



Milford Yacht Club Optimist Regatta

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Milford Yacht Club, 131 Trumbull Avenue Milford, CT 06460

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 The current Rules for JSA of LIS (JSA) Events will apply.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other rules.
 - a. Rule 61 will be changed to require that immediately after finishing a race, without consultation with instructors, coaches or spectators, a boat shall notify the race committee finish boat of its intention to protest another boat and (if possible) provide the sail number of the protested boat.
 - b. Rule 60.3 will be changed to permit the protest committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of sportsmanship or the Rules for JSA Events.
 - c. Rule 63 will be amended to add: "63.9 The JSA Arbitration Procedure (as described in Appendix C of the current Rules for JSA Events) shall apply to protests involving Part 2 rules."
 - d. Rules 35, A4 and A5 will be changed to provide that boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE (time limit expired) without a hearing. They shall receive points equal to the sum of the number of finishers plus 2 points, but not worse than DNF.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 All competitors must comply with the eligibility rules of the JSA.
- 2.2 This event is limited to 140 entrants. MYC may limit the number of entrants for each club.
- 2.3 This event is open to Optimist sailors representing member programs in JSA Area C Sailors from programs outside JSA Area C may enter if space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of receipt.
- 2.4 All participants shall be certified as competent for this event by either the head instructor or the program head of their member program. Competency is defined by the JSA as follows: Each entrant is able to sail his/her Optimist to windward and to leeward in a variety of wind conditions, is able to right the boat after a capsized, and has previously sailed a race course (except for Green Fleet).

- 2.5 As per class and JSA rules, all White Fleet, Blue Fleet and Red Fleet competitors are required to be members of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA). Green Fleet competitors are encouraged to be members of USODA.
- 2.6 This event is a qualifying event for the 2015 JSA Optimist Championship.

3 Entry Requirements

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$60 per sailor for “on-time” entries. The fee is \$65 for late entries.
- 3.2 The entry package must be received by Milford Yacht Club at 131 Trumbull Avenue, Milford, CT 06460 no later than 4:00pm on Friday, July 17, 2015. One check, payable to Milford Yacht Club, must be drawn per club for all fees. Entries for this regatta will be accepted via the JSA database regatta registration facility; if that is used, it is still required that a check be received by the due date.
- 3.3 The entry package consists of the entry form, a completed JSA Standard Waiver and Medical Release Form for each competitor, and a check for all fees. The entry is not complete until all these elements have been received at the address above.
- 3.4 The entry forms and waivers can be submitted via the JSA online regatta registration capability. Please have your club administrator locate this regatta via the regattas tab in the JSA online database and follow the directions or the entry form may be submitted electronically using the (JSA electronic version A, B, St Pete’s, or Race Sail for Optimists– samples on JSA website) format. In addition, the JSA Waiver and Medical Form may be submitted electronically as a PDF file that is created by scanning in the signed forms or by downloading the forms from the JSA online database. Electronic entries shall be emailed to: office@milfordyachtclub.com by 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2015. Please put “MYC Optimist Regatta, 2015” in the subject line. A check for regatta fees is still required and must be received as directed by 3.2.
- 3.5 Late entries and/or changes may be accepted at the discretion of the regatta chairperson. To inquire about registering after the date listed above, contact the regatta chairperson. Please do not send late entries or changes without permission from the regatta chairperson, as they may not be accepted. The entry fee for late entries is \$65 per sailor.

4 Registration and Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 All sailors and instructors must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period. Instructors must also attend the instructors’ meeting and will receive safety assignments. Sailing instructions will be available at registration.
- 4.2 Competitors will be assigned to fleets according to their age on the day of the regatta as follows:

White Fleet	10 and under
Blue Fleet	11 and 12
Red Fleet	13, 14, and 15
Green Fleet	Age 15 or under who have placed first, second or third fewer than three times in Green Fleet events and who have not previously raced in a Red, Blue or White Fleet event.

White, Blue and Red fleets may race together or separately, however, the Green Fleet will race separately. The race committee will supply colored streamers to be displayed by each boat.

5 Schedule

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Registration 0800-0930 @ Main Clubhouse
- Skippers' Meeting 1000 @ Front Lawn
- Harbor Start 1030 @ Docks
- First Warning 1100
- Presentation of Awards 1630 @ Front Lawn

6 Equipment and Safety Requirements

Each boat must comply with the current USODA rules and with the current JSA Optimist Inspection Checklist (Appendix A of the current Rules for JSA Events). An inspection of some or all boats may be carried out at any time during the event. Competitors and instructors are required to wear a properly fastened PFD with whistle attached at all times when on the water or on the dock in accordance with JSA rules. Failure to comply with JSA rules can result in disciplinary action being taken (see Section 12).

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be in “The Gulf” just offshore from Milford Yacht Club.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 The race committee will run as many races as is reasonably possible. At least one race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

9 Sail Numbers

Sail Numbers must be complete and clearly visible from both sides of the sail. Boats not complying with this instruction may be rejected in compliance with RRS 76.1. Once racing has started, boats not complying with this instruction will be subject to protest by the race committee only.

10 Sailing Instructions

Preliminary sailing instructions may be available on line at www.milfordyachtclub.com before the event. Final sailing instructions will be available at the on-site registration/check-in desk.

11 The Courses

The courses to be sailed will be a triangle with the start and finish in the middle of the windward leg.

12 Discipline

All junior sailors and instructors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. The regatta organizer or protest committee may discipline and/or penalize a junior sailor or instructor for actions that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Swearing at, intimidating or harassing anyone, including teammates, on or off the water; or
- b) Stealing or borrowing, without permission, anything that does not belong to them; or
- c) Possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- d) Failure to wear a properly fastened PFD

Please note that if an instructor is asked to leave a racecourse, all juniors for whom that instructor is responsible must leave the race course as well unless other satisfactory supervisory arrangements are made.

13 Support Craft

Any club entering three or more boats shall supply a support craft equipped with a working VHF Radio, an anchor and a first aid kit. An instructor and/or other support personnel shall drive the support craft in accordance with JSA 9.4 (c) and (d) and shall register with the regatta organizers at registration to receive safety patrol assignments. Spectator and coach boats shall stay well clear of the course area while boats are racing and must listen to the radio for updates and directives coming from the race committee. If a club is not sending a support craft (i.e., a club is sending fewer than three boats), arrangements must be made with another club to allow the instructor supervising those sailors to go out on the water. In no circumstances will competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the racecourse.

14 Food and Drink

Each sailor and instructor will be provided lunch by the Milford Yacht Club.

15 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in the Red, Blue and White fleets.

16 Responsibility for Safety

As a condition of participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Milford Yacht Club, the owner and the helmsperson of each boat agree that the safety of the boat and the helmsperson and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Milford Yacht Club and the JSA of LIS, and their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does the responsibility for the safe condition of the boat including safety equipment and rigging and wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol

boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant.

17 Web Site

Results will be posted on the Junior Sailing page of the Milford Yacht Club web site at www.milfordyachtclub.com

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