



I-LYA Optimist Championship
Organizing Authority: Cleveland Yachting Club
July 18, 2026



NOTICE OF RACE

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1 RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028”, prescriptions of US Sailing, and State youth concussion laws with documents available at the Junior Sailing webpage at I-LYA.org.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to all Optimist classes (Red, White, Blue, Green).
- 2.2 Optimist class age rules apply to Optimist classes: White Fleet 10 years or under, Blue Fleet 11-12 years old, Red Fleet 13 and older and Green Fleet beginner racers.
- 2.3 Eligible sailors are required to register on-line using www.theclubspot.com and encouraged to register as early as possible. On-line registration will close at 12-noon on July 17, 2023.
Registration is possible the day of the event with an additional late fee of \$20.
- 2.4 Three registered boats in each fleet are required to be eligible for the regatta. If less than three boats are entered in each red, white, and blue fleets, scoring will be combined.

3. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for Opti Gold (Red/White/Blue) is \$40 per competitor and Opti Green is \$35 per competitor. Fees can be paid onsite cash or check, the day of the event.
- 3.2 The entry fee includes lunch for on water and 1 meal to be served on shore per competitor.
- 3.3 Those who fail to pre-register at www.theclubspot.com prior to the stated close of online registration will be assessed an additional \$20 late fee. The late fee is waived for Optimist Green Fleet competitors.

4. SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 18

0830 - 1000	Registration & check-in
1000	Competitor Meeting
1055	Warning Signal for Race 1 (multiple races may follow)
1600	Meal & Awards on shore

No warning signal shall be made after 1500

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and posted on Club Spot.

6. VENUE

Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Erie North of the Cleveland Yachting Club. Could be on the west or east side of the break wall depending on the wind direction.

7. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply for all classes. 1 race shall constitute a regatta. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. This changes RRS, Appendix A2.

8. SAFETY

- 8.1 All coaches and competitors must wear a PFD fully secured at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing including a whistle permanently attached to the PFD. This changes RRS 40.
- 8.2 Required Towlines:
 - i. Optimist 8 meter x ¼ (per class rules)
- 8.3 All coach boats shall have a working VHF radio.
- 8.4 All Clubs participating shall appoint at least one adult to appear at registration and is responsible throughout the day to be present ashore in case of illness or injury of a team member. On-the-water instructors and/or coaches do not qualify as a designated adult responsible for this purpose.

9. GREEN REGATTA

This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta". As such, all competitors are encouraged to use non-single-use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of Rule 55 which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water". More info at <http://www.sailorsforthesea.org/programs/clean-regattas>

10. SERIES WAIVER, MEDICAL FORMS

Competitors shall have completed Waiver and I-LYA Medical Forms online during registration.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

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