

South Carolina Yacht Club Optimist and O'pen Bic Regatta
June 10-11, 2017—Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
South Carolina Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Class rules are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required for participation in this regatta.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class including Green Fleet and all boats of the O'pen Bic dinghy class. Competitors must bring their own boats. All boats shall have identifying sail numbers that meet class standards.
- 2.2 The regatta is open to all junior sailors who have not reached their 16th birthday as of June 11, 2017.
- 2.3 Optimists may be divided in four fleets as follows:
Green Fleet: Novice sailors who have not reached their 16th birthday as of June 11.
White Fleet: Age 10 and under as of June 11, 2017.
Blue Fleet: Age 11-12 as of June 11, 2017.
Red Fleet: Age 13-15 as of June 11, 2017.
- 2.4 O'Pen Bics may be divided into fleets as determined by the Organizing Authority.

3. Entry

- 3.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form and paying the required entry fee to the Organizing Authority which must be received **not later than 10:00 AM on June 10**. Submit the Entry Form and fee payment as follows:
 - Online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=14379
 - At the South Carolina Yacht Club website at www.scyachtclub.com
 - By mail to South Carolina Yacht Club, 10 Yacht Club Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926, Attention: Mark Newman, Yachting Director or e-mail to mnewman@scyachtclub.com
- 3.2 Coaches and support boats shall register at the check-in table in the clubhouse not later than 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 10.
- 3.3 The entry fee is \$50 per boat.
The entry fee includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and refreshments at the trophy presentation on Sunday. Lunches will be available for purchase.

4. Schedule

4.1 Saturday, June 10

- 8:30-9:30 AM: Breakfast available at the South Carolina Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 8:30-10:00 AM: All sailors are required to check in at the check-in table at the clubhouse. A signed Release and Waiver of Claims must be presented at this time if it did not accompany the Entry Form. Parents are urged to provide a signed Medical Consent Form to obtain emergency medical services in the event the parents are unavailable during the regatta. All coaches and support boats must register at the check-in table in the clubhouse at this time.

10:15 AM: Competitors' meeting at the clubhouse. Attendance is required for all competitors.

12:00 PM: Warning signal for the first race. Additional races to follow.

4.2 **Sunday, June 11**

10:00 AM: Warning signal for the first race of the day. Additional races to follow.

3:00 PM: No warning signal will be made after this time.

5. **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be provided at check-in and at the competitors' meeting, and may be posted on the South Carolina Yacht Club website at www.scyachtclub.com and on Regatta Network at the event listing.

6. **Venue**

The racing area will be in Calibogue Sound near the entrance to Windmill Harbour, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

7. **Scoring**

7.1 Multiple races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

7.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* will be used except that when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8. **Safety**

8.1 Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging, but the PFD shall be worn outside all other clothing. A whistle shall be attached.

8.2 All coach and support boats must have a working VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel.

9. **Conduct**

All competitors, coaches and support boat personnel shall comply with the applicable US Sailing Code of Conduct which, among other things, prohibits the use of marijuana, other controlled substances and alcoholic beverages during a junior regatta.

10. **Prizes**

Trophies will be presented on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearings are completed.

11. **Parking and Trailer or Dolly Storage.**

Parking and storage instructions will be provided after a boat's entry has been received.

12. **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors and their parents or legal guardians release all claims they may have against South Carolina Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members and committees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

13. **Further Information**

For further information contact Mark Newman, Yachting Director, South Carolina Yacht Club. E-mail: mnewman@scyachtclub.com Phone: (843) 342-2628

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