



# 2024 Optimist West Coast Championship

California Yacht Club  
in conjunction with  
U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA)  
(collectively known as the Organizing Authority)  
September 13-15  
Marina del Rey, CA USA

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 RULES

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- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Events and Championships](#) will apply.
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and RRS 63.2 do not apply.
- 1.4. RRS 81 does not apply.
- 1.5. [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty from the “USODA Graded Penalty System” may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.
- 1.6. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7. [SP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.8. [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official including reasonable actions to implement Covid-19 guidance, protocols or legislation. Such actions, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with requests may be considered misconduct.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available by September 10 at <https://usoda.org/regatta/QUaD2jE5ml>.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1. The online notice board is located at <https://usoda.org/regatta/QUaD2jE5ml>.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1. The event is open to **all boats** of the International Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements as defined in the [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Events and Championships](#).
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/QUaD2jE5ml> and providing all required competitor information, paying all required, and electronically signing the USODA Waiver of Liability.
- 4.3. Each competitor shall confirm their entry by checking the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not entered. **Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**



- 4.4 Each competitor shall complete their entry **online prior to** check-in at the venue. Entry is not complete until the competitor has submitted a signed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist and USODA Sailor Code of Conduct.
- 4.5 Online applications will close Thursday, September 12 at 12:00 PM ET. Requests to enter after the online entry deadline are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

**5 FEES**

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5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

	Before Aug 24	Aug 24-Aug 30	After Aug 30
Championship Fleet	\$130	\$155	\$180
Green Fleet	\$110	\$135	\$160

**6 ADVERTISING**

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6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**7 FORMAT**

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- 7.1 The Championship Fleet will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. The process for allocating boats to divisions and the format will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 There will be a Green Fleet if at least five (5) boats are registered by the initial deadline. See Green Fleet Addendum D for more information and schedule.

**8 SCHEDULE**

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8.1 Program and Schedule

**Thursday, September 12**

All Day Competitors Welcome to Arrive

**Friday, September 13**

1400-1800 Competitor Check-in and Support Person Registration/Check-in

**Saturday, September 14**

0800-0900 Competitor Check-in and Support Person Registration/Check-in

0930 Coaches’ Meeting

1000 Competitors’, Coaches’ and Parents’ Meeting

1100 Harbor Launch

1200 First Warning Signal

After Racing Competitors’ Dinner

**Sunday, September 15**

1100 Harbor Launch

1200 First Warning Signal

1530 No Warning Signal for a race or “Set” of races after this time

After Racing Awards Ceremony

8.2 Six (6) “Sets” of races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a multi-division regatta. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a single division regatta. Three (3) “Sets” of



races or four (4) races are scheduled for each day of racing, however up to four (4) “Sets” of races may be sailed in one day providing the championship never gets more than one “Set” of races or races ahead of schedule. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed.

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## **9 [SP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

9.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

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## **10 VENUE**

10.1 NoR Addendum A shows the shore facilities.

10.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing area on Santa Monica Bay.

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## **11 THE COURSES**

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

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## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1 The “USODA Graded Penalty System” will apply and will be provided in the sailing instructions.

12.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply and is changed as follows: RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

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## **13 SCORING**

13.1 One race or “Set” of races is required to constitute a series.

13.2 Rule 90.3(e) will be in effect. There shall be no changes to race or series scores, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 24 hours after the reasons outlined in rule 90.3(e)(1), (2) or (3.).

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## **14 SAFETY**

14.1 Each competitor shall complete a USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist prior to **0900 on Saturday, September 14.**

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

15.1 All coaches, parents, guardians and ‘designated adults’ are support persons (See RRS definition *Support Person*).

15.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 3 Decision to Race, a *Support Person* 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.

15.3 Parents or guardians not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another *Support Person* is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

15.4 Each competitor shall designate, in writing at Registration, the *Support Person* that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

15.5 The designated *Support Person* shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the event.

15.6 The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the racecourse throughout the event.



- 15.7 The organizing authority recommends there be at least one support vessel for every 10 sailors.
- 15.8 All support vessels shall register online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/QUaD2jE5ml> and pay a \$1 entry fee. A numbered flag, supplied by the organizing authority, shall be displayed at all times while on the water. A \$24 hold will be placed on the credit card provided as a security deposit for the flag. Coaches shall be current members of USODA at the Coach or Sustaining Membership level.
- 15.9 [DP] Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio monitoring the designated race committee channel, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.10 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.
- 15.11 [DP] There shall be no unauthorized unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, corridor, coach/spectator boat zones, start line or finish line.

