

**2008 USODA National Championship**  
**July 22<sup>nd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> 2008**  
**Measurement and Check in July 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Hosted by South Bay Scooter Club & Patchogue Village, NY**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**06/08/2008**

**(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 88.2.)**

The regatta will be organized by South Bay Scooter Club ("SBSC") 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. (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 1.3. The following racing rule(s) will be changed (the changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions):
  - a RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the sailing instructions and this notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."
  - b RRS 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.
  - c RRS 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
  - d Special procedures for breaking rule 42, similar to RRS Appendix P, will be described in the sailing instructions

**2. Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.
- 2.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta.
- 2.3. Competitors must have been born on or after January 1st 1993.
- 2.4. All competitors must be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA or IODA. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership.

**3. Registration; Entry Fees**

- 3.1. The Registration fee is \$185. Registration will be done online only. Competitors must have completed **all** parts of the online registration form together with all fees, by July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additional late entry fees of US \$50 must be paid for late registrations completed July 3<sup>rd</sup> thru July 10<sup>th</sup> or an additional late entry fee of US \$75 must be paid for late registrations completed July 11<sup>th</sup> through 8 PM July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 3.2. Registration includes completing online registration and entry fee, plus submission of the Waiver and Medical form mailed to:

Wes Whitmyer  
2008 USODA National Championship  
St. Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC  
986 Bedford Street  
Stamford, CT 06905

The competitor must confirm that the competitor is registered by checking the registration list on the regatta web site. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of his or her registration.

- 3.3. **Registration will be closed 8 PM July 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**4. Format of the Regatta**

- 4.1. There will be a Championship fleet. There will be a Green fleet.
- 4.2. Both fleets will race Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.3. Depending on the number of competitors, the Championship fleet may be divided into divisions for a 'qualifying' series and then into fleets for a 'medal' series.

- 4.4. For the qualifying series, boats will race in “Sets” of races. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. If the medal series is held, boats will race in separate fleets and each fleet need not sail the same number of races.
- 4.5. For the qualifying series competitors will be **assigned a division color each day** and competitors will race that day only against competitors in the same color division.
- 4.6. The first assignment to a division color will be based first on the order of finish for those competitors who attended the 2008 USODA Team Trials with the assignment to the divisions be done with a system like 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1, etc. (depending on the number of divisions) applied to the 2008 Team Trial results. Those competitors who did not attend the 2008 USODA Team Trials will be assigned to divisions on a random basis.
- 4.7. At the end of the first and second day of racing, competitors will be assigned to divisions for the next day on the basis of the cumulative results as of 8 PM of the end of day of racing, regardless of pending protests, with a system like 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1, etc. (depending on the number of divisions).
- 4.8. Based on the results at the end of either (a) Saturday July 26 if more than six (6) Sets have been completed, or (b) the day of racing in which the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Set has been completed, whichever occurs first, the Championship fleet will be separated into Gold, Silver, Bronze and Pearl fleets for the medal series, with the 1<sup>st</sup> or top quarter of finishers to become the Gold Fleet, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – Silver Fleet, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – Bronze Fleet, and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter – Pearl Fleet. If the separation point for these fleets falls on more than one competitor with the same total point score, all competitors with that total point score shall be placed in the higher fleet.

## 5. Schedule

### *Tuesday / July 22<sup>nd</sup>*

0830-1800 Measurement and Check in

### *Wednesday / July 23<sup>rd</sup>*

1700 Practice Day  
Opening Ceremony

### *Thursday / July 24<sup>th</sup>*

0830 Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
0845 Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)  
1000 First Warning Championship Fleet  
Lunch – On-the-water\*

### *Friday / July 25<sup>th</sup>*

0830 Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
0845 Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)  
1000 First Warning Championship Fleet  
Lunch – On-the-water\*

### *Saturday / July 26<sup>th</sup>*

0830 Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
0845 Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)  
1000 First Warning Championship Fleet  
Lunch – On-the-water\*

### *Sunday / July 27<sup>th</sup>*

0830 Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
0845 Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)  
1000 First Warning Championship Fleet  
Lunch – On-the-water\*  
1400 No first Warning Signal for the start of a new “set” 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.

## 6. Measurement

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. A boat shall not be entered until it has been measured, and each boat must pass a safety check prior to launching.

