



2018 Optimist Team Race Midwinter Championship

January 13 – 15

Hosted by South Carolina Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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(This Notice of Race may be amended pursuant to rule 89.2b.)

AMENDMENT: November 27, 2017 – 19. Contact Information

December 1, 2017 – 3.2 Eligibility & Entry; 4.3 Registration & Fees

This regatta will be organized by South Carolina Yacht Club (SCYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the “USODA”), collectively known as the organizing authority (OA).

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 “USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships” will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org.
- 1.3 Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, will apply with the following changes to be made in the Sailing Instructions (SI):
 - a. RRS D1.1(d) is deleted (“arm signals”).
 - b. RRS D1.2(a), add “A boat may not protest for a breach of the Class rules.”
 - c. RRS D1.2(c) is replaced with: “A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area, or protest for an alleged breach of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rules 31 or 42, shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, identify the protested boat.”
 - d. RRS D2.3, Penalties Initiated by an Umpire, add “(h) fails to comply with a sailing instruction or a class rule.”
 - e. RRS D4.7 is replaced with: “In the event that a knock-out stage is not completed, the results from all completed round robins shall be used to determine the overall standings in the regatta.”
 - f. RRS D5.3 and 5.4: Replace “race committee” with “protest committee” in both rules.
- 1.4 RRS 66 is changed: A party to a hearing may not ask for a reopening.
- 1.5 The U.S. Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.6 A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international competitors only, a lifejacket approved by their country’s corresponding national authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All lifejackets must be suitable for the competitor’s weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will be penalized by the protest committee under D3.1(d)(1), which could result in six points being added to a boat’s score for any race in which this rule is broken. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.



- 1.7 RRS 63.7 is changed: If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race (NOR), the SI shall govern.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is restricted per World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 2.3 Each team member will be issued an individual team identification number (TIN). Each team member shall apply this number on both sides of the sail above their sail numbers near the peak. Additionally, each team member will wear a distinguishable team pinnie over their lifejackets. Both the numbers and pinnies will be provided by the OA at Check-In.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy Class.
- 3.2 A **maximum of twenty-six (26) teams** will be accepted, on a first-registered basis (see NOR 4.3). Each team shall consist of at least four sailors, with a maximum of five, but only four sailors will sail in each race.
- 3.3 Competitors and teams must be in compliance with the Team Racing Eligibility requirements of USODA. Paragraph 4, 'Team Eligibility for Silver Fleet' is deleted. Before logging in to www.usoda.org, click on USODA Regatta Calendar, then scroll down to the event and click on Team Race Eligibility.
- 3.4 All competitors shall be members of their respective National Class Association (NCA), such as USODA, and have been born on or after January 1, 2003. Membership shall be current through January 15, 2018. The OA may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Competitors who are not USODA members are invited to join the USODA by selecting Membership, found in the left margin of www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs must email usoda@usoda.org for login ID and password.
- 3.5 Each competitor and his or her parent shall ensure that the USODA online waiver and medical forms are current before December 20, 2017. Forms can be found at www.usoda.org (click on Directory, search and select the sailor's name, click Update Directory Information, scroll down and click on the sideways triangle under Medical and Emergency Information).
- 3.6 **For an entry to be accepted, each team shall have completed the online registration form and paid the registration fee, and each member of a team must have completed the online medical form and waiver, signed the Sailor Code of Conduct, and have a current USODA membership.**
- 3.7 Substitutions: The OA may approve a request to substitute one competitor on a team so long as it has no impact on seeding of teams, and all appropriate forms described in 3.6 are completed before the first scheduled race.

4 REGISTRATION & FEES

- 4.1 The registration fee will be US \$600 for a four-person team, and US \$750 for a five-person team.
- 4.2 Registration forms must be completed online. An organization may initially register only **one** team at <https://goo.gl/forms/Yjmv6ASa8Cs6xkyp1>. See NOR 4.3 for information on registering more than one team from an organization.



4.3 There will be two registration periods:

1. An organization may register only **one** team by 1700 EST on Monday, November 27, **2017**.
2. **Additional team** registrations may be offered to those organizations who registered one team by Monday, November 27, **2017**. Instructions to these organizations will be provided no later than Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

A list of teams who have registered and paid will be posted at www.usoda.org and updated periodically. To access this list, click on Regatta Calendar (before log-in), scroll down to the event, and click on Registrant List.

- 4.4 The names of sailors on a team are not required during the two registration periods. The names of sailors on each registered team must be submitted no later than Tuesday, December 19, 2017.
- 4.5 **Registration will close at 1700 EST on Monday, December 4, 2017.** Registration requests received after December 4, 2017, are subject to approval by the OA.

