



# 2019 Optimist Team Race Midwinter Championship

January 18-21

(Race Days: 19-21)

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

St. Petersburg, FL USA

## NOTICE OF RACE

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**(This Notice of Race may be amended pursuant to rule 89.2b.)**

This regatta will be organized by St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA"), collectively known as the organizing authority.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This 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](http://www.usoda.org).
- 1.3 Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, will apply with the following changes. Other changes may be made in the Sailing Instructions (SI):
  - a) RRS D1.1(d) is deleted ("arm signals").
  - b) RRS D1.2(a), add "A boat may not protest for a breach of the Class rules."
  - c) RRS D1.2(c) is replaced with: "A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area, or protest for an alleged breach of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rules 31 or 42, shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, identify the protested boat."
  - d) RRS D2.3, Penalties Initiated by an Umpire, add "(h) fails to comply with a sailing instruction or a class rule."
  - e) RRS D4.7 is replaced with "When a knock-out stage is incomplete and terminated after at least one race in the final match has been sailed, the knock-out stage shall be scored as complete. The team with the highest number of race wins is the match winner. If the score is tied, the winner will be the team that won the last race between them. Otherwise the event results will be determined by the rankings at the end of the round-robin stages."
  - f) RRS D5.3 and 5.4: Replace "race committee" with "protest committee" in both rules.
- 1.4 The first sentence in RRS 64.4(b) is changed to read, "The Protest Committee may also penalize a boat that is a party to a hearing under RRS 60.3(d) or 69 for the breach of a rule by a support person by deducting half or more race wins from her team, or no penalty may be imposed, when the protest committee decides that" *no further change*.
- 1.5 RRS 66 is changed: A party to a hearing may not ask for a reopening.
- 1.6 The U.S. Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.7 A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), or for international competitors only, an appropriately sized PFD/buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitor's country of origin. International competitors may be required to self-certify their PFD/buoyancy aid meets the requirements of this section. All PFDs/buoyancy aids shall be



properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs shall be rated at or above the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved as PFDs. When a protest committee determines that this rule has been broken, it will act under D3.1(d)(1), and add six points to the boat's score for each race in which the breach occurred. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.

- 1.8 In all rules governing this championship.
  - a) [DP] [SP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be no more than a one race win penalty.
  - b) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.9 RRS 63.7 is changed: If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race (NoR), the SI shall govern.

## 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is restricted in accordance with IODA Class rule 2.8.1.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]
- 2.3 Each team member will be issued an individual team identification number (TIN). Each team member shall apply this number on both sides of the sail above their sail numbers near the peak. Additionally, each team member will wear a distinguishable team pinnie over their PFDs. Both the numbers and pinnies will be provided by the organizing authority at Check-In. [NP]

## 3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy Class.
- 3.2 Each team shall consist of at least four (4) sailors, with a maximum of five (5), but only four (4) sailors will sail in each race.
- 3.3 Competitors and teams shall be in compliance with the [Team Racing Eligibility](#) requirements of USODA. Paragraph 4, 'Team Eligibility for Silver Fleet' is deleted.
- 3.4 All competitors shall be members of their respective National Class Association (NCA), such as USODA, and have been born on or after January 1, 2004. Membership shall be current through January 21, 2019. The organizing authority 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](http://www.usoda.org). Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs must email [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org) for login ID and password.
- 3.5 Each competitor and his or her parent shall have completed all parts of the USODA online waiver and medical forms before January 19, 2019. Forms can be found at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org) in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. (After login, click on Directory, search and select the sailor's name, click Update Directory Information, scroll down and click on the sideways triangle under Medical and Emergency Information).
- 3.6 **For an entry to be accepted, each team shall have completed the online registration forms (see NoR 3.7) and paid the registration fee (see NoR 4.1), and each member of a team must have completed the online medical form and waiver (see NoR 3.5), signed the USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist and Sailor Code of Conduct on-site at the venue, and have a current USODA membership (see NoR 3.4).**



- 3.7 Registration forms must be completed online.
  - a) An organization shall register one or more teams at <https://goo.gl/forms/EUDIQjBs8Ou44bXT2> no later than **5:00 EST, Friday, November 16, 2018**. The names of sailors are not required at this point.
  - b) The names of sailors on each registered team must be submitted at <https://goo.gl/forms/2cChThm1bCFy7zYK2> no later than **5:00 EDT, Monday December 17, 2018**.
- 3.8 A list of teams who have registered and paid (see NoR 4.1) will be posted at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org) and updated periodically. To access this list, click on Regatta Calendar (before log-in), scroll down to the event, and click on Registrant List.
- 3.9 Registration requests received after November 16, 2018 are subject to approval by the organizing authority.
- 3.10 Substitutions: The organizing authority may approve a request to substitute one competitor on a team so long as it has no impact on seeding of teams, and all appropriate forms described in NoR 3.6 are completed before the first scheduled race.

