



2021 Optimist New England Championship

August 9-12, 2021

Race Days: August 10-12

Hosted by Sail Newport
Newport, RI USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 89.2b)

Amended 8/6/2021: 8.1 Schedule

The event will be organized by Sail Newport in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA"), collectively known as the organizing authority.

Competitors and *support persons* will be required to comply with all current local, state and federal guidelines related to COVID-19 while on the host club grounds or participating in racing. This includes, but is not limited to, any venue-specific requirements promulgated by the Notice of Race (NoR), Sailing Instructions (SI) or any amendments thereto. The organizing authority may terminate the event at any time if they observe significant disregard for any local, state or federal guidelines, or venue-specific requirements.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships (revised January 22, 2021) at http://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/wb_editor_doc_1611358789446 applies.
- 1.3. The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: RRS 63.1 and RRS 63.2.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this championship:
 - a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. See RRS Introduction, Notation.
 - b) [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty 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.
 - c) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5. [SP] [DP] A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), or for international competitors only, an appropriately sized PFD/buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitor's country of origin. International competitors may be required to self-certify their PFD/buoyancy aid meets the requirements of this section. All PFDs/buoyancy aids shall be properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved nor permitted as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result



in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at <https://usoda.org/regatta/KZup8CaxZT>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online notice board is located at <https://usoda.org/regatta/KZup8CaxZT>.

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/KZup8CaxZT> by selecting 'Register Now' and providing all required competitor information, paying all required fees (as described in NoR 4), 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 Check-in at the venue (see NoR 8). Entries are not complete until a competitor has submitted an online Sailor Code of Conduct and Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist.
- 4.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
- a) Championship Fleet: 250 boats
 - b) Green Fleet: 50 boats
- The organizing authority may increase the number of boats in its sole discretion.
- 4.6 Registration must be completed online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/KZup8CaxZT>. **There will be a 24-hr advance registration window beginning on Friday, May 14 at 1200 ET for sailors who live in RI, MA, CT, ME, NH and VT.** Online registration will open for all other sailors on Saturday, May 15 at 1215 ET and will close Wednesday, August 4 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:
- a) The entry fee is \$160 for applications received by July 20, 2021.
 - b) A late fee of \$25 (\$185 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received July 21, 2021 through July 27, 2021.
 - c) An additional late entry fee of \$25 (\$210 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received July 28, 2021 through 12:00 PM ET August 4 2021.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [DP] Competitor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.



6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

7 FORMAT

7.1 The Championship Fleet will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. If there are multiple divisions, the Championship Fleet will race in “Sets” of races. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. The process for allocating boats to division 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. The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Program and Schedule

Monday, August 9

All day	Competitors and Support Persons may arrive
1200-1830	Competitor Check-in and Support Vessel Registration/Check-in

Tuesday, August 10

0800-0845	Competitor Check-in and Support Vessel Registration/Check-in
0845	Coaches’ Meeting
0900	Competitors’, Coaches’ and Parents’ Meeting
0930	Harbor Launch
1030	First Warning Signal – Championship Fleet
After Racing	Snacks

Wednesday, August 11

0815	Coaches’ Meeting
0845	Harbor Launch
1000	First Warning Signal – Championship Fleet
After Racing	Cookout, Prizes & Music

Thursday, August 12

0815	Coaches’ Meeting
0845	Harbor Launch
1000	First Warning Signal – Championship Fleet
1430	No First Warning Signal for a race or “Set” of races after this time
After Racing	Awards ceremony and Snacks

The Green Fleet schedule will be the same through the Competitors’ meeting, at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet competitors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for the Green Fleet will be announced.



- 8.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a single division regatta. Nine (9) “Sets” of races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a multi-division regatta. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed.

9 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the written or verbal approval of the Principal Race Officer (PRO). (this changes CR 4.5).
- 9.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The racing area for the Championship Fleet will be in the vicinity of Potter Cove, north of the Newport (Pell) Bridge. The racing area for the Green Fleet will be announced at the Green Fleet meeting.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be trapezoidal with details included in the sailing instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the sailing instructions.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 One race is required to constitute a series.

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 Each competitor shall complete a USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist prior to 1900 on Monday, August 9. This checklist shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 14.2 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the event.
- 14.3 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 14.4 [DP] A whistle shall be carried attached to their personal flotation device. (CR 4.2)
- 14.5 [DP] Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the 8m (26ft 3in) painter. This is added to CR 4.3(b).

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, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) 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 not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
- 15.4 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Registration the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.



- 15.5 The designated adult shall 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 event.
- 15.6 The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the event.
- 15.7 [DP] One coach vessel for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach vessels.)
- 15.8 All support vessels shall register online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/KZup8CaxZT> by selecting 'Register Now' and paying a \$1 entry fee during registration (see NoR 8.1) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority while on the water. A \$24 hold will be placed on the credit card provided as a security deposit for the flag.
- 15.9 Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, 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 unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, corridor, coach/spectator boat zones, start line or finish line.

16 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in the assigned places while they are in the boat park.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the host club, 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.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Championship Fleet (as determined by the 1st registration deadline):

- 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

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.



19 QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- 19.1 This regatta is a 2022 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event.
- 19.2 The top 25% of the Championship Fleet will receive invitations to compete in the 2022 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.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Regatta Chair: Matt Duggan, matt.duggan@sailnewport.org, 401-846-1983

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OPTI CHARTERS, VENDORS, POWERBOAT RENTALS & MORE

KO Sailing, 281-867-8200, kosailing@kosailing.com, <https://www.kosailing.com/charters/optimist-charters.html>

McLaughlin Boat Works, 423-875-0740, <http://optistuff.com>

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

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

VENUE

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Event Website – <https://usoda.org/regatta/KZup8CaxZT>

Sail Newport Website - <https://sailnewport.org/calendar/usoda-new-england-championship-2021/>

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