



**Sailing Instructions**  
2015-2016  
BAYS Opti Winter Series  
Regatta #4 at PYSF  
March 5-6, 2016



**1. Eligibility**

- 1.1 The Optimist Green, White, Red and Blue fleets are invited to participate.
- 1.2 Results will be scored as part of the BAYS 2015-2016 Opti Winter Series

**2. Rules**

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, as modified by the Sailing Instructions for this Regatta.
- 2.2 Competitors are required to carry a bowline of at least fifteen feet attached to a towing point while racing
- 2.3 Green fleet competitors shall fly an orange ribbon from the top of their sprit pole (will be provided at registration)
- 2.3 In the event of a protest, boats are exempted from displaying a red flag (this modifies Opti Class rules)

**3. Notices to Competitors**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board outside the PYSF classroom.

**4. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

**5. Signals Made Ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Official Notice Board.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after removal.

**6. Schedule of Events\***

**6.1 Saturday, March 5, 2016**

- 1030-1130 Registration & Rigging
- 1130 Competitors Meeting
- 1200 First Race
- 1630 No race started after this time

**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

- 1100 Competitor Meeting
- 1130 First Race
- 1600 No race started after this time
- 1700 Awards Presentation at PYSF

\* No lunch will be provided; All times are approximate.

**7. Racing Area & Courses**

- 7.1 The race course will be located in the turning basin adjacent to PYSF.
- 7.2 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses that will be used.
- 7.3 Courses will be announced from the committee boat prior to each start sequence
- 7.4 Boats that have finished shall clear the start/finish line area.

**8. Marks**

- 8.1 Windward, reach, and leeward marks will be round orange buoys.
- 8.2 The start/finish pin will be a round white buoy.

**9. The Start**

- 9.1 Races for Championship Fleet will be started using RRS 26. For the Championship Opti Fleet all color divisions will start and be scored together. Races for Green Fleet will be started using a 3-minute sequence with whistle blasts (RRS Appendix S)
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed from the committee boat on the starboard end and a white buoy on the port end
- 9.3 Green Fleet will sail on the same race course as the Championship Fleet, but will have a separate start and will be scored separately as a stand-alone fleet.

**10. Time Limit**

The time limit for each race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This modifies rule 35.

**11. Coaching**

- 11.1 Coaching is not permitted during racing. Between races, coaching will be permitted, but coach boats shall not enter the racing area.

**12. Protests**

- 12.1 Protest forms are available by the Official Notice Board. Protests forms shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 15 minutes after the race committee arrives back at the dock.
- 12.2 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or are named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the PYSF Classroom.
- 12.4 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final.

**13. Scoring**

- 13.1 The Low-Point scoring system shall apply.
- 13.2 Ten races will be attempted and one race shall constitute a series.
- 13.3 If six or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.2 Results of this regatta will count toward the 2015-2016 Northern California Opti Winter Series

**14. Safety**

- 14.1 Each competitor must wear adequate buoyancy, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race or decides to leave the race area before the last race has been completed shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. If it is not reasonably possible to notify the race committee, a retiring boat shall notify the nearest support boat

**15. Liability**

- 15.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk. Each competitor and their parent/guardian must sign a waiver before competing.

**16. Prizes**

- 16.1 Prizes will be presented after racing on Sunday to the top 3 overall finishers in the Championship and Green Fleet.