



Notice of Race (NOR) Nat Earle Opti Regatta

**Weekapaug Yacht Club
July 21, 2026**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 prescribed by US Sailing and rules prescribed by the Optimist Pram Association.
- 1.2 The regatta is open to sailors under 16 years of age as of the date of the regatta. The Green Fleet is open to novice sailors, the White Fleet is open to sailors 10 years of age or less, the Blue Fleet is open to sailors 11 or 12 years of age, and the Red Fleet is open to sailors 13, 14, or 15 years of age. Sailors in the R-W-B fleets should have a streamer indicating their fleet at the top of their sprit.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to class-legal Optimists.
- 2.2 Eligible boats must register through TheClubspot.com before Friday 17, 2026 July at 6:00pm. Late entries will be accepted at an additional \$10 fee.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Entry Fees are \$45 per boat (Entries before Friday 17 July at 6:00pm). Late Entry fee is \$55 per boat (entries after Friday 17 July at 6:00pm).

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Harbor Start is scheduled for 10:00am.
- 4.3 Warning Signal for the first race is scheduled for 10:30 am.
- 4.4 No race will start after 2:30 pm.

5. LUNCH

- 5.1 Lunch will be distributed to competitors on the water by WYC staff. Sailors should indicate their food preference when registering.

6. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

- 6.1 All competitors shall wear Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while on the water.

7. COACHING

- 7.1 Coaching will be allowed only between races in the R-W-B fleets; however, coaching is allowed during Green Fleet races.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 8.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority [Weekapaug Yacht Club] will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



9. VENUE

9.1 All races will be held on Quonochontaug Pond. Boats will launch from the Weekapaug Yacht Club, located at 23 Spring Rock Road in Westerly, RI.

10. SCORING

10.1 The scoring system will be the Low-Point System as specified in RSS Appendix A.

10.2 One completed race shall constitute a series.

10.3 A throw-out will be allowed if six races are completed. A DSQ may not be discarded.

11. PROTESTS

11.1 Protests will be heard upon returning to the yacht club immediately after the race day concludes by a protest committee made up of three impartial parties.

12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats in the White, Blue, and Red Fleets.

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