

# 2009 ODO Optimist Championship

## NOTICE OF RACE

Mantoloking Yacht Club is once again proud to host the 2009 ODO Optimist Championship.

### 1. Date and Venue

The 2009 ODO Optimist Championship will be held on August 17, 2009. The venue will be Mantoloking Yacht Club, Bay Avenue, Mantoloking, New Jersey 08738.

### 2. Organization and Rules

2.1 The regatta will be organized by Mantoloking Yacht Club and will be sailed under the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (the "RRS").

2.2 The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules, subject to USODA's interim suspension until March 1, 2006, of class rules 3.3.6 and 3.4.6.

2.3 Racing Rules of Sailing A2 and 61.1A have been modified as shown below.

### 3. Eligibility

3.1 International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration and paying all entry fees. There will be no measurement requirements, except that boats with the fiberglass tanks must have airbags inside the tanks.

3.2 Competitors must have been born on or after January 1st 1994 in order to be eligible.

3.3 There will be two Fleets – a Championship Fleet and a Green Fleet. Sailors will self select into either the Championship Fleet or the Green Fleet.

3.4 Sailors in their third year of Optimist sailing or greater are encouraged to participate in the championship Fleet. Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments within the Championship Fleet will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta.

3.3 Sailors not self selecting to participate in the Championship fleet will participate in the Green Fleet. Sailors in their first or second year of Optimist sailing are encouraged to participate in the Green Fleet.

3.4 Every sailor must register their affiliation with an on the water support boat, which could be a coach boat, parent spectator boat or sailing club instructor boat.

### 4. Registration; Entry Fees

4.1 Registration will be offered by mail. The standard entry fee will be US \$45.00, subject to the following additional late entry fees.

4.2 An additional fee of US \$10 will be charged for late registrations: (1) by mail received after August 10, 2007.

4.3 An additional fee of US \$20 for late registrations (1) received by the regatta host (regardless of when mailed) up to 24 hours before the racing. On site registrations may, at the discretion of the Race Committee, be accepted pending available space.

4.4 Registration includes submission of a competitor's completed registration/medical consent form, waiver form and entry fee.

4.5 Sailors will receive with their paid and complete registration a lunch and T-shirt.

## **5. Format of the Regatta**

5.1 There will be two fleets, the Championship Fleet and the Green Fleet. Depending on the number of boats in the Championship Fleet, the Championship fleet may be divided into divisions.

5.2 The Championship Fleet and Green Fleet race Monday August 17, 2009. There will be no practice races on Monday August 17, 2009.

5.3 If the Championship Fleet is divided into divisions, it will race in "Sets" of races between two divisions. A Set is a sequence of such races in which all divisions race in scored races.

## **6. Program**

### **6.1 Championship Fleet**

Sunday, August 16, 2009

1700 - 1900 Early boat drop off

Monday, August 17, 2009

0830 – 0930 Registration and safety checks

0945 Coach & Safety boat meeting

1000 Skippers meeting

1015 Harbor Start

1100 Warning signal, first race

Lunch on the water

1630 No racing shall start after 4:30pm.

Snacks and Trophy presentations following racing

### **6.2 Green Fleet**

Sunday, August 16, 2009

1700 - 1900 Early boat drop off

Monday, August 17, 2009

0830 – 0930 Registration and safety checks

0945 Coach & Safety boat meeting

1000 Skippers meeting

1030 Harbor Start

1100 Warning signal, first race

Lunch on the water or ashore at discretion of Race Committee

1630 No racing shall start after 4:30pm.

## **7. Racing Venue**

7.1 The racing area for the Championship Fleet will be the Barnegat Bay, between Curtis Point and Green Island. The exact location of the courses will depend on specific wind conditions.

7.2 The racing area for the Green Fleet will be the Barnegat Bay, between Swan Point and Curtis Point. The exact location of the courses will depend on specific wind conditions.

## **8. Course**

8.1 The Championship Fleet course will be the Optimist Trapezoid with a gate for the leeward mark, port triangle, or Olympic course at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8.2 The Green Fleet course will be either a port triangle or an Olympic course at the discretion of the Race Committee

## **9. Scoring**

9.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.

9.2 The regatta for the Championship Fleet will consist of up to 5 sets of races. The number of Sets may vary, depending on the number of divisions. The regatta for the Green Fleet will consist of so many races as the Race Committee determines given weather conditions.

9.3 When fewer than four (4) Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

9.4 One (1) Set of races is required to complete a series.

## **10. Sailing Instructions**

Unofficial sailing Instructions will be available online after August 10, 2009 and official sailing instructions will be available in the goodie bag. The sailing instructions distributed on-site will control over those online.

## **11. Protests**

In addition to the other requirements of RRS 61 for a valid protest, boats intending to protest for incidents in the racing area shall display a red flag at the time of the incident and shall do so until she is no longer racing. These requirements amend RRS 61.1(a).

## **12. Personal buoyancy; Whistle**

12.1 Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times while on the water, unless when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Failure to wear the PFD as required may result in a penalty up to and including disqualification.

12.2 While on the water each competitor must have a whistle attached to his or her clothing. Competitors not complying with this requirement may be protested, and if penalized may be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which he fails to comply with this requirement.

## **13. Safety**

It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) or the adult representative of the sailor to decide if the child should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is prepared to make these decisions for their sailor. The sailing instruction will impose additional safety requirements. Among these will be a bow line of over 25 feet in length and at least one bailer.

#### **14. Support boats**

14.1 Each support boat may be responsible for no more than ten (10) sailors. Registered support boats will be given a green flag to allow them in the corridor. Registered support boats may enter the corridor from the starting line to the finishing line, and their conduct shall be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

14.2 Safety boats will be identified with a flag with a number from a staff, supplied by the Race Committee, at all times while on the water. Safety boats shall patrol the perimeter of the course.

14.3 All other volunteer boats must stay outside the course area at all times.

#### **15. Measurement**

15.1 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 Race Committee's approval.

15.2 There will be no measurement other than no "Dumbo" sails will be allowed in the Championship Fleet at the regatta.

15.3 For the Championship Fleet, there may be measurement on the water following each race. A number of boats may be spot checked after finishing the race according to the Sailing Instructions.

#### **16. Liability**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization of official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitors participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

#### **17. Trophies**

17.1 Championship Fleet: Ten (10) deep in each red, blue and white fleet, ten (10) deep overall, top three female sailors.

17.2 Green Fleet: Ten Deep. All competitors not receiving a trophy will receive a participation award

#### **18. Team Trials Qualification**

This regatta is not a 2009 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event.

#### **19. Additional information**

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