

2008 New Jersey State Optimist Championship

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Preliminary NOTICE OF RACE

The New Jersey Optimist Dinghy Association is proud to run the 2008 New Jersey State Optimist Championship and is grateful to Toms River Township for allowing for the use of its venue located at Shelter Cove Park.

1. Date and Venue

The 2008 New Jersey State Optimist Championship will be held from June 25 through June 26, 2008. The venue will be Shelter Cove Park, 1390 Bay Avenue, Toms River, NJ, 08753.

2. Organization and Rules

2.1 The regatta will be organized by New Jersey Optimist Dinghy Association 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.ⁱⁱ

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, 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 The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta. Competitors must have been born on or after January 1st 1993.

3.3 This is an International Optimist Dinghy Regatta. There will be NO green fleet. Sailors entering their third year of Optimist sailing or greater are encouraged to participate.

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 \$85.00, subject to the following additional late entry fees.

4.2 An additional fee of US \$25 will be charged for late registrations (1) by mail received after June 15, 2008 and before June 22, 2008.

4.3 An additional fee of US \$35 for late registrations (1) received by the regatta host (regardless of when mailed) up to 24 hours before the racing. There will be NO on site registration.

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

4.5 Late fees may be waived with permission.

5. Format of the Regatta

5.1 There will be one fleet, the Championship fleet. Depending on the number of boats, the Championship fleet may be divided into divisions.

5.2 The Championship fleet will race Wednesday June 25 to Thursday June 26, 2008. There will be no practice races on Wednesday June 26, 2008.

5.3 The Championship fleet 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

Tuesday, June 24 1700 - 1900

Wednesday, June 25

NO Early boat drop off this year, sorry.

0830 - 1000 Registration (no new registrations) and safety checks

0945 Coach & Safety boat meeting

1000 Skippers meeting
1045 Harbor Start
1130 Warning signal, first race
Lunch on the water
1630 No racing shall start after 4:30pm.
Dinner following racing

Thursday, June 26

0830 Skippers meeting
0900 Harbor start
0945 First warning signal
Lunch on the water
1500 No racing shall start after 3:00 pm
Immediately following racing-awards

6.2 Green Fleet

THERE IS NO GREEN FLEET AT THIS REGATTA

7. Racing Venue

The racing area for the Championship fleet will be south of the Green Island Course in upper Barnegat Bay. The exact location of the courses will depend on specific wind conditions.

8. Course

The Championship fleet course will be the Optimist Trapezoid with a gate for the leeward mark.

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 9 sets of races. The number of Sets may vary, depending on the number of divisions.

9.3 When fewer than six (6) Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from six (6) to nine (9) 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 June 1st, 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. A praddle will be on the safety check list as well.

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 yellow 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 at the regatta. Each boat will pass a "safety check" prior to launching on the first day.

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

Championship fleet: Up to fifteen (15) deep in each red, blue and white fleet, ten (10) deep overall, top three female sailors.

18. Team Trials Qualification

This regatta is not a 2008 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event.

19. Additional information

For additional information please contact Skip Swikart at swik3@aol.com.

ⁱ This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time without notice; however, competitors may rely on the basic information in this Preliminary Notice of Race.

ⁱⁱ Class rules 3.3.6 and 3.4.6 are as follows:

3.3.6 Daggerboards presented for first measurement between 1 March 2004 and 28 February 2005 may conform to either the above rules, or the rules valid before 1 March 2004. Daggerboards presented for first measurement from 1 March 2005 shall conform to the above rules. Daggerboards used at the 2006 and later IODA World Sailing Championships shall conform to the above rules. Daggerboards used at the 2007 and later IODA Continental Championships shall conform to the above rules.

3.4.6 Rudders presented for first measurement between 1 March 2004 and 28 February 2005 may conform to either the above rules or the rules valid before 1 March 2004. Rudders presented for first measurement from 1 March, 2005 shall conform to the above rules. Rudders used at the 2006 and later IODA World Sailing Championships shall conform to the above rules. Rudders used at the 2007 and later IODA Continental Championships shall conform to the above rules.