

2026 CARYN WILSON MEMORIAL OPTIMIST REGATTA
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB
124 SWAN POINT ROAD, LAVALLETTE, NJ 08735

NOTICE OF RACE

July 1, 2026

Amended 7/19/26: 3.3., 10.2., Green Fleet Schedule

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the applicable Class Rules.
- 1.2. Class Rules are changed so that class membership is not required.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty

2. Classes

The regatta is open to Optimist Dinghies.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Eligible boats may enter by registering online at:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3D8zgQkXxE>
- 3.2. Online registration closes at 1800 ET on Sunday, July 26, 2026.
- 3.3. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
 - a) **Red/White/Blue** Fleet: 80 boats
 - b) **Green Fleet**: 50 boats

The organizing authority may increase the number of boats at its sole discretion.

4. Fees

The entry fees are as follows:

- a) \$75 for registrations received by Monday, July 20, 2026.
- b) A late fee of \$10 (\$85 total entry fee) shall be paid for registrations received after July 20, 2026.

5. Schedule

Sunday, July 26

Due to an event at Lavallette Yacht Club, boats may be delivered from 1400-1600 and after 2100. Trailers shall be parked in the lower beach lot as marked.

1400 – 1600 Competitor Check-in

Monday, July 27

0730 – 0915	Competitor Check-in and Continental Breakfast
0930	Competitors' Meeting
1000	Harbor Gun
1030	First Warning Signal
1530	No Warning Signal for a race after this time
After Racing	Hot Meal on Land and Awards

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available prior to check-in online at:

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3D8zgQkXxE>

7. Venue

Racing shall be conducted on Barnegat Bay in the vicinity of Lavallette Yacht Club. Racing areas and course(s) to be sailed shall be included in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Safety

Each competitor shall agree to abide by the USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist as part of registration for this event.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply except as modified herein.
- 9.2. Five (5) races are scheduled. The completion of one (1) race shall constitute a Regatta.
- 9.3. If fewer than four (4) races are completed, there shall be no discard. This changes RRS A2.

10. Awards

- 10.1. Green Fleet: Participation awards for all sailors
- 10.2. **Red/White/Blue** Fleet: At minimum, 5 deep Overall and 3 deep for Red, Blue, and White Fleets. Lavallette Heritage Cup will be awarded to the Lavallette junior sailor who finishes first in overall scoring in the **Red/White/Blue** Fleet.

11. Disclaimer

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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

12. Further Information

Regatta Contact: lycirsailing@lavalletteyc.org

Notice of Race – Addendum 1



BOAT SELF-CERTIFICATION SAFETY CHECKLIST

By completing this registration, the sailor certifies they will be in compliance with these minimum safety standards required to compete at this event and is therefore granted permission to compete.

- Painter (bow line) Loop - Two-inch loop of line out of bow gunwale
- Painter (also known as the bow line) tied to mast step, knot free, 8 meters, w/ bowline at the outboard end
- Bailer 1 minimum, 2 preferred tied to boat
- Air Bags 3 (even w/boats with side tanks)
- Rudder Retainer Clip (prevents rudder from popping out)
- Centerboard Retainer (prevents centerboard from popping up)
- Centerboard Retainer Line (ties centerboard to boat)
- Mast Tie in Line or Collar
- Main Sheet Snap - Closed Snap
- U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD (lifejacket) with whistle securely attached
- Mainsheet Bridle - No looser than 100 mm from the boom at any point
- Paddle attached to hull by lanyard or elastic cord (weighs no less than 200g, having corner radii of minimum 5mm and a blade able to contain a rectangle of 200mm x 130mm)

Notice of Race – Addendum 2

GREEN FLEET

1. Green Fleet Policy and Rules

- 1.1. Green Fleet will be run in accordance with the rules and policies outlined by the USODA. This includes the following:
- 1.2. Active coaching during racing is allowed and encouraged for the back 50% of the fleet. Coaches on the Green Fleet course agree to help any sailor in need of assistance or coaching, not just their own.
- 1.3. Protests are not allowed, although a mock protest may be carried out for educational purposes.
- 1.4. Informal results may be kept and displayed on shore, but no prizes shall be awarded based on results. All competitors shall receive a Green Fleet participation award.

2. Green Fleet Schedule

Monday, July 27

0730 – 0915	Competitor Check-in and Continental Breakfast
1000	Green Fleet Briefing
1030	Green Fleet Launch with Racing to Follow
1330	No Warning Signal for a race after this time
After Racing	Hot Meal on Land and Awards

3. Green Fleet Policy and Rules

An effort will be made to complete as many short 15-minute races as practicable. The Green Fleet course will be set close to LYC to facilitate spectating and a short transit to/from the race course.