



Cedar Point Optimist Area A,B,C

Cedar Point Yacht Club
1 Bluff Point, Westport CT

July 22, 2026

Class: Optimist

Open to: All boats of the Optimist Class Red, Blue and White age groups that meet JSA and regatta eligibility requirements.

Qualifier for: JSA Optimist Championship in the current year

Notice of Race

- Cedar Point Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) in partnership with the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound.
- **[DP]** The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

Abbreviations:			
PC	- Protest Committee	RC	- Race Committee
OA	- Organizing Authority	SI	- Sailing Instructions
RRS	- Racing Rules of Sailing	JSA	- Junior Sailing Association of LIS
NoR	- Notice of Race		

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- the Optimist Class Rules
- the [Rules for JSA Events](#)
- the [JSA Code of Conduct](#)
- the US Sailing [Athlete Safety Handbook](#)
- RRS Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of an Incident, and Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, will apply.
- RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at [Clubspot Event Link](#) before and during the regatta, and posted on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 This Notice of Race, results, and other information will be available at [Clubspot Event Link](#).
- 3.2 [DP] Each coach and support vessel shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all US channels.
- 3.3 [DP] All coaches and support vessels shall monitor VHF channel 79. Support persons shall maintain silence on this channel unless safety-related communication with the race committee or safety patrol is necessary. Cedar Point base can be reached on VHF channel 78 for operational and emergency support.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This regatta is open to all competitors who meet JSA and regatta eligibility requirements.
- 4.2 This event is open as a qualifier for JSA Optimist Champs to sailors representing member programs in JSA Area A,B, and C. ~~Sailors from programs outside JSA Area C may enter as non-champs qualifiers if space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of receipt.~~
- 4.3 The regatta is open to JSA members' racing boats of the Optimist Class that meet the age requirements set forth below and who have also been certified as competent for this event by, and are under the aegis of, the Head Instructor or Program Chair of the Junior Sailing Program at their club, or a similar competent organization.

Class	Minimum Age (As of)	Maximum Age (As of)
Optimist (White)	8 (as of Birthday)	10 (as of Birthday)
Optimist (Blue)	11 (as of Birthday)	12 (as of Birthday)
Optimist (Red)	13 (as of Birthday)	15 (as of Birthday)

- 4.4 Eligible boats and instructors shall register online at [Clubspot Event Link](#) before the event. There will be no walk-in registration. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Questions regarding eligibility and registration should be directed to juniorsailing@cedarpointyc.org.

5 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Each boat shall carry the safety equipment specified by either the Optimist Class Association or JSA.
- 5.2 Each sailor shall complete a safety self check, have their coach attest that they have passed, and present their completed safety form to registration.
- 5.3 [DP] Each boat shall display a streamer designating their Division (red, blue or white) from the top of their sail. Streamers will be provided at registration.

6 FEES

- 6.1** The entry fee is \$110 per sailor due by Monday, July 20, 1700 hrs. The fee for entries submitted after the due date is \$130 per sailor. No refunds of the entry fee will be made after July 20. There is no fee to send an instructor. The entry fee includes regatta wear, breakfast bar, post-race hot dogs and snacks, and awards.
- 6.2** All skippers, crews, and Instructors are required to check in (in person) during registration.

7 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location
Tuesday	7/21/2026	1700 - 2000	Early drop off	See NoR 14
Wednesday	7/22/2026	0730 - 0900	Registration	Clubhouse
		0730 - 0900	Safety Check	Drystall Area
		0730 - 0930	Breakfast Bar	Pavilion
		0900	Instructors Meeting	Clubhouse Upper Deck
		0930	Competitors Meeting	Flag Pole
		1000	Harbor Start	
		1100	First Warning Signal	
			Lunch	On the Water (BYO)
		1530	No Warning Signal after	
		Post Racing	Hot Dogs, Snacks and Awards	Pavilion

8 VENUE

- 8.1** The racing area will be in the waters off Bluff Point in Westport, CT.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** The course to be sailed will be an Optimist Trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** Six or more races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2** When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 10.3** The Red and Blue age groups will start together and be scored overall. The White age group will start and be scored separately.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1** Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in the Blue and White age groups, top three in the Red age group.
- 11.2** A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

12 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 12.1** Any program entering three or more boats shall supply an instructor with a support vessel equipped with a working VHF radio, an anchor and a first aid kit.
- 12.2** Any program entering fewer than three boats that will not supply a support vessel shall arrange with another program to allow the supervising instructor out onto the water. In no circumstance shall competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the race course.
- 12.3** [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.
- 12.4** [DP] Instructors shall register online with the OA before the event.
- 12.5** [DP] Instructors shall attend the instructors' meeting to receive safety assignments.

13 DRONE USAGE

- 13.1** Drones are not allowed at the event unless they are authorized by the Organizing Authority (OA). Content from OA authorized drones should not be used for coaching during the event. If the content is used for coaching (or other similar purposes) it shall be made available to all competitors at the same time and not during competition hours. Further, the content shall be made available to the JSA for promotional purposes by promptly emailing said content to news@jsalis.org."

14 TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

- 14.1** [DP] Competitor and coach boats may arrive early at CPYC on Tuesday, July 21, 1700-2000 hrs. No spectator boats may be launched or stored at CPYC.
- 14.2** [DP] All boats and trailers that arrive on Tuesday, July 21, shall be stored in the parking lot farthest from the Clubhouse, near the other boats on trailers, in the farthest row.
- 14.3** [DP] Coach boats that arrive by water should contact CPYC on VHF channel 78 for docking instructions.
- 14.4** [DP] Coach boats shall not launch by hoist without assistance from CPYC staff.
- 14.5** [DP] All boats arriving the morning of Wednesday, July 22, shall be stored as directed by CPYC staff and event volunteers.
- 14.6** [DP] After the event, if coach boats are to be used for Race Week, they may request dock space and remain overnight and request dock space
- 14.7** CPYC shares Bluff Point with a residential neighborhood populated by many young children and pedestrians. Please be mindful of the 15 mph speed limit, speed bumps, and stop signs on Saugatuck Island. The added seconds to your travel will do much to benefit our relationship with local residents.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1** 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.**

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

Regatta Chairperson: Jen Chirles
Principal Race Officer: Brad Thompson

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