



2009 USODA NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP August 4 – 6, 2009

Hosted by
SAIL NEWPORT
Newport, RI

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The Organizing Authority is Sail Newport in conjunction with the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 “Conditions governing USODA Events” will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org/.
- 1.3 The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules.
- 1.4 Racing rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - a. Rule 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area, and shall continue to display it until she has reported her intention to protest.
 - b. Rule 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform a race committee finish or measurement boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
 - c. Appendix P will apply for the Championship Fleet and P2.1 will be replaced with: “When a boat is first penalized under instruction P1 her penalty will be: (a) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing: a two-turns penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing. (b) if her penalty is signaled after she finishes: ten (10) points added to her score for that race.
 - d. Rule 60.1 will be changed to prohibit boats from protesting for measurement or safety requirements and certain instructions as specified in the sailing instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy Class which conform to IODA class rules.
- 3.2 Competitors are required to be current members of the USODA or their respective national optimist class association, and have been born on or after January 1, 1994.

4 REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

- 4.1 Registration and all required forms are available online at www.sailnewport.org, and will be available at registration on August 3, 2009.
- 4.2 The entry fee is US \$95 if online registration is completed, or registration is postmarked, on or before July 15, 2009. The entry fee will be US \$145 for registrations completed after July 16, 2009. The entry fee will be US \$175 for registrations completed after July 27, 2009 (this includes onsite registration).

4.3 If you are planning on attending the regatta, but will register onsite, we encourage you to contact us and let us know that you are coming (the late registration fee will still be assessed). Please advise us by email at the following address Katie.Barker@sailnewport.org.

4.4 Registration includes submission of a competitor's completed registration form, online Minor Medical Waiver, correct entry fee and confirmation by USODA of current USODA membership. **Each competitor must check in with the Regatta Registration desk between the hours of 1300 and 1800 on Monday, August 3, 2009. There will be no check in for registration purposes on Tuesday, August 4.**

5 FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

5.1 There will be two fleets: Championship Fleet (comprised of white, blue and red fleets) and Green Fleet. Within the Championship Fleet competitors will be given red, white, or blue age/fleet designations based on USODA guidelines found at www.usoda.org.

5.2 The Green Fleet is for novice sailors. This fleet may not race in some conditions even though the Championship Fleet does race, and will have a different schedule and sailing instructions.

5.3 Depending on the number of competitors, the Championship Fleet may be divided into divisions. Competitors will be assigned a division color each day and competitors will race that day only against competitors in the same color division. Boats will race in "Sets" of races. A "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed.

5.4 The assignment to divisions for the first day of racing will be made by the Race Committee on a random basis. At the end of the first day of racing, competitors will be assigned to divisions for the next day on the basis of the cumulative fleet results as of 8 PM of the end of that day's of racing, regardless of pending protests or requests for redress. This will be done with a system like 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, etc. (depending on the number of divisions) as specified in the sailing instructions.

6 SCHEDULE

Monday, August 3

1300 – 1800 Registration and Check In at Sail Newport

Tuesday August 4 through Thursday August 6

0830 Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)

0845 Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)

1000 First Warning Championship Fleet

1030 First Warning Green Fleet

Lunch Lunches will not be provided by the Race Management Team. Participants must provide their own lunch. A lunch break may be signaled on-the-water or ashore at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Thursday August 6

1400 No first warning signal for a Set of races after this time

After Racing Light snack and prize award ceremony

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. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Jury approval.

7.2 Equipment and/or sails previously measured and stickered or stamped pursuant to the USODA measurement process that remains unaltered since the measurement may be checked and re-measured during the check-in. Each competitor will be required to sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured.

7.3 Equipment and sails not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta.

7.4 The Race and/or Protest Committee reserve the right to measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary Championship Fleet sailing Instructions may be available online at www.sailnewport.org, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check in. Green fleet sailing instructions will be available at check in.

