



2024 Optimist Southeast Championship

YMCA Camp Sea Gull & Camp Seafarer
in conjunction with
U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA)
(collectively known as the Organizing Authority)
October 11-14, 2024
Arapahoe, NC USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 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. [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.
- 1.5. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6. [SP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.7. [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official. Failure to comply with requests may be considered misconduct.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available by October 9 at <https://usoda.org/regatta/2PSvVz2g0j>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online notice board is located at <https://usoda.org/regatta/2PSvVz2g0j>.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 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/2PSvVz2g0j> 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 Wednesday, October 9 at 12:00 PM ET. Requests to enter after the online

entry deadline are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

	Before Sept 21	Sept 21-Sept 27	After Sept 27
Championship Fleet	\$250	\$275	\$300
Green Fleet	\$230	\$255	\$280

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 FORMAT

- 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

8.1 Program and Schedule

Thursday, October 10

By Appointment Early Arrivals, Housing and Meal Packages available through Site Registration Form

Friday, October 11

1000-1800 Competitor Check-in and Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Registration/Check-in
 1130-1330 Lunch (avail for purchase through Site Registration Form or on-site)
 1800-1930 Dinner (avail for purchase through Site Registration Form or on-site)

Saturday, October 12

0730-0900 Breakfast and Bag Lunch Prep (included for sailors, available for purchase through Site Registration Form or on-site for others)
 0730-0845 Competitor Check-in and Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Registration/Check-in
 0845 Coaches' Meeting
 0900 Competitors' Meeting
 0930 Harbor Start
 1030 First Warning Signal
 1130-1330 Lunch (avail for purchase through Site Registration Form or on-site); sailors eat lunch on the water
 After Racing Dinner (available for purchase through Site Registration Form on on-site)

Sunday, October 13

- 0730-0900 Breakfast and Bag Lunch Prep (included for sailors, available for purchase through Site Registration Form or on-site for others)
- 0830 Coaches' Meeting
- 0900 Harbor Start
- 1000 First Warning Signal
- 1130-1330 Lunch (avail for purchase through Site Registration Form or on-site); sailors eat lunch on the water
- After Racing Competitor Regatta Dinner (included for sailors, available for purchase through Site Registration Form on on-site for other)

Monday, October 14

- 0730-0900 Breakfast and Bag Lunch Prep (included for sailors, available for purchase through Site Registration Form or on-site for others)
- 0830 Coaches' Meeting
- 0900 Harbor Start
- 1000 First Warning Signal
- 1130-1330 Lunch (avail for purchase through Site Registration Form or on-site); sailors eat lunch on the water
- 1400 No first warning signal for a race or "Set" of races after this time
- After Racing Cookout and Awards (included for sailors, available for purchase through Site Registration Form on on-site for other)

8.2 Nine (9) "Sets" of races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a multi-division regatta. Twelve (12) 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.

9 [SP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

10 VENUE

10.1 Racing will take place on the lower Neuse River in front Camp Seagull.

11 THE COURSES

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

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The "USODA Graded Penalty System" will apply and will be provided in the sailing instructions. Percentage penalties will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

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.

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.).

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 Each competitor shall complete a USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist prior to 0900 on Saturday, October 12.

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/2PSvVz2g0j> 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

- 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

- 17.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.
- 17.2 [DP] Support person vessels shall be at locations assigned at check-in.
- 17.3 To arrange for storage outside of the event period, contact the Race Office at Van.King@ymcatriangle.org.

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 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 YMCA Camp Seagull and Camp Seafarer, 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

- 19.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Championship Fleet

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

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

- 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

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Beth Danilek, usoda@usoda.org

Regatta Chair: Morgan Stephens, Morgan.Stephens@YMCATriangle.org

Principal Race Officer: Carl Schellbach



Protest Committee Chair: Jerry Thompson

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Club Boat Charter Co., clubboatcharterco@gmail.com, (434) 989-8137

Professional Boats, www.professionalboats.com, 321-946-2572

Simmons Boatworks, 203-506-9333, rob@simmonsbw.com, <https://simmonsbw.com/>

US One-Design/Sail McLaughlin, www.sailmclaughlin.com, (508) 827-7902

Zim Sailing, charters@zimsailing.com, (401) 237-6117, www.zimsailing.com/charters

Event Website: <https://usoda.org/regatta/2PSvVz2g0j>

Host Website – <https://www.seagull-seafarer.org/optimist-southeast-championship>

Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/US-Opti-Sailing-138942536154313/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

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

Housing and Meals: Please visit the YMCA Camp Seagull & Camp Seafarer website for more information on housing and meal purchases at <https://www.seagull-seafarer.org/optimist-southeast-championship>

Addendum B: Green Fleet

1. Green Fleet Policy and Rules

- 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

- 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.

Schedule

Saturday, October 12 – Monday, October 14

0900	Arrival/Rigging
1000	Green Fleet Briefing
1030	Green Fleet Launch
1100-1400	Racing
1500	De-Rig/Post Racing Briefing
1530	Dismissal

3. Racing Format <INSERT LOCAL FORMAT INFORMATION>

An effort will be made to complete as many short 15 minute races as practicable. The Green Fleet course will be just off the YMCA Camp Seagull & Camp Seafarer dock. This will provide excellent spectating and a short transit to/from the race course.