first.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The sailing instructions will be available at Check-In and on the web at: [www.hinghamyachtclub.com](http://www.hinghamyachtclub.com).

9. **PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2** - Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, Propulsion, will apply.

10. **SCORING** – The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score (other than a disqualification for violation of RRS 2 or RRS 42) discarded if more than five races are completed. Four races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series.

11. **COACHES** - Coaches may be asked to register at the event.

12. **SAFETY** - 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 can result in disqualification as deemed appropriate by the protest committee. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before

leaving the course, or when that is impossible, shall **check in immediately** after arrival ashore at the **Pilot House**, Hingham Yacht Club.

### **13. DISCIPLINE**

**13.1** Per US SAILING Regulation 5.03 no contestant shall use, either on or off the water, during any US SAILING sanctioned event: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. IRC Code and intended for beverage use). This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale. The penalty shall be that the contestant after a proper hearing, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home.

**13.2** All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

**13.3** Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and the event chair.

**14. PRIZES** – Trophies will be awarded for the first five places in the Optimist Green, White, Blue and Red fleets.

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION** – Contact **Dar Collins (781-749-0373)** or **Meg Kent (781-337-6682)** and check the web site at [www.hinghamyachtclub.com](http://www.hinghamyachtclub.com) for further information.

#### **Host Club:**

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#### **Regatta Chair:**

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#### **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **LIFE JACKETS**

*All support people on the water – race committee, mark and safety boat operators, parents, etc. – are strongly encouraged to wear PFDs.*