



2026 Big Wave Regatta

SCYYRA Carrie Series #5/6

March 14-15, 2026

Hosted by Balboa Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this event is Balboa Yacht Club (BYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Optimist Association Class (IODA) Rules shall apply.
- 1.3 On the water protests shall be indicated to the Race Committee with a red flag, displayed while crossing the finish line. It is the competitor's responsibility to get verification from the committee boat that they have been noted for intending to file a protest.

2 CLASSES

- 2.1 International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.
- 2.2 There will be two Fleets: Champ Fleet and Green Fleet
- 2.3 The Champ fleet will be broken into Red, Blue, and White Fleet assignments - based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$75 (which includes the SCYYRA Carrie Series fee)
- 3.2 The entry fee will be \$95 for those entries received after March 6th at 5pm.
- 3.3 All competitors must be members of SCYYRA. Registration is free and can be found at www.scyyra.org
- 3.4 Regatta registration can be found on the Balboa Yacht Club website under Online Registration or via this link: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/KnONuxESch>

4. MEASUREMENT

- 4.1 All Optimist boats and equipment will conform to the standards of the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 4.2 Entrants are allowed to use one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller extension) mast, boom, sprit and sail during this regatta. Any substitution must be approved by the OA prior to use.
- 4.3 Boats may be subjected to a safety check prior to launching.

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any notice to competitors will be posted by 9:30AM each day on the official notice board, located on the BYC Junior Sailing Office window (adjacent to the grass area on the Flag Deck)

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online (same site as registration) by Friday, March 13th and at check in on Saturday, March 14.

7 SCHEDULE

The following schedule is tentative and subject to change at the discretion of the race committee and BYC

Saturday, March 14

0900-1000 Check-in

1030 All Fleet Skippers Meeting

1200 First Warning

Sunday, March 15

1030 All Fleet Skippers Meeting

1200 First Warning

1500 No Races will be started after this time

Racing Awards ceremony ASAP after racing

The race committees will attempt to start as many races as possible.

Three (3) races will constitute a series

8 VENUE

The Championship Fleet racing area will be off the Balboa Pier, in the Pacific Ocean just outside of the Newport Harbor.

The Green Fleet will be racing inside the harbor.

9 SCORING

The RRS Low Point Scoring System will apply. If fewer than six (6) races are sailed, a boats score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

10 COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice, data, or video transmissions and shall not receive voice, video, or data communications that are not available to all boats.

11 TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded after racing on Sunday at BYC.

Trophies will be awarded to:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each championship division (Red, Blue and White)
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd top girls overall
- Participation awards for Green Fleet

12 OPTI PARKING/STORAGE

Visiting sailboats may be stored on BYC property starting the day prior to the event through Sunday evening.

BYC may move trailers as appropriate to provide space for boats, or due to weather conditions.

If you are intending to arrive on Friday, please contact sailing@balboayachtclub.com to make arrangements for early arrival.

13 COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 There will be no coach/support boat launching available at BYC.

13.2 Coach and support boats shall be launched at the Newport Dunes Resort Marina launch via boat ramp located at 1131 Back Bay Drive, 949-729-1100 or by reaching out to other local yacht clubs.

13.2 Coach and support boats can remain at BYC docks overnight from Saturday to Sunday.

13.3 Each coach/support boat shall have a working VHF radio.

14 SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

14.1 All sailors and support boats shall wear a US Coast Guard certified PFD at all times while on the water.

14.2 An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of 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.

14.3 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, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that 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.

14.5 Waiver forms must be submitted online prior to check-in.

14.6 All competitors will check in with BYC officials before leaving the docks and upon their return. The competitor is responsible for making sure that their departure and return is properly noted by the BYC officials. It is anticipated that these officials will be stationed near the top of the launch ramp.

14.7 Harbor Patrol instructions will supersede Race Committee instructions if applicable.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The organizing authority 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. All competitors and their parent/guardian shall sign a waiver.

16 HOSPITALITY

- BYCs kitchen and bar will be open throughout the weekend. Guests may pay by credit card.

- BYC will provide post race snacks for sailors after racing.

- Car parking is available in front of BYC on Bayside Drive. BYC parking lots are reserved for BYC members only.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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