

**Stage Harbor Yacht Club
18th Annual Opti Regatta
July 5th, 2013
Notice of Race**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be organized by Stage Harbor Yacht Club in Chatham, Massachusetts.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS).
- 1.3 RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III Personal Flotation Device, inherently buoyant (ie. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing.
- 1.4 RRS 61 is changed to require a boat to inform the Race Committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
- 1.5 RRS 61.1 (2) is changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest.
- 1.6 RRS 29.1 and Rule 30.1 is changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.
- 1.7 Discharge of trash into the water by any boat involved in the regatta is prohibited. Doing so by a competitor is grounds for DSQ from the regatta.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Age - A skipper can only race Optimists until December 31st of the year in which they turn 15. On December 31st of that year they "age out" and can no longer race Optimists.
- 2.2 White Fleet is for Skippers who are 10 and under. Blue Fleet is for Skippers 11 or 12. Red Fleet is for Skippers who are 13, 14, or 15. Green Fleet is a special fleet for beginner racers and does not have any age limitations.
- 2.3 The regatta is limited to 100 competitors in total and will be accepting entries on a first-come, first serve basis.
- 2.4 Registration may only be made by completing the online forms at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/7009>
- 2.5 Registration shall close at 8pm on Wednesday July 3rd, 2013 or when 100 competitors are registered (whichever comes first).
- 2.6 Entries will not be accepted the day of the event.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee is \$35.00 which includes lunch, t-shirt, and post racing

snacks.

4 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

4.1 There will be a Green Fleet and a Championship Fleet comprised of White, Blue, and Red divisions. The Championship Fleet and the Green Fleet will race on separate courses.

5 SCHEDULE

Sailor Check-In 0745-0845

Skippers Meeting 0900

Coach/Parent/Support Boat Mtg. 0915 (Mandatory)

First Warning Signal To be announced at the Skippers Meeting

LUNCH 1300 hours - on the water

Awards 1700

6 SUPPORT BOATS

6.1 Each support and coach boat must carry a VHF radio, monitoring the channel provided for each of their sailors' course at all times while on the water.

6.2 Unless safety dictates otherwise, team leaders, coaches and all other support personnel shall avoid entering the racing area for the Championship Fleet. The race area shall be the area as indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

6.3 Coaching for the bottom half of the Green Fleet will be allowed with the main objective of helping those sailors who are struggling or considerably behind.

7 VENUE

The racing area for the Green Fleet will be located inside the harbor. The racing area for the White, Blue, and Red Fleets will be located outside the harbor in the vicinity of the red and white flashing buoy.

9 COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Optimist Green Fleet: Windward/Leeward, Triangle

Optimist Championship Fleet: Windward/Leeward, Triangle, Modified Olympic or

IODA Trapezoid Course

10 SCORING

10.1 It is the intent to run as many races as practicable. No warning gun will be made after 3:45PM.

10.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 The worst score will be excluded with the completion of six (6) races.

11 PRIZES

To be given as follows: Championship fleet - 1st Overall

Championship fleet - Top girl

White fleet 1st - 4th

Blue fleet 1st - 4th

Red fleet 1st - 4th

Green fleet 1st - 4th
Green fleet - participation awards for all
Sportsmanship Awards

12 EQUIPMENT

12.1 Each competitor shall ensure that their boat complies with the USODA Self-Certification Safety Equipment Checklist, which is posted at <http://regattanetwork.com/event/7009> under "Event Documents".

12.2 Each competitor must submit the signed Safety Checklist form to the check-in desk the day of the event before leaving the beach.
Competitors who fail to do so will not be allowed to race.

13 SAFETY

13.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the sailor during the regatta.

13.2 Boats are required to comply with the check-out/check-in procedure as outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the event.

13.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13.4 Competitors who require assistance should so signify by blowing a whistle or waving one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who, in the opinion of the Committee, require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 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 or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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