

International Optimist Regatta

June 19 – 21, 2026

St. Thomas Yacht Club

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, VI

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 IODA Rules will apply. Classes will be determined by age as per the USODA Rules. Fleets will be Red, Blue, White and Green.
- 1.4 Appendix P will be used.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line registration process at regattanetwork.com. Registration will open on Dec 1, 2025, at 12:00 AST.
- 3.3 The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries to 125 skippers.
- 3.4 The OA reserves the right to limit the number of Green Fleet entries to 40 skippers.
- 3.5 If a sailor placed in the top ten of Green Fleet in the previous year's regatta, that sailor shall sail in the Championship Fleet.
- 3.6 Registration is not complete until payment has been made. A waitlist will be created when the event has reached the maximum number of entries.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

International Optimist Regatta	Registration Fee: \$350
	Earlybird December 1st - December 31st: \$300
	Late Registration after April 1st: \$400
- 4.2 A refund, less a processing fee, will be granted to those entries canceled by May 1, 2026. All other refunds will be at the sole discretion of the OA.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Schedule of events:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
June 18, 2026	Registration	1200-1700
June 19, 2026	Coaches Meeting	0900 (Mandatory)
	Skippers Meeting	0930 (Mandatory)
	Harbor Start	1015
	Racing 1st warning signal	1100
June 20, 2026	Harbor Start	1015
	Racing 1st warning signal	1100
June 21, 2026	Harbor Start	0915
	Racing 1st warning signal	1000
	No warning signal after	1400

5.2 Number of races:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Races per day</i>
Optimist	Red, Blue and White fleet	Up to 5
Optimist	Green fleet	Not limited

6. MEASUREMENTS

Each boat entered shall be in accordance with the current IODA class rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration on June 14th at St. Thomas Yacht Club. The Sailing Instructions will also be available on-line prior to the event.

8. VENUE

St. Thomas Yacht Club at Cowpet Bay and surrounding waters.

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows: Modified Trapezoid or Windward / Leeward. If conditions warrant, the courses will be modified to accommodate the appropriate wind conditions. Green fleet will receive their course at the skipper's meeting each morning.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 For Green Fleet sailors, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 One completed race constitutes a series.
- 11.2 (a) When less than six races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top five in the Red, Blue and White classes and top three overall as well as the top place female. Additional awards include the Peter Ives' Perpetual Trophy (superb sailor/individual), the Chuck Fuller Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy and the Founder's Trophy (Top Female). Other awards at the discretion of the OA.

13. CHARTER BOATS

Charter boats are available through Simmons Boatworks. Registration does not include a charter boat. There is a \$300 cash damage deposit due at check-in. Please contact Simmons directly or use the following link:

<https://simmonsbw.com/collections/packages-transfers/products/2026-winner-optimist-charter>

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

15. SAFETY

Due to the potential of challenging sailing conditions, each sailor shall have a designated support person (parent, coach, designated adult) on the water during all sailing activities. It is the responsibility of the designated support person to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.

16. CONTACT INFORMATION

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