

2014 USODA Midwest Championship

Chicago Yacht Club

September 6-7, 2014

Chicago, Illinois



NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be organized by Chicago Yacht Club in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA").

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016)*.
- 1.2. "Conditions for USODA Events", including the USODA 'Code of Conduct', will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and Guardians shall abide by the USODA 'Code of Conduct'. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, Chicago Yacht Club, and the City of Chicago.
- 1.3. Rule 61 will be changed as follows: The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the lifejacket in a manner that conceals it until displayed. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. Add rule 61.5:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 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, call the Race Committee's attention to her displayed red flag and inform the Race Committee (RC) of the sail number of the boat she is protesting.

- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, "Second Penalty" will be 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.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing online registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.

- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta September 6.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 1999. The OA may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at usoda@usoda.org.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid at time of online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a. The entry fee is U.S. \$110 if paid by August 20, 2014.
 - b. A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$135 total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 21 thru August 27.
 - c. A late fee of U.S. \$50 (\$160 total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 28 thru September 3.
- 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 on the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Event registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of her completed registration. Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.
- 4.3. Registration will be closed on September 3, 2014 at 1700 hours CDT.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

There will be a Championship fleet that will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. If there are multiple divisions, then the process for allocating boats to divisions and the format will be specified in the sailing instructions. There will be a Green fleet.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at check-in.
- 6.2. Lunch will be available for pick-up each morning during breakfast hours in the CYC Dining Room.
- 6.3. Program and Schedule

Friday, September 5

1600-1900 Competitor, Coach, and Spectator Flag Check-in

Saturday, September 6

0800-0900 Competitor, Coach, and Spectator Flag Check-in, & Breakfast

0930 Skippers, Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)

1100 First Warning Championship Fleet

After racing Competitor Dinner at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

Sunday, September 7

0800-0900	Breakfast
1000	First Warning Championship Fleet
1430	No Warning Signal after this time
After Racing	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.

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 RC's approval.
- 7.2. Each competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist Form during the regatta site check-in. These Forms shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 7.3. The race and or protest committee may inspect or measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be the open waters of Lake Michigan, east of Belmont Harbor.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats, trailers, and equipment shall be kept at the Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Station or in the designated adjacent areas as assigned.

10. COURSE

The course will be described in the sailing instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. One completed race will constitute the regatta.
- 11.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

12. PERSONAL BUOYANCY, WHISTLE, AND BOWLINE

- 12.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Sailing prescriptions, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a non-inflatable US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief

periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

12.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

12.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

13. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

13.1. 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.

13.2. 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.

13.3. 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.

14. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. 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.) At the discretion of the OA additional boats may be allowed specifically to enable programs with ten or fewer sailors to support the green fleet sailors.

14.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the RC during Check-in, that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$20 deposit is required. Each coach 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.

14.3. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on RC (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the sailing instructions.

15. PRIZES

15.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall: 1st through 5th

Red Fleet: 1st through 5th

Blue Fleet: 1st through 5th

White Fleet: 1st through 5th

Top girl: 1st through 3rd

15.2. Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

15.3. 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.

16. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2015 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of 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 and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2015 USODA Team Trials.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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 shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org, 609-510-0798

Regatta Chair: Ted Anderson, ted@broadreachsailing.net, 708-420-5233

Chicago Yacht Club:

Venue Location: 300 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

Mailing Address: 400 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606

Regatta Contact: Race Coordinator, 773-477-7575 ext. 4956,

racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org

Charter boats, accommodation, and additional event information are available at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/usoda2014.