



Notice of Race Opti-Jam 2026



July 23 to July 24
Chester Yacht Club, Chester, NS
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1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Sail Canada prescriptions to the RRS are available at
https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Sail-Canada-Prescriptions-to-the-RRS-2025-2028_revfinal.pdf
- 1.3 Appendix P will apply and may be amended by the Sailing Instructions.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The regatta on July 23 - 24, 2026, is open to eligible participants in the following classes:
 - Optimist Fleet - Intermediate, Advanced (if numbers allow)
 - Optimist Green Fleet
- 2.3 Eligible participants & coaches should register online. Online registration is available at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/2IkC1W6nOj>
- 2.4 Required Documents at Registration/Check-in:
 - All participants must submit a parent/guardian declaration, including a waiver of liability and a medical authorization form signed by a parent or coach if the participants are under 19 years of age. These documents can be completed electronically as part of registration.
 - In addition to scheduled regatta check-in, coaches are required to check in, both individually and on behalf of their teams, upon first arriving on site.

3 Fees

- 3.1 Competitors' fees 105.00 tax included: Full event fees include access to CYC facilities for the duration of the event, an event t-shirt, and snacks before and after racing.

4 Schedule

July 23, 2026

8:30 Check-In - Snacks
1015 Coaches Meeting
1030 Competitors Meeting
1100 Dock Start
Pizza

July 24, 2026

9:00 Snacks
1030 Dock Start
No racing signal will be made after 1500.
Awards

5 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at the onsite check-in and online once published.

6 Scoring

- 6.1 Opti Green Fleet: The Green Fleet is a recreational class for developing sailors and casual competition. The series scores will not be posted. There is no maximum number of races.
- 6.2 Opti Fleets: One race is required to constitute a series. When less than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

7 Safety

- 7.1 All boats will be required to be kept at CYC or Freda's Beach West of CYC.
- 7.2 Optimist classes are required to have tow lines 3m long and a bailer.
- 7.3 A lanyard shall attach a whistle to the PFD of every competitor. The lanyard shall be long enough to permit the sailor to use the whistle while wearing the PFD.
- 7.4 All coach boats are expected to have functional VHF radios onboard to assist with safety calls or exchanging other information.

8 Coach Support Boats

All coach support boats shall register and shall prominently display an identifier supplied by the Race Committee at all times while on the water.

9 Disclaimer of Liability

- 9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 9.2 The Chester Yacht Club and all other individuals and entities involved in the organization of this regatta shall accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage or loss, or claim, whether personal or material, incurred or inflicted on participants before, during, or after this regatta.
- 9.3 Opti Jam is a green regatta; there will be no bottled water available during the event. Instead, there will be water stations for refilling reusable water bottles; please bring reusable water bottles.

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