



29th Annual MLK Weekend Regatta
January 17th and 18th 2026
Optimist and 420

Notice of Race

1 Rules

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").

2 Eligibility

2.1 For Optimists, the regatta is open to those sailors age 15 years old or younger as of December 31, 2026. For 420s the regatta is open to sailors of any age, male or female.

2.2 Registration is available online at www.regattanetwork.com. Registration closes on January 17th.

2.3 All sailors or their parents in the case of minors must sign waivers of liability holding the hosts and sponsors harmless in all incidents. Hard copy must be presented at check-in.

3 Fees

3.1 Required fees are as follows

Optimist (per skipper)	\$80	No Late Fees
420 (per boat)	\$160	No Late Fees

4 Schedule

4.1 Schedule of Events:

Saturday, January 17th: Approximate Times

08:00-09:00 Sailor Check-In
09:00 Skipper's Meeting
10:00 First Warning Signal

Sunday, January 18th: Approximate Times

08:45 Skipper's Meeting
09:30 First Warning Signal
13:00 Last Warning Signal
14:30 Awards (as soon as possible)

4.2 Number of Races:

The regatta will be designed for six races on Saturday, and six races on Sunday. The Race Committee may at its own discretion fit in more races if there is time and it deems appropriate.

5 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the same time as registration materials.

6 Classes

6.1 Classes are as follows

6.1.1 The Optimist Green class.

6.1.2 The Championship class will be separated into White (age 10 and under), Blue (ages 11 and 12), Red (ages 13, 14, and 15) fleets as defined by the USODA.

6.2 There will be a 420 class. A minimum of three boats will be required for a class to sail.

7 Prizes

7.1 There will be prizes for the first three places in each class.

7.2 There will be an overall prize for the Optimist class.

7.3 Other prizes may be awarded.

8 Scoring

8.1 One race constitutes a regatta.

8.2 Opti Scoring.

8.2.1 When less than six races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

8.2.2 When more than six races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

8.3 420 scoring will be done using The Low Point Scoring System, (Appendix A2) will apply.

9 Disclaimer of Liability

9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See "RRS" Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

10 Boat Charter

10.1 Boats may be available to rent for competitors coming from off island. Members of STYC must sign up for Club boats by January 4th in order to take precedence over off island competitors.

11 Contact Information

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