

2026 New York State Optimist Championship

Organizing Authority: The WaterFront Center

October 24-25, 2026

1 West End Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771

www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org

NOTICE OF RACE

Classes: Opti Red, Blue, White. This is not a Green Fleet regatta.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Equipment and Measurement Rules of the USODA.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This event is open to all Optimist sailors nationally sailing in White, Blue, and Red Fleets.
- 2.2 All participants shall be certified as competent for this event by either their head instructor, head coach, parent or the program head of their member program. Competency is defined as follows: Each entrant can sail his/her Optimist to windward and to leeward in a variety of wind conditions, can right the boat after a capsized, and has previously sailed and completed a race.

3 ENTRY and FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$125 per sailor with a deadline of October 14, 2026 at 11:59 PM. Online registration only at <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/XSyCNkUd98/class>
- 3.2 After October 14, 2026 the entry fee is \$150.
- 3.3 Registration will close on October 21, 2026 at 11:59 PM.

4 CHECK IN

- 4.1 **All competitors are required to check-in in person at The WaterFront Center in advance of the competitor meeting and be present for the competitor meeting.**

5 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY and EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 All boats shall conform to their class rules. Boats are subject to inspection by the organizing authority or the judges at any time during the event.
- 5.2 **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs):** In addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 40 and its US Sailing prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is that sailors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the US Coast Guard that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the wearer, with whistle attached and properly secured at all times (except for brief periods to adjust clothing) while on the water.
- 5.3 **SAIL NUMBERS:** Sail numbers must be confirmed during check-in and shall not change without permission of the Organizing Authority (OA). Sail numbers must be complete and clearly visible from

both sides of the sail. Entries of boats not complying with this instruction will be subject to protest by the race committee only.

6 SCHEDULE

The schedule of events is as follows:

Saturday, October 24

0830-1000	Check-in – Competitors and Coach/Support Persons
1015	Competitor's meeting
1045	Harbor start
1130	First warning
Post Racing	Pizza and refreshments will be served

Sunday, October 25

1000	Competitor's meeting
1015	Harbor start
1100	First warning
1500	No warning signals after this time
	*Awards presentation after racing

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on ClubSpot <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/XSyCNkUd98>

8 VENUE

8.1 The regatta will be sailed in Oyster Bay Harbor.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 Spectator and support boats shall stay at least 75 yards away from the racing perimeter while boats are racing and shall monitor **VHF channel 05A** for updates and directives coming from the Race Committee. All spectator and support boats shall make no wake while operating near the racecourse. Failure to comply with these protocols may result in a penalty for the sailor(s) associated with the violators.

11 PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 11.1 All competitors and instructors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners, and fair play.
- 11.2 If an instructor is asked to leave a racecourse, all sailors for whom that instructor is responsible shall leave the racecourse as well, unless other satisfactory supervisory arrangements are made.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with during or after the regatta.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, results and other information will be available on ClubSpot at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/XSyCNkUd98>

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