**4 FEES**

- 4.1 A USODA representative will contact a team by email within 72 hours of completing the online registration form in NoR 3.7(a) to collect payment. **All entry fees shall be paid by November 16, 2018.**
  - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$600 for a four-person team.
  - b) The entry fee is U.S. \$750 for a five-person team.

**5 FORMAT OF THE REGATTA**

- 5.1 The event will be a four-boat against four-boat team race. For those teams having five competitors, any four may compete in a race, and the fifth competitor shall remain in the area designated for coaches from the warning signal until that race has been completed.
- 5.2 Based on the number of teams registered, the Principal Race Officer in conjunction with the USODA Representative and the Chief Umpire will determine the regatta format.
- 5.3 The planned format will be specified in the SI and posted on the official notice board by 1800 on January 18, 2019.
- 5.4 The Principal Race Officer, with concurrence from the Chief Umpire and Class Representative, may modify the format during the event in a fair and practical way considering the number entries, existing and predicted weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors, to bring the event to a conclusion. This replaces RRS D4.2(a).

**6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Each sailor on a team shall be present at Check-In. An executed [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#) and [Sailor Code of Conduct](#) are required to complete Check-In.
- 6.2 Lunch will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.3 Program and Schedule

**Friday, January 18**

1700-1900

Competitor Check-In

Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Flag Registration



**Saturday, January 19**

0800-0900	Competitor Check-In Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Flag Registration
0845	Coaches' Meeting
0900	Umpire Briefing for Competitors
0930	Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting
0945	Harbor Launch
1030	First Warning Signal

**Sunday, January 20**

0800	Coaches' Meeting
0815	Umpire Briefing for Competitors
0845	Harbor Launch
0930	First Warning Signal
1830	Regatta Dinner

**Monday, January 21**

0800	Coaches' Meeting
0815	Umpire Briefing for Competitors
0845	Harbor Launch
0930	First Warning Signal
1400	No start after this time
After Racing	Awards Ceremony

**7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

The sailing instructions will be available electronically on the USODA website. A printed copy will be posted on the official notice board.

**8 VENUE**

The racing area will be in the harbor next to the Albert Whitted airport or just outside the rocky break-wall.

**9 COURSE**

The course will be a starboard hand digital N as described in the SI.

**10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 *Pending 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.

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

**11 SCORING**

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, as modified by the SI.

**12 UMPIRING AND PROTESTS**

12.1 The Regatta will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D rule D2.2. Some races may have more umpires than others as determined by the Chief Umpire in consideration of the stage of the event.



- 12.2 The required 'red' protest flag for competitors shall be attached to the sailor's PFD and be capable of being conspicuously displayed (waved) at full arm's length where it is easily visible to the protested boat and umpires, and then concealed when the incident is closed. The umpires recommend using a bungee cord, that when stretched exceeds the length of the competitor's arm, to attach the flag to the competitor's PFD.

### **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 race committee that all equipment is present and in working order (see NoR 6.1 and 6.3).
- 13.2 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 13.3 IODA Class Rule 4.2 requires that each competitor shall have "A whistle attached to their personal flotation device at all times while on the water." [SP]
- 13.4 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the 8m (26ft 3in) painter. [SP] [DP]

### **14 ADULT RESPONSIBILITY AND SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS**

- 14.1 All coaches, parents, guardians and 'designated adults' are *support persons* (See RRS definition *support person*).
- 14.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor 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.
- 14.3 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their competitor.
- 14.4 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for them throughout the course of the event.
- 14.5 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.
- 14.6 Each team is allowed one designated coach vessel per 4 or 5-person team.
- 14.7 All support vessels shall register during Check-In hours (see NOR 6.3) and continuously display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority 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.
- 14.8 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.
- 14.9 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.

### **15 BERTHING**

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept in the assigned area located at the SPSC. [SP][NP]

### **16 PRIZES**

Gold Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams

Gold Consolation or Silver Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams

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



## 17 QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

The top U.S.A. team meeting the Team Race Eligibility requirements from the Gold Fleet will qualify to represent the USODA at Trofeo Marco Rizzotti Team Race in Italy, May 23-26, 2019.

## 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 organizing authority, including sponsors, race officials, officers, and board of directors of SPYC 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 3.5.

## 19 CONTACT INFORMATION

**Registration:** Genoa Fedyszyn, USODA Executive Director, [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org)

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**SPYC Website\*:** [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org)

**Facebook Page** – <https://www.facebook.com/USODA-Nationals-981734175294845/>

**Twitter** – <https://twitter.com/USOptiSailing>

### LODGING

Please check the SPYC website, [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org) for hotel and motel accommodations within walking distance of the Club and Sailing Center.

### EARLY ARRIVAL

Contact (727) 822-3113 or email [youthsailingdirector@spyc.org](mailto:youthsailingdirector@spyc.org).

### OPTI CHARTERS & VENDORS

Information available on SPYC Website, [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org).

### POWERBOAT RENTALS

Tierra Verde Boat Rentals, [www.tvboatrentals.com](http://www.tvboatrentals.com), 727-867-0077. Reduced rates if you mention it is for the Optimist Team Race Midwinter Championship.