5 FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1 The event will be a four-boat against four-boat team race. For those teams having five competitors, any four may compete in a race, and the fifth competitor shall remain in the area designated for coaches from the warning signal until that race has been completed.
- 5.2 Based on the number of teams registered, the PRO in conjunction with the USODA Representative and the Chief Umpire will determine the regatta format.
- 5.3 The regatta format will include a Qualifying Round Robin stage of one or more round robins to determine a Gold Fleet that will race in a Gold Round-Robin stage comprised of one or more round robins. Time permitting, this may be followed by a Knockout stage among the top ranked teams from the Gold Round-Robin stage. The format for teams that do not qualify for the Gold Fleet will be detailed in the SI.
- 5.4 The planned format will be specified in the SI and posted on the Official Notice Board by 1800 on January 12th.
- 5.5 The PRO, with concurrence from the Chief Umpire and Class Representative, may modify the format during the event in a fair and practical way taking into account the number entries, existing and predicted weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors. This replaces RRS D4.2(a).

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Each sailor on a team shall be present at Check-In. The Lifejacket and Protest Flag Inspection by Umpires, the USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist, and a signed Sailor Code of Conduct are required to complete Check-In.
- 6.2 Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.3 Program and Schedule

Friday, January 12th

1200-1600	Practice
1700-1900	Check-In. Lifejacket and Protest Flag inspection by Umpires
1730	Welcome Social Activities



Saturday, January 13th

0800-0900	Check-In. Lifejacket and Protest Flag inspection by Umpires
0800-0930	Breakfast Buffet
0845	Coaches' Meeting
0900	Umpire Briefing for Competitors
0930	Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting
1030	First Warning Signal
After Racing	Dinner (30-45 minutes after boats are ashore)

Sunday, January 14th

0730-0900	Continental Breakfast
0800	Coaches' Meeting
0815	Umpire Briefing for Competitors
0930	First Warning Signal

Monday, January 15th

0730-0900	Continental Breakfast
0800	Coaches' Meeting
0815	Umpire Briefing for Competitors
0930	First Warning Signal
1400	No start after this time
	Awards ASAP after racing

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. Any substitution of damaged equipment requires the written or verbal approval of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 7.2 The race and/or protest committee reserves the right to inspect or measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Preliminary SI may be available online. Final official SI will be available onsite at Check-In and on the USODA website.

9 VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1 The racing area will be in Calibogue Sound near Windmill Harbour on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.
- 9.2 All Optimist boats shall be kept in the assigned area at SCYC.

10 COURSE

The course will be a starboard hand digital N as described in the SI.

11 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, as modified by the SI.



12 UMPIRING AND PROTESTS

- 12.1 The Regatta will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D, as modified by the SI. Some races may have more umpires than others as determined by the Chief Umpire in consideration of the stage of the event. If some races cannot be umpired, brief on-the-water expedited protest hearings may be held.
- 12.2 The required 'red' protest flag for competitors shall be attached to the sailor's lifejacket and be capable of being conspicuously displayed (waved) at full arm's length where it is easily visible to the protested boat and umpires, and then concealed when the incident is closed. The umpires recommend using a bungee cord to attach the flag to a competitor's lifejacket.

13 SAFETY

- 13.1 Each competitor shall submit a completed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site Check-In. This checklist shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order (see NOR 6.1 and 6.3).
- 13.2 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 13.3 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 13.4 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

14 ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 14.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their competitor.
- 14.3 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for them throughout the course of the event.
- 14.4 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the Regatta.

15 SUPPORT (COACH, PARENT, SPECTATOR) BOATS

- 15.1 Each team is allowed one designated coach boat per 4 or 5-person team.
- 15.2 All support boats shall register during Check-In hours (see NOR 6.3) and continuously display a numbered flag supplied by the OA while on the water. A \$20 security deposit will be required which will be returned at the end of the event with the return of the flag.
- 15.3 Each support boat shall carry a working VHF radio, a basic first aid kit, and an anchor capable of securely anchoring the boat in the waiting area.
- 15.4 The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats will be governed by the SI and RRS.

16 PRIZES

- Gold Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams
- Silver Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams



17 QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

The top two U.S.A. teams meeting the Team Race Eligibility requirements from the Gold Fleet will qualify to represent the USODA at Trofeo Marco Rizzotti Team Race in Italy, **June 7-11, 2018**.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race..
- 18.2 The OA, including sponsors, race officials, officers, and board of directors of SCYC and USODA, and all those involved in these organizations 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. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 3.5.

19 CONTACT INFORMATION

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