



2018 Allstate Sugar Bowl/Optimist Midwinter Championship

(Also known as the Spring Team Qualifier)

November 21-24

MANDATORY Measurement and Check-In: November 21 (see NOR 6.4 Schedule)

Hosted by Southern Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted 3/19/2018

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

The regatta will be organized by Southern Yacht Club (SYC) 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(s) has been informed. 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 measurement vessel of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.”
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply.
- 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 are not approved nor permitted as lifejackets. 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 Measurement Form, 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 November 22, 2018.
- 3.3. 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 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 a 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. \$165 if paid by October 31, 2018.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$190 total) shall be paid for registrations completed November 1, 2018 through November 7, 2018.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$215 total) shall be paid for registrations completed November 8, 2018 through 12:00 PM CST November 14, 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, November 14, 2018 at 12:00 PM CST.
- 4.4. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1. The intention is that the Midwinter Championship Series will have a two-day Qualifying Round followed by a one-day Final Round. The duration and specific parameters of each Round will be fully described in the sailing instructions.
- 5.2. There will be one fleet divided into divisions. The assignment to divisions for the first day of racing will be based on the order of finish for those competitors who attended the 2018 Optimist Team Trials. All remaining assignments will be determined by the Scorer.
- 5.3. There will not be a Green Fleet.



6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Sailors wishing to arrive early are welcome at Southern Yacht Club as early as 1000 hours CDT, Monday, November 19, 2018. Sailors wishing to arrive earlier shall make their own arrangements for water access and boat storage. **Please contact the Regatta Chair for more information.**
- 6.2. Each Sailor shall be present at Check-In. The USODA Measurement Form, USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist, and Sailor Code of Conduct are required to complete Check-In.
- 6.3. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.4. Program and Schedule

Wednesday, November 21

- 1200-1800 Competitor Measurement & Check-In
Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Flag Registration**
- 1400-1500 USODA International Team Selection Process Presentation
and USNT Additional Invitation Information – Grill (2nd floor)

Thursday, November 22

- 0730-0830 Continental Breakfast
- 0815 Coaches' Meeting – Grill (2nd floor)
- 0830 Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting – Tent
- 0900 Harbor Start
- 1000 First Warning
Lunch on the water
- 1530 No First Warning Signal for a new "Set" of races after this time

Friday, November 23

- 0730-0830 Continental Breakfast
- 0815 Coaches' Meeting – Grill (2nd floor)
- 0845 Harbor Start
- 0945 First Warning
Lunch on the water
- After Racing Competitors' Dinner (45-60 minutes after boats are ashore)

Saturday, November 24

- 0730-0830 Continental Breakfast
- 0815 Coaches' Meeting – Grill (2nd floor)
- 0845 Harbor Start
- 0945 First Warning
Lunch on the water
- After racing Awards ceremony

- 6.5. Nine (9) "Sets" of races are scheduled.

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. Each competitor shall submit a USODA Measurement Form during the regatta site Check-In. This form shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in compliance with Class Rules.
- 7.3. **Equipment** previously measured and stickered with an IODA or USODA measurement decal, and which remains unaltered since that measurement, may be self-certified as part of the measurement process, as long as the measurement stickers are clear and conspicuous. Each competitor shall sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment has not been modified since the date it was measured.
- 7.4. Equipment not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta, and shall be measured and approved during Measurement.
- 7.5. **All sails shall be removed from the boom for inspection**, and stamped by a Technical Committee (Measurement) Official (TCO) with the 2018 Midwinter Championship signature regardless of previous regatta stamps or signatures.
- 7.6. 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 immediately north of the clubhouse beyond the breakwater.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept at the SYC in her assigned space.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the SI.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. *Pending U.S. Sailing Approval* - In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. If the requirements shown on <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/new-no-appeals-page/> are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.
- 11.2. 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 as revised by the SI which will specify the scoring for Qualifying and Final Rounds; the Midwinter Championship Series; and the Age Group (Red, Blue, and White) Series.
- 12.2. Race scores are based on the number of registered boats in the largest division. This changes RRS 44.3(c) and A4.2.
- 12.3. 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 6.2. This change is added as the first sentence to RRS A2 and A4.2, and applies to fleet divisions.



- 12.4. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. One completed “Set” of races in the Qualifying Round will constitute the Midwinter Championship Series and Age Group Series.
- 12.5. Scoring based on number of “Sets” of races completed:
- When fewer than five (5) “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - When five (5) or more “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1. Each competitor shall submit a completed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist during regatta 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 adult supervising their respective competitor(s) 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 contact information for the parent or adult representative who 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 / SPECTATOR) VESSELS

- 15.1. The OA strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 15.2. One coach vessel 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 vessels.) Requests for an additional coach vessel shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by November 14, 2018 and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.
- 15.3. All support vessels shall register during specified Support Vessel Flag Registration Check-In hours (see NOR 6.4) 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 vessel 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 vessels, and all other vessels will be governed by the SI and RRS.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet

Overall: 1st through 15th

Girls: 1st through 3rd

Red Fleet: 1st through 10th

Blue Fleet: 1st through 10th

White Fleet: 1st through 10th

Silver Fleet

Overall: 1st through 5th

In the rare event the Qualifying Round is not completed or there are no races in the Final Round, prizes for the Midwinter Championship will be based on a competitor's Qualifying Round score and will not be given for Silver Fleet.

Mendelblatt Trophy: Overall Winner

Bremen Trophy: Top Female

Ewell C. Potts, Jr. Memorial Trophy: Overall White Fleet Winner

John Lovell Trophy: Top GYA Sailor

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the SYC and USODA and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

17. SPRING INTERNATIONAL TEAM QUALIFICATION

17.1. Qualification for spring international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted on the USODA web page at www.usoda.org. In order to be eligible for international team selection, required paperwork shall be completed, notarized, submitted and received by the deadline. In the event of a tie that cannot be resolved by use of the rules governing this event, the matter shall be decided by a game of chance supervised by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

17.2. In the event no races are completed at the 2018 Optimist Midwinter Championship or if the Executive Committee of the USODA Board of Directors concludes prior to the start of the first race that a substantial percentage of the registered sailors cannot attend or otherwise participate in the regatta for reasons beyond the control of Southern Yacht Club, the USODA or the registered sailors, then the order of selection (with 1st place to receive the 1st invitation, etc.) of those sailors from the 2018 Optimist National Championship:

- a. who are current members of USODA,
- b. who registered for the 2018 Optimist Midwinter Championship, and
- c. whose age permits them to sail in USODA events in the same year as the events for which teams that are being selected are to occur,

shall serve as the basis for selecting the individuals to be invited to join the USODA teams otherwise to be selected on the basis of the results of the 2018 Optimist Midwinter Championship.



18. U.S. NATIONAL TEAM INVITATION

Additional invitations to the U.S. National Team will be in accordance with the criteria established by the USODA and posted on the USNT web page at www.usoda.org.

19. QUALIFICATION FOR TEAM TRIALS

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, including ties, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered, may receive invitations to compete in the 2019 Optimist Team Trials.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 20.2. The OA including the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the SYC 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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

USODA Chief Measurer (TC) – Beth Danilek, measurement@usoda.org

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OA- Organizing Authority

RC- Race Committee

SI- Sailing Instructions

NOR- Notice of Race