

NOTICE OF RACE
Ephraim Optimist Regatta
Ephraim Yacht Club
July 25-26, 2026

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by – “If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply.” This changes RRS 63.7.

1.3 Any competitor may protest under the rules in Attachment A.

2. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors compete in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Ephraim Yacht Club and its members, officers, directors, and volunteers will not accept any liability for damage to property or for personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist class, regardless of whether skippers are members of the Ephraim Yacht Club.

4. USE OF EYC-OWNED BOATS

4.1 BOAT DRAWING

4.1.1 The drawing for EYC members to use an EYC-owned boat will take place promptly at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 25. Skippers must be present in person to participate in the boat draw. Skipper's and boat names/numbers will be entered into a randomizer to determine the boat assignment.

4.1.2 Boats and sails will be ranked by staff in advance of the regatta and assigned in order of the boat draw outcome.

4.2 No Priority. No priority will be given to any person in conducting the boat draw.

4.3 Only EYC members are eligible to sail in EYC-owned boats in this regatta. No EYC Skipper's License is required to skipper an EYC-owned Optimist in this regatta, but members

and parents are asked to use good judgment, taking into account age, maturity, skill level and expected wind velocity, in deciding whether to race or to allow their children to race.

4.4 Redress is not available to a skipper who experiences a breakdown or equipment failure in an EYC-owned boat, or who draws a boat and for any reason is unable to compete in that boat. Decisions of the EYC staff and Race Committee with respect to boat draw matters are final and are not eligible for redress.

4.5 Each person drawing an EYC-owned boat is expected to skipper that boat in all races in the regatta, unless that person or his or her parent believes it is unsafe for that person to sail due to boat condition, weather, or other factors. Repeat violators of this rule may be ruled by the Race and Regattas Committee to be ineligible for future drawings.

4.6 In the event the person who draws a boat does not compete as skipper, a drawn boat is not assignable by the original drawing winner to another skipper but will either be (a) assigned to the skipper who drew as an alternate, in the order drawn, or (b) placed back in the drawing pool.

4.7 The skipper of an EYC boat is expected to use due care and to be responsible for the cost of any repairs of any damage caused by the skipper to the boat or caused by a third party to the boat or caused by the skipper to another boat.

5. FEE

There is a fee of \$50.00 to participate in the regatta for those who register by the early deadline, Friday, July 17th, 2026, at 12:00 noon C.D.T. **There will be a \$10 late fee for those who register after the early deadline.**

6. REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is preferred. Please complete the online registration form no later than 12:00 noon C.D.T. on Friday, July 24th, 2026.

- The registration form can be found at:
- <https://ephraimyachtclub.theclubspot.com/register/regatta/8eXM0gCl1J/class>
- You must receive a receipt response to confirm your registration. On-site late registration will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 25th.

7. SCHEDULE

<u>Friday, July 17</u>	
12:00 noon	Early registration deadline for the regatta closes
<u>Saturday, July 25</u>	
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Onsite Late Registration
11:30 a.m.	Boat draw for EYC members
11:45 a.m.	Skipper's meeting
1:00 p.m.	Warning signal for the first race
5:00 p.m.	No warning signal after this time
<u>Sunday, July 26</u>	
9:00 a.m.	<u>Skippers Meeting</u>
10:00 a.m.	Warning signal for the first race
2:00 p.m.	No warning signal after this time
Following Scoring	Awarding of prizes at the EYC

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be posted at www.eyc.org/racing.

9. SAILING AREA

The sailing area will be the waters of Eagle Harbor in the vicinity of the Ephraim Yacht Club.

10. SCORING; NUMBER OF RACES

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

10.2 Up to nine races are scheduled. One race shall constitute a Regatta.

11. EQUIPMENT

Pre-1995 IODA Optimists are permitted to compete. This modifies any Optimist class rules to the contrary.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. There will be no breakdown of the fleet by age divisions. A Prizes will also be awarded to the top female finisher and the top finisher under the age of 12, as of July 1, 2025.

13. LUNCHES

13.1 On Saturday and Sunday, competitors should bring their own lunch and drinks.

14. PARKING

Unfortunately, the EYC has limited space. However, additional public parking is available at Anderson Dock just 75 yards north of EYC. Also, public parking is available in the lot on Spruce Street, across from the Village Information Center just 75 yards south of EYC. The Ephraim Yacht Harbor (which owns the two piers immediately to the south of the EYC pier) is not affiliated with EYC in any way and, therefore, its private parking places are not available to EYC members or guests. Never park in EYH spaces or block EYH spaces. Except when dropping off or picking up boats, it is forbidden to drive down the EYC's shared driveway, and it is forbidden to stop on the shoulder at the top of the driveway. Please park at Anderson's Dock or the Spruce Street lot and walk the short distance to the EYC.

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact regatta@eyc.org

ATTACHMENT A. COACH, SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- A.1 On the water, all support persons shall bring personal flotation devices which are in good condition. If the Support Boat is equipped with a Kill Cord, the driver shall be connected to it at all times the boat is underway.
- A.2 Support boats are required to monitor the safety VHF channel 71 radio frequency at all times and shall be required to undertake safety duties at the direction of the Race Committee.
- A.3 Coach and support boats shall communicate only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF, mobile telephone communication, communication using internet, or any other electronic or visual means of communication is prohibited.
- A.4 All boats shall proceed to and from the race area under their own power.
- A.5 There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment between Optis and their coach or support boats until after the finish of the last race of the day.
- A.6 Coach and support boats shall not go alongside, or come in any physical contact with their Optis until after the finish of the last race of the day.
- A.7 Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
- A.8 In the event of an emergency, when the competitor has requested outside assistance, A.3 through A.7 are suspended for a Coach and/or Support Boat rendering assistance. Rendering assistance shall be reported to the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity.