



Hyannis Yacht Club Optimist Labor Day Trophy Race

Monday, September 7th, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Hyannis Yacht Club is Organizing Authority

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2 All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device at all times while afloat except for brief times while clothing may be changed, added, or removed.

[DP] 1.3 Hyannis Harbor Shipping Channel Special Rule

The sailing instructions contain very specific instructions regarding transit to and from the racing areas. These instructions shall be followed by all competitors. The competitor and the boat which he/she is associated may be protested by the race committee and penalized at the discretion of the protest committee, which may include disqualification for breaches of this rule.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The Regatta is open to all eligible boats in the following classes:

Optimist Green

Optimist Championship-Red, Blue and White

2.2 Sailors in the Optimist class must not have reached their 15th birthday as of December 31, 2026 to be eligible to compete.

2.3 A minimum of three (3) boats may be required for a One-Design start.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1 Registration for this event can be found at

<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/QfVcMief1d/class>

3.2 Registration deadline is Sunday, September 6th, 2026, at 11:59 PM

3.3 Entry Fee: \$10 per person. The Clubspot fees will be deducted from all refunds.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 7th, 2026

0900 Competitors' Meeting

0915 Harbor Launch

1000 First Warning

1300 No Start After

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/QfVcMief1d/#notice-board> and at check-in.

6. VENUE & RACING AREA

6.1 Opti Green Fleet & Opti Championship Fleet will race in the same venue. The venue will be located east of Fiddle Head Rock in Lewis Bay.

7. COURSES

7.1 Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle or combination of both.

8. SCORING

8.1 Appendix A Low point scoring system shall apply.

8.2 When four (4) or fewer races are completed a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races are completed a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. **This modifies RRS A2.1**

8.3 Time Limit Expired (TLE) is added as a scoring abbreviation. **This changes RRS A4, A5 and A10.**

8.4 As many races as practical will be conducted during this event.

8.5 One race shall constitute a series.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 The penalty system for all classes shall be ***RRS Appendix V ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES.***

10. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

10.1 All support boats and coaches are required to carry a working VHF radio and monitor the Race Committee channel for the racing area they are on.

[DP] 10.2 All coach and support boats use of ECO Link (aka Kill Switch)

10.3 Operators of power boats less than 26ft in length shall use ECO (aka kill switch) at all times when the engine is running except when docking or launching.

11. PRIZES

11.1 1st place prizes will be awarded for all fleets.

If more than 3 boats are competing in a fleet, 2nd place prizes will be awarded

If more than 5 boats are competing in a fleet, 3rd place prizes will be awarded

11.2 Recognition for participation will be given to all Optimist Green fleet sailors.

11.3 Prizes for sportsmanship may also be awarded.

11.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12. RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

12.1 Specific attention is directed to the following Fundamental Rules:

RRS 1.1 - Helping Those in Danger. A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger applies to coaches as well as competitors. All coach boats shall provide assistance to any competitor in distress or in the event of an emergency.

12.2 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury.

Competitors in these events are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (Organizing Authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation, to the fullest extent permitted by law. See RRS3 Decision to Race

12.3 By participating in this Series, each competitor grants to the Organizing Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their

discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed or other reproductions of him or her made during the period of the races without compensation.

13. CONTACT

13.1 For more information contact: Mary Kate Mezzetti, Sailing Program Director: sailmaster@hyannis yachtclub.org,

13.2 For directions, or additional information, visit our website at www.hyannis yachtclub.org.