

PYSF/Sequoia Yacht Club

Notice Of Race

San Francisco Bay 2009 Optimist Championship & BAYS Opti Winter Series #2 October 24-25, 2009

1. Organizing Authority and Venue

- 1.1. The regatta is organized by the Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation (PYSF) and Sequoia Yacht Club (SYC). The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the Optimist Class Rules, and this Notice of Race, except in the event that any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions. Any amendments shall be posted on the official notice board and announced at the Skippers meeting.
- 1.2. The event host is PYSF/SYC, Redwood City, California, and the primary racing venue shall be San Francisco Bay and the Turning Basin at the Port of Redwood City.

1. Eligibility and Entry

All eligible competitors may enter by completing an entry form prior to racing.

2. Registration

Advance registration is encouraged. Forms and/or online registration will be available at <http://www.pysfopti.org/sfbayopti2009championship.html>. Registration and payment will also be accepted at the event.

3. Entry Fees

The entry fee of \$60 per boat. All sailors that register online no later than Oct 16 (approximately 1 week before the regatta) will receive a \$10 discount at the time the entry fee is paid. Credit cards and Paypal are may be accepted for online payment. Checks for may be made out to PYSF and may be delivered to the Registration Desk on Saturday morning. The entry fee shall include awards for the top finishers in the championship fleet and awards for all green fleet competitors. Lunch will be provided to competitors on Saturday and Sunday (Planned: Pizza on Saturday, PB&J sandwiches on Sunday) and there will be a snacks and drinks available immediately following the racing on Saturday for competitors and parents.

4. Schedule of Events.

Saturday October 4

- 0800 Continental breakfast
- 0830 Registration
- 1000 Championship and Green Fleet skippers' meeting
- 1100 First warning for Championship Fleet. Lunch on the water.

1115 Harbor Start for Green Fleet, lunch PYSF dock (at discretion of Green Fleet PRO).
1600 No warning signal after this time.

Sunday October 5

0800 Continental breakfast
1100 First warning for Championship fleet. Lunch on the water.
1100 Harbor Start for Green Fleet, lunch back at PYSF dock (time at discretion of Green Fleet PRO).
1530 No warning signal after this time.
1600 Snacks and drinks provided for competitors at Sequoia Yacht Club.
1700 Award ceremony at Sequoia Yacht Club.

5. Racing

5.1. The Green Fleet will sail in the Turning Basin, with the Championship Fleet either in Bay or also in the Turning Basin, depending on current and wind conditions.

6. Course

- 6.1. The courses for the Championship Fleet are outlined in the attached course diagrams.
- 6.2. The course for the Green Fleet will be triangle, windward-leeward or a combination of both.
- 6.3. The starting sequence will be 5 minutes for the Championship Fleet. The start/finish line and other course marks will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.4. The starting sequence will be 3 minutes for the Green Fleet. The start/finish line and other course marks will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.5. All marks shall be left to port.

7. Scoring

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used. One race is required to complete the regatta. There will be one throwout for 6 completed races and 2 throwouts for 12 or more completed races. Scoring software will be announced.

8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available online at:
<http://pysfopti.org/sfbayopti2009championship.html> and will also be available at the onsite registration.

9. Protests

Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. In accordance with Optimist Class rules, a protest flag must be flown by the protesting boat. This instruction amends RRS 61.1(a).

10. Personal Flotation

Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock 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. This changes RRS 40. The Y flag shall not be flown.

11. Safety

11.1. Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. 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.

11.2. A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to clothing. Bailers must be in every competitors boat.

12. Support boats

All support and coach boats shall render assistance while competitors are on the water if requested by representatives of the organizing authority, or as may be otherwise required. It is the intention of this provision that each sailor shall have a support boat on the course. Support boats shall monitor the VHF Channel announced at the coaches meeting at the end of the skippers' meeting.

13. Equipment Used

13.1. 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.

13.2. All equipment may be subject to a safety check at launch time by the Race Committee and only boats that pass the check shall launch.

14. Liability

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

COURSE CHART

The sailing course will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. For the championship fleet, it is planned to be a modified Olympic course with a gate and a secondary rounding mark after the windward mark. For the green fleet, it is planned to be a simple windward/leeward course with an optional reach mark. A picture of the courses will be provided in the sailing instructions.