9 VENUE

Racing will take place on Narragansett Bay

10 THE COURSES

The course for the Championship Fleet will be an Optimist Trapezoid. The Green Fleet course will be in the Sailing Instructions and reviewed at the Green Fleet Skippers Meeting.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 A 'pre-protest hearing scoring penalty' of 20% may be available to boats protested for breaking a rule of part 2 or rule 31 if the protesting boat; files a protest within the protest time limit and concurrently files a written indication of willingness to accept this scoring penalty from the protested boat; and the protested boat has not exonerated her alleged rule breach with the appropriate penalty turn(s) and accepts this scoring penalty prior to the beginning of the scheduled protest hearing.
- 11.2 The penalties for upheld breaches of the certain sailing instructions shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions may be greater up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 11.3 In addition to enforcing rule 42, the protest committee will be watching to see if boats break a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) or rule 31 (Touching a Mark). When the protest committee sees a boat break such a rule, it may make one sound signal but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under rule 44.1, the protest committee may protest one or more boats.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The number of Sets of races to be sailed by divisions in the Championship Fleet will at the discretion of the Principle Race Officer.
- 12.2 A Set is completed when all divisions have completed a scored race.
- 12.3 One completed Set shall constitute the regatta.
- 12.4 When fewer than six (6) Sets have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to ten (10) Sets have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more Sets have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores. A competitor's scores from races in an incomplete Set(s) shall not be counted. This provision changes rule A2.

13 PERSONAL BUOYANCE, WHISTLE AND BOW LINE

- 13.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and it's US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee
- 13.2 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 13.3 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

14 SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1 An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor 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 shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

- 14.3 The designated adult shall 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 BOATS

- 15.1 The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support boat on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 15.2 One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats.)
- 15.3 Each coach/support boat shall prominently fly the event flag, as supplied by the Organizing Authority, from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$50.00 deposit will be required for each flag which is refundable when the flag is returned to Sail Newport.
- 15.4 Each coach/support boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.5 Support boats may arrive after 8 am on August, 3 and launch from either of two available ramps. Please detach vehicles from trailers and park only in designated parking spots. Support boats may be docked overnight at designated Sail Newport docks from August 3 through August 6.
- 15.6 The conduct of registered coach/support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

16 PRIZES

Championship Fleet prizes will be awarded to the top 10 finishers overall and to the top five girls. Prizes will also be awarded to the top ten finishers in the Red, White, and Blue Age/Fleets. All Green Fleet sailors will receive participation awards.

17 2010 USODA TEAM TRIALS QUALIFICATION

This regatta is a qualifying regatta for the 2010 USODA Team Trials. Invitations to the 2010 USODA Team Trials will be extended to the top 25% Team Trial Eligible finishers in the Championship Fleet. The invitations are extended on the basis of the USODA policies published on the USODA webpage – www.usoda.org.

18 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 or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

19 ENTRANCE TO RACE VENUE

Boats, sails and support craft are welcome to arrive at the Sail Newport Sailing Center after 8 am on Monday, August 3.

20 PARKING AND TRAILER STORAGE

Ample parking is available at Sail Newport's location in Fort Adams State Park. Park Rangers strictly enforce parking regulations. All vehicles must be detached from their trailers and removed from the boat at staging/rigging areas and parked in designated parking spots. There is no parking allowed on grass in any part of Fort Adams.

21 TRASH

Fort Adams is a carry-in/carry-out park. For that reason there are no trash receptacles. Although there will be a few trash barrels, all participants are expected to remove all of their trash and refrain from discarding scrap rigging materials, trash and garbage in the rigging areas, parking lots or anywhere in the State Park.

22 CODE OF CONDUCT

All competitors, coaches and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the racecourse including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the facility and the State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust may be penalized by the

Organizing Authority and/or have a complaint lodged against them to the protest committee and/or to the class association. Any coach or family member who violates this trust may have a complaint lodged against them to the class association.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information contact: Sail Newport, Inc.

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