

30th Annual Stone Horse Yacht Club Opti Regatta
Monday, July 20, 2026
Stone Horse Yacht Club
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NOTICE OF RACE

The Optimist Regatta organizing authority is the Stone Horse Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2. For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the Optimist class.
- 1.3. Rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions, or as amendments to the Sail Instructions (See Section 7 of this Notice).

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Optimist class age rules apply.
- 2.2. There will be a Championship Fleet and a Green Fleet.
- 2.3. The Championship Fleet will be divided into three groups according to the ages of the competitors on July 20, 2026, as follows: White Fleet: 10 years old or younger. Blue Fleet: 11 or 12 years old. Red Fleet: 13 years old or older and shall not have reached their 16th birthday in the current calendar year.
- 2.4. The Green Fleet is intended for novice racers.
- 2.5. One race can constitute the series.
- 2.6. Competitors may register online via the Stone Horse Yacht Club/ClubSpot website. Early online entry fee is \$85.00. Registration for this event will be capped at 100 total registrants. The early online registration deadline is 2200 hours on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Online registration will be available after that time but a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed. Information entered into

registration form is the responsibility of entrant; any errors may result in disqualification.

2.7.Late registration will be accepted until 0830 at check-in on Monday, July 20, 2026 on-site at Stone Horse Yacht Club if the cap of 100 registrants has not yet been reached. The late entry fee after 2200 on July 18, 2026 is \$110.00 (includes a late fee of \$25.00).

2.8.Registered competitors will receive a gift, continental breakfast, snacks, and post-race BBQ. Water bottles will not be provided, please bring your own reusable filled water bottle.

2.9. All participants must submit a medical form through the registration process on ClubSpot.

2.10.Refunds will be provided. Refund requests must be received no later than July 17, 2026 at 1600 hours.

2.11.All Optimist boats may be required to have their sail numbers verified on-site at check-in.

3. Designated Adult:

3.1.Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative who shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

3.2.The designated adult is responsible for the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race.

3.3.The designated adult supervising the competitor(s) are ultimately responsible for the risks. This risk includes ensuring that the competitor wears appropriate clothing and be equipped with proper safety equipment.

3.4.The designated adult will 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.

4. Schedule of Events

4.1.1. Check-in/Arrival: 0730-0830

4.1.2. Skippers Meeting: 0845

4.1.3. Harbor Start: 0915 Green Fleet, 0925 Champ Fleet

4.1.4. First Warning Signal: 1000 (all fleets)

4.1.5. Last Warning Signal: At the discretion of the PRO

4.1.6. BBQ and Awards: Post racing

5. Postponement: In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the regatta will not be rescheduled. If practical or if forecast dictates a postponement then pre-registered participants will be notified of postponement by email no later than 2000 hours on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

6. Safety

6.1. Competitors shall comply with requests for safety checks on and off the water.

6.2. All competitors must comply with the Safety Check-in/out system described in the sailing instructions. When leaving the race course, or retiring, competitors must notify an official Race Committee boat or designated patrol boat.

6.3. A boat racing with any sail number different from the number on his or her entry form (or as corrected in writing at check-in) will be scored "DNC" without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5 and G4.

6.4. Each competitor is required to have two (2) bailers secured to his or her boat at all times.

6.5. A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification.

7. Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions will be available at check in. Any amendments to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board in the SHYC clubhouse prior to 0845 on July 20, 2026.

8. Support Boats: All support boats must stay clear of the race course at all times, and must follow any instructions of the Race Committee or designated patrol boats.

9. Scoring: The Low-Point Scoring System will be used.

10.Awards

10.1.All Green Fleet participants will receive participation awards. Trophies will be awarded for first through third place.

10.2.Championship Fleet trophies will be awarded first through third overall. There will also be trophies for first through third in each Championship fleet (white/blue/red).

11.Parking

11.1.After leaving boats and sails at SHYC, cars and trailers will be parked in designated off-premise lots. There is no parking in the Stone Horse Yacht Club lot that day.

11.2.All competitors and support personnel shall comply with the parking, launching and hauling, and support boat regulations, and shall comply with reasonable requests from regatta officials. The protest committee may, at its discretion, assess a penalty after a hearing for breaches of this rule, including dismissal from the event.

12.Motor Boat Launch: All motor boats, including coach boats, must be launched from Saquatucket Harbor, 715 Main St. (Rt.28).

13.Food For Non-Racers: SHYC snack bar will be open for the competitor's family and friends - cash only.

14.Contact: For more information, email Yasmine Haley (yhaley202@gmail.com) or Lora Teahan (lorateahan@gmail.com), or visit us at stonehorseyachtclub.org