



2016 Merrill Lynch/Bank of America/USODA Southeast Championship
September 17-18
Hosted by The Florida Yacht Club

Amended

NOTICE OF RACE

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AMENDMENT: August 16th – 1. Rules; 2. Advertising; 6. Schedule; 7. Measurement;
11. Penalty System; 12. Scoring; 15. Coaches/Support Boats
September 3rd – 6. Schedule

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to rule 89.2)

The regatta will be organized by The Florida Yacht Club (FYC) 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*.
- 1.2. “USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships”, including the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’, will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and Guardians shall abide by the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, FYC, and the City Jacksonville.
- 1.3. **Rule 61 is changed as follows:**
 - (a) **The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor’s lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before it is needed and after the protested boat has acknowledged her foul.**
 - (b) **Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.**
 - (c) **The following new rule is added to rule 61:**

61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the race committee finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, “Second Penalty” will be changed to, “Second and Subsequent Penalties”. There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, “unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the RC finish boat that she is retiring”. P2.3 will be deleted.



2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per **World Sailing** Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta September 17, 2016.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2001. The OA may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join the USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at usoda@usoda.org.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$100 if paid by August 31, 2016.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$125 total) shall be paid for registrations completed September 1, 2016 through September 7, 2016.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$150 total) shall be paid for registrations completed September 8, 2016 through 5 PM EDT, September 14, 2016.
- 4.2. Registration must be done on-line at www.usoda.org in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Event registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of her completed registration. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed **September 14, 2016** at 1700 hours EDT.
- 4.4. Registration requests after registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

There will be a Championship fleet that will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. If there are multiple divisions, the process for allocating boats to divisions and the format will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. There will be a Green fleet.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at check-in. The USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist is required to complete check-in.
- 6.2. Continental breakfasts and lunches will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.



6.3. Program and Schedule

Friday, September 16

1200-1800	Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in
1800-2100	Welcome Barbecue Buffet and Pool Party

Saturday, September 17

0700-0900	Continental Breakfast / “Make & Take” your own Lunch
0730-0830	Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in
0845	Coaches Meeting - Mandatory
0900	Competitors and Parents Meeting – Mandatory
1030	First Warning Signal - Championship Fleet
	Lunch on the Water
After Racing	Italian Feast Dinner Buffet & Sundae Bar

Sunday, September 18

0730-0830	Continental Breakfast / “Make & Take” your own Lunch
0800	Coaches Meeting - Mandatory
0815	Competitors and Parents Meeting – Mandatory
0930	First Warning - Championship Fleet
	Lunch on the Water
1400	No first Warning Signal 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.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. **Any request to consider approving equipment substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) before the end of protest time limit the day prior to the day for which substitution is to be made. If changes are required during a day’s racing, approval may be made verbally and the written request submitted before the day’s protest time limit.**
- 7.2. Each competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site check-in. These forms shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 7.3. The race and or protest committee may inspect or measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions (SI’s) may be available online, and final official SI’s will be available onsite at check-in.



9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be on the St. Johns River slightly northeast of FYC for the Championship Fleet. The racing area for the Green Fleet will on the St Johns River just east of FYC clubhouse.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept at the FYC in the assigned numbered area.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the SI's.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalties for upheld breaches of certain sailing instructions and for measurement infractions 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.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. **The number of boats entered in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor check-in at the regatta venue as referenced in NOR 6.1. This modifies rule A4.2 and applies to fleet divisions.**
- 12.3. One completed race shall constitute the regatta for a single division regatta. One completed “set” of races shall constitute the regatta for a multi-division regatta.
- 12.4. Scoring will be based on the number of races for a single division regatta. Scoring will be based on the number of “sets” of races completed for a multi-division regatta. The process for removing a worst score will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.5. For a multi-division regatta, Rule 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the combined number of **entrants** in the two largest divisions.

13. LIFEJACKET, WHISTLE, AND BOW LINE

- 13.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its U.S. Sailing prescriptions, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international sailors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable lifejackets may not be worn.
- 13.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 13.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

14. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their 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.



- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. 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.

15. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1. One coach boat for every **seven (7)** sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with **eight (8)** sailors would be allowed to register two **coach** boats.) **Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by September 14, 2016 and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.**
- 15.2. All coach **and support (parent or spectator)** boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the RC during check-in that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$20 deposit is required. Each coach boat 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.
- 15.3. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the SI's.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Overall: 1st through 10th
- Red Fleet: 1st through 5th
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 5th
- White Fleet: 1st through 5th
- Top girl: 1st through 3rd

Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and OA, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

17. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2017 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Team Trials eligible Championship Fleet competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2017 USODA Team Trials.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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 4.2.



19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org

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Charters & Accommodations: Information available at <http://www.thefloridayachtclub.org/>.

OA- Organizing Authority

RC- Race Committee

SI- Sailing Instructions