

# OPTIMIST FALL REGATTA

Ventura Yacht Club  
November 8 & 9, 2014

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by: the 2013-2016 edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); 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 8

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

Sunday, Nov 9

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. We intend to run races that will last approximately 30 minutes and will set course lengths accordingly.

## **8. Marks**

Turning 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**

Starts will be signaled in accordance with RRS 26.

The starting/finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end (when looking upwind).

## **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 RRS 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. We will attempt to run as many races as practical but will not exceed seven per day in the Championship Fleets.

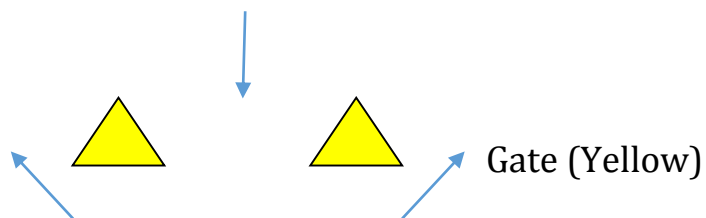
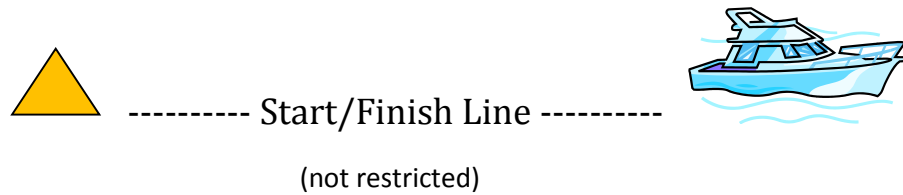
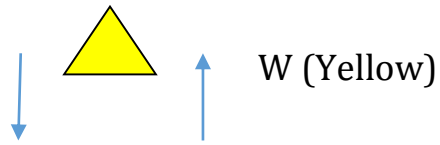
## **14. Trophies**

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, top girl and 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 (organizing 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



Course 1: Start – W – Gate – Finish

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

\*\*\* Not to scale \*\*\*