## 16 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

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- 16.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## 17 BERTHING

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- 17.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.
- 17.2 [DP] Trailers must be tagged and stored in specified areas. Trailer tags may be obtained at the Race Office.
- 17.3 [DP] Support person vessels shall be kept at locations assigned at check-in.
- 17.4 Parking/storage fees may apply to vehicles, trailers and support vessels.
- 17.5 To arrange for storage outside of the event period, contact the Race Office.

## 18 RISK STATEMENT

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- 18.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**
- 18.2 The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the **California Yacht Club**, 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 event.

## 19 PRIZES

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- 19.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

### Championship Fleet

- Overall: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> (or 10<sup>th</sup> if over 80 sailors)  
Red Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 5<sup>th</sup> if over 80 sailors)  
Blue Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 5<sup>th</sup> if over 80 sailors)  
White Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 5<sup>th</sup> if over 80 sailors)  
Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>



Green Fleet: Participation awards for all sailors

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

## **20 QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS**

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- 20.1 This regatta is a **2025** USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of the Championship Fleet (based upon the total number of boats registered in both the Championship and Green fleets) will receive invitations to compete in the **2025** Optimist Team Trials. In the case where competitors in the top 25% are not team trials eligible, additional competitors will be invited. In the case of series-ties for the last qualifying place, all tied competitors shall receive invitations.

## **21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

**Regatta Chair:** Tim Clarke

**Principal Race Officer:** Steve Kuritz

**Protest Committee Chair:**

### **OPTI CHARTERS, VENDORS, POWERBOAT RENTALS & MORE**

VELA LA: [www.vela-la.com](http://www.vela-la.com), (424) 558-3395

Event Website: <https://usoda.org/regatta/QUaD2jE5ml>

Host Website – <https://www.calyachtclub.com/>

Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/US-Opti-Sailing-138942536154313/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/US-Opti-Sailing-138942536154313/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/USOptiSailing>





## Addendum A: Venue Map



The CYC Clubhouse will not be accessible during this event. A temporary facility will be in place, location is TBD



## Addendum B: Racing Area



The starting area for the Championship Fleet will be on Santa Monica Bay approximately one-half (1/2) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.





## Addendum C: Green Fleet

### 1. Green Fleet Policy and Rules

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- 1.1. Green Fleet will be run in accordance with the rules and policies outlined by the USODA. This includes the following:
- 1.2. Sailors are expected to use IODA class compliant equipment. However, Green Fleet sailors are exempted from the measurement process.
- 1.3. Active coaching during racing is allowed and encouraged for the back 50% of the fleet. Coaches on the Green Fleet course agree to help any sailor in need of assistance or coaching, not just their own.
- 1.4. Sailors will be expected to attend the morning and post racing briefings as outlined in the schedule.
- 1.5. Protests are not allowed, although a mock protest may be carried out for educational purposes.
- 1.6. Informal results may be kept and displayed on shore, but no prizes shall be awarded based on results. All competitors shall receive a Green Fleet participation medallion.

### 2. Green Fleet Schedule

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- 2.1. Green Fleet will be using the following daily schedule. The schedule is approximate and is dependent on the wind conditions and the Championship Fleet schedule.

#### Planned Daily Schedule

0800-1000	Arrival/Rigging
1100	Green Fleet Briefing
1200	Green Fleet Launch
1230	Racing Begins
After Racing	De-Rig/Post Racing Briefing & Dismissal

### 3. Racing Format

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An effort will be made to complete as many short 15 minute races as practicable. The Green Fleet course will be located in the Marina del Rey Harbor in one of the three areas shown below. The location may change each day, or during the day, depending on local conditions. Details will be provided at the Competitor's Meeting each day. All three venues will provide excellent spectating and a short transit to/from the race course.

