

MYC Unkie Cup

Friday, July 24, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The Organizing Authority and Regatta Host is **Megansett Yacht Club (MYC)**.

1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)** and the **Rules of the Optimist Association**, except where modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.3 Sail numbers must be displayed on both sides of each sail.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to Optimist sailors from the following organizations:

- Megansett Yacht Club
- Buzzards Sailing School
- Menauhant Yacht Club
- Quissett Yacht Club
- Wild Harbor Yacht Club

2.2 Competitors must not have reached their 16th birthday during **2026**.

2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration on **ClubSpot** no later than **8:15 AM on Friday, July 24, 2026**.

2.4 There is no limit to Red, White & Blue (RWB) Fleet or Green Fleet entries.

2.5 Refunds will be issued through **8:15 AM on Tuesday, July 21, 2026**.

3. FEES

RWB Fleet: \$25 per sailor (paid online during registration)

Green Fleet: Registration fees are generously covered by the **Wianno Sailing Foundation**.

4. UNKIE CUP SERIES

This regatta is part of the 2026 Unkie Cup Series.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration

Registration is open from **Tuesday, July 21, 2026** through **8:15 AM on Friday, July 24, 2026**.

5.2 Boat Drop-Off

Thursday, July 23, 2026

3:00–5:00 PM

If you need an alternate drop-off time, please contact:

Heather Bergeron – (508) 472-3544

or

Kieran Coen – (508) 479-9924

5.3 Friday, July 24 Schedule

7:45 AM – Boat Drop-Off

8:00 AM – Registration & Boat Rigging

9:00 AM – RWB Skippers' Meeting

9:15 AM – Green Fleet Skippers' Meeting & Boat Rigging Check

9:20 AM – RWB Launch

9:45 AM – Green Fleet Launch

10:00 AM – RWB First Warning Signal

10:15 AM – Green Fleet First Warning Signal

Lunch will be served ashore following racing (approximately **1:30–2:00 PM**).

Awards will be presented following lunch.

5.4

No warning signal will be made after **1:30 PM** for either fleet unless conditions warrant an amendment.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on **ClubSpot** after **July 21, 2026**.

6.2 Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7. VENUE & COURSES

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Megansett Yacht Club

237 County Road

North Falmouth, MA 02556

7.2 Spectator boats may not tie up at the Megansett public docks.

7.3 Course descriptions will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING

8.1 The Low Point Scoring System will apply.

8.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.

8.3 Up to five races will be attempted for the RWB Fleet.

8.3(a) If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

8.3(b) If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.

9. UNKIE CUP SCORING

9.1 Only boats competing in the RWB Fleet are eligible for Unkie Cup team scoring.

9.2 Five boats from each participating yacht club will count toward team scoring.

9.3 Clubs with fewer than five eligible boats will receive a **DNC** for each missing boat in every race.

9.4 If a club enters more than five eligible boats, the five boats with the lowest cumulative regatta scores will count toward the team total.

9.5 The yacht club with the lowest cumulative team score at the conclusion of the Unkie Cup Series will be declared the Unkie Cup Champion.

10. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 Coach and support boats shall display the streamer provided during registration.

10.2 Coaching of Green Fleet sailors is permitted in accordance with Optimist Class Association rules.

Only registered coach and support boats are permitted in the racing area.

Spectator boats may not coach competitors.

USODA Guidance:

Coaching of Green Fleet skippers while racing is permitted; however, coaching shall be limited to skippers in the bottom half of the fleet in any given race. Only boats registered with the Organizing Authority and displaying the required identification will be permitted in the racing area. All individuals aboard registered coach boats must wear PFDs. Coach boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors. Coaches are expected to provide fair and consistent support to all sailors—not solely members of their own club. Violations may result in penalties up to and including disqualification of the coached competitor.

11. SPECTATOR BOATS

Spectator boats shall display a designated spectator streamer (a different color than coach boats), available during registration or from an official coach/support boat.

Spectator boats must monitor **VHF Channel 72** and remain well clear of the race course.

Boats interfering with racing will be instructed to leave the area. Failure to comply may result in the associated competitor receiving no score.

12. BERTHING

12.1 Boats shall remain in their assigned locations while stored on the MYC lawn.

12.2 Regatta volunteers will launch all Optis, likely without dollies. Sailors are welcome to bring dollies for storage before and after racing.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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Championship Fleet – **VHF Channel 72**

Green Fleet – **VHF Channel 78**

13.2 Except in an emergency, boats racing shall neither transmit nor receive voice or data communications that are not available to all competitors.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, *Decision to Race*.

The Organizing Authority accepts no responsibility for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained before, during, or after the regatta.

14.2 A completed ClubSpot Liability Waiver is required for all competitors.

15. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

15.1 Competitors are encouraged to bring their own **water bottles**, which may be refilled at MYC.

15.2 Coach boats are responsible for collecting and disposing of all trash generated during racing.

15.3 All Optimists must have a bow line at least **15 feet long** and free of knots. Boats will be inspected before launching and will not be permitted to race without one.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For questions, please contact:

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