

**2013 MAINE STATE
OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP
August 1 & 2, 2013
Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club
West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575**

THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF RACE

1. Date and Venue

The 2013 Maine State Optimist Championship will be held on Thursday, August 1st and Friday August 2nd, 2013. The venue will be the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, 156 Western Avenue, P.O. Box 497, West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575 (207-633-5750).

2. Organization and Rules

2.1 The Organizing Authority is the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the "Conditions for USODA Events" which can be found at www.usoda.org/

2.2 The Class Rules" for purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.

2.3 Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42 and Appendix P, will apply. All changes to the *Rules* will be further specified in the Sailing Instructions.

3. Eligibility

3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist Class. All competitors are required to be affiliated with the Northeast Sailing Association.

3.2 There will be a limit of 100 boats in all Optimist divisions combined.

4. Registration

4.1 Competitors must have completed all parts of the registration form and submitted it with all fees to:

REGISTRATION IS ON LINE AT:

<http://bhvc.net/optichampionship.html>

4.2 The entry fee is \$75.00 per competitor if registration and payment are received on or by **July 28, 2013**. The entry fee is \$100 per competitor if registration and payment are received **on or after July 29, 2013**. **REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2013. On site registration will not be permitted.**

5. Housing

The Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club will attempt to provide housing for competitors and coaches who reside traveling outside of a 50 mile radius. All requests for housing must be submitted by July 26, 2013. Please contact Sarah Clark (bhychousing@gmail.com) for Housing Contact Information.

6. Format of the Regatta

Weather and resources permitting, Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club is planning for two separate starting lines, one for the Championship Fleets (Optimist Red, Blue and White) and one for the Optimist Green Fleet. Depending on the number of registrants, the Championship Fleet may be separated into divisions. If the Championship Fleet is divided into divisions, they will have rotating starts that will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

7. Schedule

Wednesday, July 31	4:30 – 6:30 PM	Check-in and Safety Check
Thursday, August 1	8:00 – 10:00 AM	Check-in and Safety Check
	10:30 AM	Skippers' meeting followed by Harbor Start**
	12:00 PM	First warning of the day Lunch on the water* Racing to follow
	4:30 PM	No warning signal after this time
	Coming Ashore	Sailor's Cookout at Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club
Friday, August 2	9:30 AM	Skippers' meeting followed by Harbor Start**
	10:30 AM	First warning of the day Racing to follow Lunch on the water*
	2:30 PM	No warning signal after this time
	After racing	Awards Ceremony ASAP

*or on shore at the Race Committee's discretion

** Harbor Start shall mean leaving the vicinity of the BHYC Floats

8. Racing

The racing area for the Championship Fleet will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting each day but will be in the general location of Tumblers Island and Spruce Point.

The racing area for the Green Fleet will be adjacent to the mooring field in Boothbay Harbor.

9. Course

The courses will be provided at check-in.

10. Scoring

10.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used except when modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

10.2 One race constitutes a Regatta.

10.3 A competitor's worst finish shall be discarded when five or more races have been completed.

11. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be e-mailed to competitors or available at check-in.

12. Protests

Competitors shall inform the Race Committee finish boat of the intention to file a protest immediately after finishing. Protests shall be filed in writing within 30 minutes of when the Race Committee docks. The docking time for the Race Committee shall be posted on the Notice Board. The location of the protest forms will be announced at the Skippers meeting. Flying of a Code Flag B or other flag signal is not required. This modifies the USODA Class Rules.

13. Personal buoyancy

Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved (or other nationally approved) personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock, unless when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a PFD as required will result in penalty up to and including disqualification.

14. Safety

14.1 A whistle must be attached with lanyard to the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction).

14.2 All competitors are requested to wear proper footwear at all times on and off the water. Coaches are asked to adhere to this as well.

14.3 **Each competitor is required to have an adult responsible for him/her on each race course who shall be a coach or representative from that competitor's club or a designated on the water coach who shall not be responsible for more than 10 competitors.** Each coach must monitor the designated Race Committee VHF Channel for that particular line with his/her own VHF radio. The Green Fleet will monitor Ch. 68. The Championship Fleet will monitor Ch. 71.

14.4 Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the responsibility solely of the parents/guardians of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. 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.

14.5 A morning and afternoon sailor safety check-in procedure will be in place on the junior pier each day. It is required that all competitors check in when they go out and come off the water. Failure to comply by the procedure will result in a penalty of (10) points for each race sailed the day of the infraction. If a competitor is unable to go on the water for any reason, the adult responsible for him/her is required to notify one of the Race Committee members, Sally Lloyd, the Junior Sailing Director or the volunteer responsible for the safety check-in on the ramp for that day.

15. Support boats

15.1 All coaches must complete Coach Boat Registration forms by 9:00 AM Thursday, August 1, 2013.

15.2 All coach, parent or other support boats will be expected to participate in the provisions of safety for the event. All such boats must stay outside the course area at all times.

15.3 All coach, parent or other support boats must be launched prior to Harbor Start. There will be no over-night tie-up at BHYC docks. Moorings will be available with priority given to coach boats. Additional moorings may be available for rent at Blake's Boatyard, (207-633-5040).

16. Liability

Participants compete in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parents/guardian.

17. Trophies

<i>Optimist Champ</i>	1 st through 5 th
<i>Optimist Red</i>	1st through 5 th
<i>Optimist White</i>	1 st through 5 th
<i>Optimist Blue</i>	1 st through 5 th
<i>Optimist Green</i>	Participation Awards

18. Parking

On-site parking at BHYC is limited. Trailer and overflow parking will be available at an off-site location. Parents and coaches should try to car-pool whenever possible. Details will be available on the Regatta Web Site and at check-in with the parking attendant.

19. Boat Storage

Optimist storage on Thursday night will be on BHYC docks or, only at the direction of BHYC, on grass areas belonging to the Club.. **Each club should plan to bring a sufficient number of dollies to launch their boats.**

20. Perpetual Trophy

The Maine State Optimist Championship is an open event. Notwithstanding the qualification of any participant for the individual place trophies, the award of the perpetual trophy will be governed by a certification from each club that the participant, while sailing as a member of that club, is not a visiting sailor but is, in fact, an active participant in its regular programs or a seasonal/family member of that club. The award of the perpetual trophy will be to the highest to finish “Maine Sailor.”

Additional information:

For additional information contact:

James Matel, BHYC Club Manager
207-633-5750
office@bhyc.net

Robert C. McCann, Regatta Organizer
508-733-8652 (cell)
e-mail: rmccann@mccannlaw.com

Sally Lloyd, Junior Program Director
207-633-5750 ext. 112
sallylloyd@comcast.net