



Waldo Cup

The Head of the Bay Club
191 Bay Road
Huntington, NY 11743

Thursday, July 16

Class: Optimist

Open to: All boats of the Optimist Class Red, Blue and White age groups that meet JSA and Regatta Eligibility Requirements in Rules for JSA Events 3 and 4.

Qualifier for: [JSA Optimist Championship and Season Series Awards](#) in the current year

Notice of Race

- The Head of the Bay Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) in partnership with the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound.
- **[DP]** The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

Abbreviations:					
PC	-	Protest Committee	RC	-	Race Committee
OA	-	Organizing Authority	SI	-	Sailing Instructions
RRS	-	Racing Rules of Sailing	JSA	-	Junior Sailing Association of LIS
NoR	-	Notice of Race			

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by:
- a. the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
 - b. the Optimist Class Rules
 - c. the [Rules for JSA Events](#)
 - d. the [JSA Code of Conduct](#)
 - e. the US Sailing [Athlete Safety Handbook](#)
 - f. RRS Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of an Incident, and Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, will apply.
 - g. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Insert Clubspot event link here before and during the regatta.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 This Notice of Race, results, and other information will be available at [2026 Waldo Cup Event Page](#).
- 3.2 Each coach and support vessel shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all US channels.
- 3.3 All coaches and support vessels shall monitor VHF Channel 68. Support persons shall maintain silence on this channel unless safety-related communication with the race committee or safety patrol is necessary. The Head of the Bay Club for operational and emergency support.
- 3.4 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This regatta is open to all competitors who meet JSA and regatta eligibility requirements.
- 4.2 **If Qualifier:** This event is open as a qualifier for JSA Optimist Champs to sailors representing member programs in JSA Area A only. Sailors from programs outside JSA Area A may enter as non-champs qualifiers if space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of receipt.
- 4.3 The regatta is open to JSA members' racing boats of the Optimist Class that meet the age requirements set forth below and who have also been certified as competent for this event by, and are under the aegis of, the Head Instructor or Program Chair of the Junior Sailing Program at their club, or a similar competent organization.

Class	Minimum Age (As of)	Maximum Age (As of)
Optimist (White)	8 (as of Birthday)	10 (as of Birthday)
Optimist (Blue)	11 (as of Birthday)	12 (as of Birthday)
Optimist (Red)	13 (as of Birthday)	15 (as of Birthday)

- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at Registration Link. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Questions regarding eligibility and registration should be directed to dlwaldo@gmail.com.

5 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Each boat shall carry the safety equipment specified by either the Optimist Class Association or JSA.
- 5.2 Each sailor shall complete a safety check, pass such check before sailing, and present their completed safety form to registration.

6 FEES

- 6.1** The entry fee is \$80 per sailor due by July 15, 1700. No refunds of the entry fee will be made after July 14. There is no fee to send an Instructor. The entry fee includes regatta wear, breakfast bar, post-race snacks, and awards.
- 6.2** All skippers, crews, and Instructors are required to check in (in person) during registration.

7 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location
Wednesday	July 15	1800 - 2100	Early boat drop off	Upper Parking Lot
Thursday	July 16	0730 - 0900	Registration	Back Covered Deck
		0730 - 0900	Safety Check	Beach
		0730 - 0930	Breakfast Bar	West Side of Deck
		TBA	Instructors Meeting	Junior Sailing Building
		TBA	Competitors Meeting	Back Lawn
		TBA	Harbor Start	
		TBA	First Warning Signal	
		TBA	Lunch	On the Water (BYO)
		Post Racing	Awards	Resolute Flagpole

8 VENUE

- 8.1** Staging at the Head of the Bay Club and the racing area will be Huntington Bay.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** The course to be sailed will be an Optimist Trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** Races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2** When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 10.3** All three age groups (Red, Blue, and White) will start together and be scored overall.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1** Prizes will be awarded

12 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 12.1 Any program entering three or more boats shall supply an instructor with a support vessel equipped with a working VHF radio, an anchor and a first aid kit.
- 12.2 Any program entering fewer than three boats that will not supply a support vessel shall arrange with another program to allow the supervising instructor out onto the water. In no circumstance shall competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the race course.
- 12.3 All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall always remain attached to the operator while the engine is running.
- 12.4 Instructors shall register with the OA at registration.
- 12.5 Instructors shall attend the instructors' meeting to receive safety assignments.

13 DRONE USAGE

- 13.1 Drones are not allowed at the event unless they are authorized by the Organizing Authority (OA). Content from OA authorized drones should not be used for coaching during the event. If the content is used for coaching (or other similar purposes) it shall be made available to all competitors at the same time and not during competition hours. Further, the content shall be made available to the JSA for promotional purposes by promptly emailing said content to news@jsalis.org."

14 TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

- 14.1 [DP] Neither competitor nor coach boats may arrive before Wednesday, July 15 1800hrs.
- 14.2 [DP] All boats and trailers arriving before Thursday, July 16 shall be stored in the upper parking area.
- 14.3 Coach boats must arrive by water. Docking on the windward side and bunking up to leave adequate room for member and RC boats.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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.**

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

Regatta Chairperson:	David L. Waldo
Principal Race Officer:	Samuel L. Adelman
Chief Judge:	Kevin Keegan

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