- 6.3. Equipment and/or sails previously measured and stickered or stamped pursuant to the USODA measurement process that remains unaltered since the measurement may be checked and re-measured during the registration. Each competitor will be required to sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured.
- 6.4. Equipment and sails not previously measured and approved by the USODA must meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta.
- 6.5. The Race and or Protest Committee reserves the right to measure and equipment and or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

## **7. Sailing Instructions**

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

## **8. Venue**

The racing area will be Patchogue Bay.

## **9. The Courses**

The courses for both Fleets will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. Penalty System**

- 10.1. For the purpose of dividing the fleet into gold, silver, bronze, and pearl and for determining the sailors who qualify for the 2009 Team Trials, decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.
- 10.2. The penalties for upheld breaches of the certain sailing instructions shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions may be greater up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

## **11. Scoring**

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. The number of sets of races to be sailed by divisions, and races to be sailed by fleets will depend on the weather.
- 11.3. A Set is completed when all divisions have completed a scored race.
- 11.4. One completed Set shall constitute the regatta.
- 11.5. **For racing in the 'qualifying' series:** When fewer than six (6) Sets have been completed, a competitor's qualifying series score for purposes of awards will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to ten (10) Sets have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more Sets have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores. A competitor's scores from races in an incomplete Set(s) shall not be counted. This provision changes rule A2.
- 11.6. **For racing in the medal series– Para 4.8.** When fewer than four (4) races have been completed in either the Gold, Silver, Bronze or Pearl Fleets, a competitor's medal series score will be the total of all her race scores. When from five (5) to ten (10) races have been completed, a competitor's medal series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. All scores (less discards) from racing in the qualifying series will be counted with the scores from the racing in the medal fleets to establish the order of finish within the Gold, Silver, Bronze and Pearl fleets.
- 11.7. The final score for a competitor in the National Championship is the total of the competitor's scores in sets of races completed in the qualifying series, less any scores excluded pursuant to Paragraph 11.5, plus the total of the competitor's scores for races completed in Gold, Silver, Bronze or Pearl Fleet less any scores excluded pursuant to Paragraph 11.6. However, the final finishing position for the purpose of determining Red/White/Blue age division prizes for boats sailing in the Silver, Bronze, and Pearl fleets will be adjusted such that it is below boats that qualified for a higher medal fleet. For example, if 10 white boats qualify for the Gold medal fleet, the top white finisher in Silver will be placed eleventh, and so on.

## **12. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line**

- 12.1. Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee
- 12.2. Each competitor must have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 12.3. Each boat must 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 must 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 shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 13.3. The designated adult will 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. 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.)
- 14.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a number supplied by the Race Committee that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio.
- 14.3. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats shall be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

### 15. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows.

Red Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup>
Blue Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup>	Silver Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup>
White Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bronze Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup>
Top Girl:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pearl Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup>
Green Fleet:	Participation awards for all.		

### 16. Team Trials Qualification

This regatta is a 2009 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 50% of team trial eligible competitors as defined by the USODA registered in both the Championship and Green Fleets based on the final results may receive invitations to compete in the 2009 USODA Team Trials.

### 17. International Team Qualification

In the event no races are completed at the 2008 USODA Midwinter Championship or the 2009 USODA Team Trials or if the Executive Committee of the USODA Board of Directors concludes prior to the start of the first race of either event that a substantial percentage of the registered sailors cannot attend or otherwise participate in either regatta for reasons beyond the control of the host entity, the USODA, or the registered sailors, then the order of finishes at the 2008 USODA National Championship (with first place to receive the first invitation, etc.) for competitors who, as of the date racing is scheduled to start in either the 2008 USODA Midwinter Championship or the 2009 USODA Team Trials, (a) are current members of USODA, (b) registered for the 2008 USODA Midwinter Championship or 2009 USODA Team Trials, 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, may 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 2008 USODA Midwinter Championship or the 2009 USODA Team Trials.

**All competitors should understand that the USODA reserves the right to amend this statement at any time including the time between the end of the 2008 USODA National Championship and the 2008 USODA Midwinter Championship or 2009 USODA Team Trials and implement an alternative basis for the selection of international teams should the finishes at either event not be deemed suitable for selection. Competitors do not have a vested right or a right of any kind with respect to the selection of the internationals teams based on their finishes at the 2008 USODA Nationals.**

### 18. Disclaimer of Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

### 19. Further Information

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