OPTIMIST FALL REGATTA
Ventura Yacht Club
November 11 & 12, 2017

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules
The regatta will be governed by: the 2013-2016 edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing; The Prescriptions of US Sailing; The International Optimist Dinghy Class Rules; The Notice of Series; The Notice of Race; and by these Sailing Instructions. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply.

2. Notices to Competitors
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located on the Ventura Yacht Club lower patio no later than 1000 on the day they are to take effect.

3. Signals Made Ashore
Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the clubhouse.

4. Schedule of Races
Saturday, Nov 11

0900	Registration
1030	Skippers Meeting (Champs)
1045	Skippers Meeting (Green)
1155	First Warning
1600	No starts after this time

Sunday, Nov 12

0930	Skippers meeting
1055	First Warning
1530	No starts after this time
1630	(Approximate) Awards presentation at VYC

5. Class Flags
Green Fleet – Green flag
Red, Blue, and White Fleets – Optimist Flag

6. Racing Areas
The Green Fleet course will be inside the Ventura Harbor, in the basin to the East of Ventura Yacht Club. The Champs course will be outside the Ventura Harbor, west of the breakwater.

7. Courses

Courses will be chosen from the Course Chart on the last page of these Sailing Instructions. The race committee will display the course number.

8. Marks

Marks for the Champs Fleet course will be yellow inflatables. The race committee may use a leeward mark in place of a leeward gate at its discretion.

Marks for the Green Fleet course will be described at the skippers meeting.

9. Starting and Finishing

9.1 Starts will be signaled in accordance with Rule 26.
9.2 The starting/finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end, at the port end (when looking upwind) will be an inflatable, color TBD.

10. Individual recalls

The Race Committee will attempt to hail On Course Side (OCS) competitors. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

11. Time Limit

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 60 minutes. A boat finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat will be scored as DNF. This changes Rule 35.
Boats whose place in the race has been established may be finished prematurely by the Race Committee in order to expedite the next start.

12. Protests

Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. In accordance with Optimist Class rules, a protest flag must be flown by the protesting yacht. This instruction changes RRS 61.1(a). Protests must be filed at the VYC office within one hour of the race committee docking at VYC.

13. Scoring

The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores when fewer than five races have been sailed.   One race is required to complete the regatta.
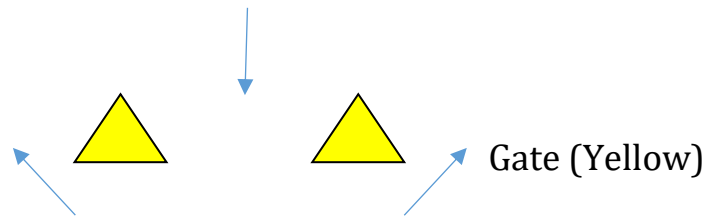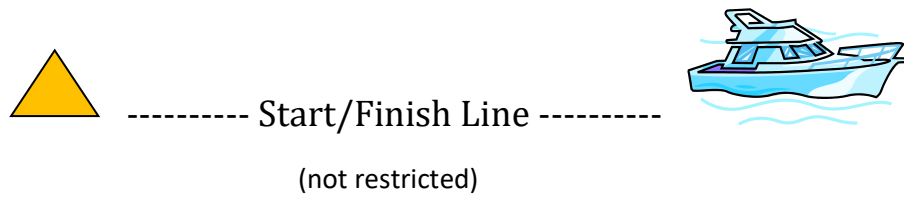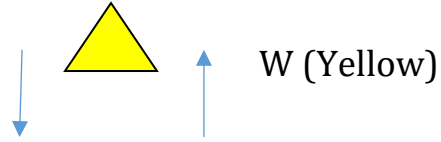
14. Trophies

Trophies will be presented Sunday after racing. There will be trophies for the top three in Red, Blue and White fleet, top three overall sailors, The top 3 girls will receive trophies. Participation awards for green fleet.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors, Parents/Guardians in this event/series are participating entirely at their own risk. See (RRS 4) Decision to Race. By participating in this event/series, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organzing authority, host yacht club race committee, protest committee, sponsors and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Course Chart

W (Yellow)

---------- Start/Finish Line ----------

(not restricted)

Gate (Yellow)

Course 1: Start – W – Gate – Finish

Course 2: Start – W – Gate – W – Gate – Finish

*** Not to scale ***