



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2023 Old Cove Invitational & PGJSA Qualifier**  
**Optimist**  
**OLD COVE YACHT CLUB**  
**1400 Old Harbor Road, New Suffolk, NY 11956**  
**631-734-9076**  
**JULY 7, 2023**

**RULES** The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the Optimist class, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race or by the Sailing Instructions.

**ALCOHOL & DRUGS** Per US SAILING Regulation 5.03, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.), the possession of which is unlawful. This regulation is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure. On report of a violation of this regulation, a hearing will be held generally in accord with the recommendations of Appendix L of the RRS. Penalties for a violation of the regulation may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. Additionally, the hearing officers may recommend further action under rule 69. The officers for hearing a violation of US SAILING Regulation 5.03 will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the jury, and the Event Chairman.

**ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES** The Class rules will be used except that RRS 60.1 (a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership or imposing a weight limit.

**ADVERTISING** Advertising must be in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code (Appendix 1) and the relevant class rules.

**CLASSES** Optimist Green; Optimist White, Blue, Red

**ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY** Applicants for the PGJSA Championship must be a member of the PGJSA through their own club. For the Championship Series the PGJSA Optimist age rule applies.

**US SAILING MEMBERSHIP** Membership in US SAILING is encouraged for each competitor.

**APPLICATION** Registration with payment and completion of forms will be available only online at [www.pgjsa.org](http://www.pgjsa.org) (Regatta Registration). Registration later than 11:59pm on Tuesday, July 4th will incur an additional \$20 late fee per sailor and will be available only until the scheduled start of the Skippers' Meeting. Cancellation with refund will be permitted online up until the scheduled start of the Skippers' Meeting. If you are not present on the day of the regatta to cancel at the registration desk, refund requests must be emailed to [info@pgjsa.org](mailto:info@pgjsa.org) in order for them to be processed. Refunds will not be permitted if a regatta is postponed or canceled after the scheduled start of the Skippers' Meeting.

**FEES** Entry is \$60 per competitor and covers all races, an official regatta apparel, breakfast, snacks, beverages, post-race BBQ and awards. There is an additional \$20 fee per sailor for late registration as defined above.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** July 7, 2023

0830-1000: Arrival & Check-in

1015: Skippers' Meeting

1100: First Start

1500: No Start After

1600: Awards

Schedule subject to change pending conditions of the day.

**CHECK IN** Competitors shall appear in person to confirm registration with regatta management during the designated check-in time. All sail number changes from what appears on the registration form are to be made online by the sailor, not the host club, prior to the first race. In addition, sailors are to report their sail number change to the check in staff and the Race Committee. Sailors who fail to correct their sail numbers may be disqualified.

**ALTERNATE DATE** In the event that severe weather could imperil sailors, the Old Cove Yacht Club Race Committee has sole discretion to postpone the regatta to a later date. All PGJSA Head Instructors and Program Directors will be notified no later than 1500 hours July 6, 2023 by phone and/or email. A postponement or cancellation on race day will be announced to all participants present as soon as a decision is reached.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** The sailing instructions will be available at check-in.

**BOATS & EQUIPMENT** Competitors must bring their own boats and dollies. Each competitor will be responsible for their boat's compliance with the class rules. Boats are **REQUIRED** to have a tow line not less than 5/16" x 30'.

**SCORING** The Low-Point Scoring System-Appendix A of the racing rules and the PGJSA Championship scoring policies will apply. One (1) race constitutes a series. There will be **NO** throw-outs.

**PRIZES** Trophies will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in Optimist White, Blue, Red divisions. The Race Chair may present a sportsmanship award.

**REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES** All competitors must bring their own reusable water bottle. Single use water bottles will **not** be provided by the host.

**SAFETY** PFDS (COAST GUARD APPROVED) ARE REQUIRED FOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE REGATTA INCLUDING SAILORS, COACHES, SAFETY BOATS, AND ANY OTHER PERSONS ON THE WATER. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

**COACHES** There must be a minimum of one coach/instructor registered for each Club which has a competitor entered. It is the sole responsibility of Clubs to provide enough support boats and personnel to ensure the safety of their sailors, considering the weather conditions, venue, and sailing experience. **See *Sailing Instructions and PGJSA coaching conditions and responsibilities.***