



2018 Optimist Mid America Championship

June 1-3

(Race Days: June 2-3)

Also part of the TSA RoadRunner Regatta

Hosted by Austin Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The 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. The following applies to RRS 61:
 - (a) RRS 61.1(a) is changed to add that the red protest flag required in RRS 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor’s lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before it is needed and after the protested boat has acknowledged her foul. The third sentence of RRS 61.1(a) is changed to read, “She shall display the flag until the protested boat(s) has been informed.”
 - (b) RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - (c) The following new rule is added:

“61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

In addition to meeting the requirements of RRS 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the RC finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.”
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. The title of RRS P2.2, “Second Penalty”, is changed to “Second and Subsequent Penalties.” There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, “unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the RC finish boat that she is retiring.” P2.3 will be deleted.
- 1.5. 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 result in a penalty up to an including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.



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 sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees, and completing the USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist and Sailor Code of Conduct.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta June 2, 2018.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members of their respective National Class Association (NCA), such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2003. 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 need to email usoda@usoda.org for login ID and password.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$90 if paid by May 16, 2018.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$115 total) shall be paid for registrations completed May 17, 2018 through May 23, 2018
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$140 total) shall be paid for registrations completed May 24, 2018 through 12:00 PM CDT May 30, 2018.
- 4.2. Registration must be done on-line at www.usoda.org in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including completion of the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the event. Each competitor shall confirm their registration by checking the entry list on the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 12:00 PM CDT.
- 4.4. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

The Championship fleet will race as a single division. There will be a Green fleet if at least five (5) boats are registered. The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at Check-In. The USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist and 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, June 1

- 1000-1900 Open to unloading of boats and practice
- 1700-1900 Competitor Check-In and Support (Coach/Spectator) Boat Flag Registration

Saturday, June 2

- 0800-0900 Competitor Check-In and Support (Coach/Spectator) Boat Flag Registration
- 0800-0930 Continental Breakfast
- 0845 Coaches' Meeting
- 0900 Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting
- 0930 Harbor Start
- 1030 First Warning Signal
- Lunch on the water
- After Racing Competitor and Families BBQ

Sunday, June 3

- 0730-0900 Continental Breakfast
- 0830 Coaches' Meeting
- 0900 Harbor Start
- 1000 First Warning Signal
- Lunch on the water
- 1400 No First Warning Signal for a race after this time
- After Racing Snack and Awards ceremony

The Green Fleet Sailors schedule will be the same through the competitors meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet Sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.

6.4. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet. The Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable.

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 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

Preliminary sailing instructions (SI) may be available online. Final official SI will be available onsite at Check-In upon request and on the USODA website.



9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be on Lake Travis in the vicinity of AYC.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept in the assigned area located at the AYC.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the SI.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the SI.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. The number of boats **entered** in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor Check-In at the regatta venue as referenced in NOR 6.1. This change is added as the first sentence to RRS A2 and A4.2.
- 12.3. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- 12.4. Scoring based on number of races completed:
 - a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5. While finishes for each race and progress may be tracked, Green Fleet will not be scored.

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.
- 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 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 sailor. It is the responsibility 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.
- 14.3. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.



14.4. 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 (COACH OR SPECTATOR) BOATS

- 15.1. The OA strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) boat on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 15.2. One coach boat for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach boats.) Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by May 30, 2018 and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.
- 15.3. All support boats shall register during Check-In hours (see NOR 6.3) and promptly 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.
- 15.4. Each support boat shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.5. 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

Prizes will be given as follows:

Championship Fleet (depth will increase if over 80 competitors are registered by 1st deadline)

Overall: 1st through 5th

Red Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Blue Fleet: 1st through 3rd

White Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Top girl: 1st through 3rd

Green Fleet - Participation awards for all green fleet competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and OA, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

17. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2019 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Championship Fleet team trials eligible competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship Fleet and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2019 USODA Team Trials.

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 the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the AYC 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 4.2.



19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org

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KO Sailing 281-867-8200, kosailing@kosailing.com, <https://www.kosailing.com/charters/optimist-charters.html>

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Accommodation Information: Cabins and limited RV spots are available for rental on a first-come, first-serve basis, please contact the AYC office. Camping is free and encouraged.

Please note that fireworks, open fires, and pets are not allowed on AYC property. AYC is committed to prevent the spread of invasive species, and asks all boat owners, whether they have sailboats, motorboats, kayaks, to clean their bilges and trailers when coming from another lake to Lake Travis, and when leaving Lake Travis headed to another lake.

OA- Organizing Authority

RC- Race Committee

SI- Sailing Instructions

NOR- Notice of Race