



# 2022 Optimist New England Championship

August 8-11, 2022

Race Days: August 9-11

*Hosted by* Sail Newport  
Newport, RI USA

## NOTICE OF RACE

Posted: April 18, 2022

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

**Amended 7/26/2022: 8.1 Schedule, 17.2 Risk Statement, 20 Further Information**

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.

### 1 RULES

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- 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](http://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/wb_editor_doc_1646856087787) (revised January 12, 2022) at [http://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/wb\\_editor\\_doc\\_1646856087787](http://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/wb_editor_doc_1646856087787) 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. 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.
- 1.6. [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official including reasonable actions to implement Covid-19 guidance, protocols or legislation. Such actions, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with requests may be considered misconduct.



## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at <https://usoda.org/regatta/ae8Dt2JrUI>.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1 The online notice board is located at <https://usoda.org/regatta/ae8Dt2JrUI>.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1 The event is open to all competitors in the International Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements as defined in the [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Events and Championships](#).
- 4.2 Eligible competitors may enter by completing an entry online <https://usoda.org/regatta/ae8Dt2JrUI> by selecting 'Register Now' and providing all required competitor information, paying all required fees (as described in NoR 5), 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 submit a signed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist and USODA Sailor Code of Conduct online prior to check-in at the venue.
- 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 Online registration will open on Tuesday, April 19 at 1200 ET and will close Friday August 5 at 12:00 PM ET. Requests to enter after the online entry deadline are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

## 5 FEES

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- 5.1 Championship Fleet entry fees are as follows:
- a) The entry fee is \$160 for applications received by July 18, 2022.
  - b) A late fee of \$25 (\$185 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received July 19, 2022 through July 25, 2022.
  - c) An additional late entry fee of \$25 (\$210 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received July 26, 2022 through 12:00 PM ET August 5, 2022.
- 5.2 Green Fleet entry fees are as follows:
- a) The entry fee is \$140 for applications received by July 18, 2022.
  - b) A late fee of \$25 (\$165 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received July 19, 2022 through July 25, 2022.
  - c) An additional late entry fee of \$25 (\$190 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received July 26, 2022 through 12:00 PM ET August 5, 2022.



## 6 ADVERTISING

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- 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

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- 7.1 The Championship Fleet will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. 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

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### 8.1 Program and Schedule

#### Saturday, August 6

All Day

Competitors and Support Persons may arrive

#### Monday, August 8

All Day

Competitors and Support Persons may arrive

1200-1830

Competitor Check-in and Support Person Registration/Check-in

#### Tuesday, August 9

0800-0845

Competitor Check-in and Support Person Registration/Check-in

0845

Coaches' Meeting

0900

Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting

0930

Harbor Launch

1030

First Warning Signal for Championship Fleet

#### Wednesday, August 10

0815

Coaches' Meeting

0845

Harbor Launch

1000

First Warning Signal for Championship Fleet

After Racing

Cookout, Prizes & Music

#### Thursday, August 11

0815

Coaches' Meeting

0845

Harbor Launch

1000

First Warning Signal for Championship Fleet

1430

No Warning Signal for a race or "Set" of races after this time

After Racing

Awards Ceremony & 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 Nine (9) "Sets" of races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a multi-division regatta. Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a single division regatta. The



Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed.

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## **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 event. Any change of equipment due to damage shall be authorized by the race committee.
- 9.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

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## **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.

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## **11 THE COURSES**

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

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## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the sailing instructions.
- 12.2 RRS Appendix P applies.
- 12.3 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

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## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 One race or “Set” of races is required to constitute a series.

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## **14 SAFETY**

- 14.1 Each competitor shall complete a USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist prior to 0845 on Tuesday, 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).

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## **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 racecourse throughout the event.
- 15.7 The organizing authority recommends there be at least one support vessel for every 10 sailors.
- 15.8 All support vessels shall register online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/ae8Dt2JrUI> .by selecting 'Register Now' and paying a \$1 entry fee during registration (see NoR 8.1) and display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority at all times 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

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

## 17 RISK STATEMENT

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- 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, members **and volunteers** of Sail Newport, USODA, **the State of Rhode Island**, 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

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- 18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> (or 10 <sup>th</sup> if over 80 sailors)
Red Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup> (or 5 <sup>th</sup> if over 80 sailors)
Blue Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup> (or 5 <sup>th</sup> if over 80 sailors)
White Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup> (or 5 <sup>th</sup> if over 80 sailors)
Girls:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup>

*Green Fleet:* Participation awards for all competitors.



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

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- 19.1 This regatta is a 2023 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event.
- 19.2 The top 25% of the Championship Fleet (based upon the total number of boats registered in both the Championship and Green fleets will receive invitations to compete in the 2023 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

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**Registration:** USODA Executive Director, Beth Danilek, [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org)

**Regatta Chair:** **Gary Knapp**, [gary.knapp@sailnewport.org](mailto:gary.knapp@sailnewport.org), 401-846-1983

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### VENUE

#### Sail Newport

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Event Website: <https://usoda.org/regatta/ae8Dt2JrUI>

Host Website – <https://sailnewport.org/calendar/usoda-new-england-championship-2/>

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