



BHC Opti Area B

Belle Haven Club
100 Harbor Drive, Greenwich, CT, 06830

Monday, July 27, 2026



Class: Optimist

Open to: All boats of the Optimist Class Red, Blue and White age groups that meet JSA and Regatta Eligibility Requirements in Rules for JSA Events 3 and 4.

Qualifier for: [JSA Optimist Championship and Season Series Awards](#) in the current year

Notice of Race

- Belle Haven 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
OA - Organizing Authority
RRS - Racing Rules of Sailing
NoR - Notice of Race

RC - Race Committee
SI - Sailing Instructions
JSA - Junior Sailing Association of LIS

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.
- Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
- RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Me9pEI4FVO> 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 <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Me9pEI4FVO>.
- 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 73. Support persons shall maintain silence on this channel unless safety-related communication with the race committee or safety patrol is necessary. Belle Haven Club base can be reached on VHF channel 72 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 Areas A, B, and C.
- 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 may enter by registering online at <https://theclubspot.com/jsa-pd-interstitial/Me9pEI4FVO>. 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 BHCJuniorSailing@gmail.com.

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 check, pass such check before sailing, and present their completed self-check 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 \$100 per sailor due by 2359 hours on Saturday, July 25. The fee for entries submitted after the due date is \$115 per sailor. No refunds of the entry fee will be made after 2359 hours on Saturday, July 25. There is no fee to send an Instructor. The entry fee includes regatta wear, breakfast bar, post-race snacks, and awards.
- 6.2** All skippers and Instructors are required to check in (in person) during registration.

7 SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday, July 26, 2026	1600 - 1900	Early drop off	
Monday, July 27, 2026	0800 - 0900	Registration	Beach
	0800 - 0915	Safety Check	Beach, docks, parking
	0930	Instructors Meeting	Beach
	0945	Competitors Meeting	Beach
	1000	Harbor Start	Beach, docks
	1100	First Warning Signal	Captain's Harbor
		Lunch	On the Water (BYO)
	1530	No Warning Signal after	
	Post Racing	Snacks, Games, and Presentation of Awards	Beach

8 VENUE

- 8.1** The racing area will be in the waters of Captains Harbor, southwest of Belle Haven Club and out of the Island Beach and Great Captains Island ferry lanes.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** The course to be sailed will be a triangle or trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** As many races as possible are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2** When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) 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 finishers in each division. The top finishers will be considered for JSA Season Series Awards.
- 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 with the OA at registration.
- 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] Neither competitor nor coach boats may arrive before 1600 hours on July 26, 2026.
- 14.2** [DP] All boats and trailers that arrive on July 26, 2025, shall be stored on the beach near the Belle Haven Pool. The pool attendants will open the side gates to allow boats to be carried or wheeled on to the beach.

Belle Haven is a secure community. However, Belle Haven Club and Belle Haven Land Association will not be responsible for damage, vandalism, theft or other issues affecting boats stored from July 27th through the end of the regatta.
- 14.3** [DP] Coach boats that arrive by water should contact Belle Haven Club on VHF channel 72 for docking instructions.
- 14.4** [DP] Coach boats shall not launch by hoist without assistance from Belle Haven Club staff.

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.

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