



2015 Allstate Sugar Bowl/USODA Team Race Midwinter Championship

Hosted by Southern Yacht Club

January 17th – 19th

NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to rule 89.2.

This regatta will be organized by the Southern Yacht Club in conjunction with the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA).

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016).
- 1.2 “Conditions for USODA Events”, including the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’, will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and Guardians shall abide by the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, and personal property of others the Southern Yacht Club, and the City of New Orleans.
- 1.3 Appendix D Team Racing Rules will apply with the following changes to be made in the Sailing Instructions (SIs):
 - a. Rule D1.1(d) “arm signals” will not apply.
 - b. D1.2(a): Add “ (c) A boat may not protest for a breach of the Sailing Instructions”.
 - c. D1.2(c) will not apply
 - d. Rule D2.3 PENALTIES INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE: will add, “(h) a boat fails to comply with a sailing instruction or a class rule.”
- 1.4 US SAILING prescription Appendix T Section C EXPEDITED HEARINGS will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.3 Each team member will be issued a team identification number. Each team member will stick this number above their sail numbers on both sides of the sail near the peak. Additionally, each team will wear distinguishable team T-shirts over their lifejackets. Both the numbers and t-shirts will be provided by the Organizing Authority at check-in. With the permission of the race committee, team pinnies may be worn in the Gold Round and Silver/Bronze Series.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy Class.
- 3.2 Each team shall consist of at least four sailors, with a maximum of five, but only four sailors shall sail in each race.
- 3.3 Competitors and teams must be in compliance with the Team Racing Eligibility requirements of the USODA. Before log-in at www.usoda.org, click on USODA Regatta Calendar, then scroll down to the event and click on the Team Race Eligibility.
- 3.4 Competitors must have been born on or after 1 January 2000.
- 3.5 All competitors must be members of USODA.
- 3.6 Each designated team captain shall enter using the USODA online registration system found in the Members Section of www.usoda.org. The designated team captain shall follow the instructions in the USODA “Team Management and Registration” system that is available on the “Regatta Central” sub-menu to first create a team before registering for the event. A minimum of four names must be submitted at time of registration for which the payment system will automatically charge \$500.00. There will be an option to add a 5th sailor for an additional charge of \$125. Each competitor and his or her parents shall ensure that the online waiver and the medical forms are current. A comprehensive step by step overview of how to create a team race team and then register the team for a USODA team race event is posted. *Teams must have completed and submitted all parts of the registration form and the names of the competitors on their team for their entry to be accepted.*
- 3.7 Substitutions: After the entry deadline the Organizing Authority may approve a request to substitute one competitor so long as it has no impact on seeding of teams, and all appropriate forms described in 3.6 are completed and submitted before check-in.
- 3.8 The top two teams from the Gold Fleet will qualify to represent the USODA at Trofeo Marco Rizotti Team Race in Italy, May 2015.

4 REGISTRATION & FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee will be US \$500 for a four person team, and \$625 for a five person team.
- 4.2 Entry forms must be completed on-line through USODA online registration system found in the Members Section www.usoda.org. Registration includes completing online registration including the Waiver and Medical form, and paying the entry fee.
- 4.3 **Registration will open on October 30, 2014 and close at 1700 hours CDT on December 21, 2014.** Teams must have completed all parts of the registration form and submitted the entry fee by 5 PM CDT Sunday, December 21, 2014. **Entries received after December 21, 2014 may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.**

5 FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1 The event will be a four-boat against four-boat team race. For those teams having five competitors, any four may compete in a race.
- 5.2 The intention of USODA is to have all teams compete in an initial Qualifying Series that will be used to divide the teams into Gold (Top 8 Teams) and Silver (and possibly bronze) fleets for one or more subsequent series in the remainder of the regatta. The specific regatta format and number of races will be determined by the Regatta Chairperson, Principal Race Officer and Chief Umpire, in

consultation with the USODA representative. The decision will be based on the number of teams registered, number of race courses, and the weather conditions.

- 5.3 The planned format will be specified in the sailing instructions and posted on the Official Notice Board by 1800 on January 16th.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday/January 16th

1700-1900 Check-in. PFD and Protest flag inspection by Umpires

Saturday/January 17th

0800-0900 Late Team Check-in. PFD and Protest flag inspection by Umpires; Sailors Continental breakfast

0900 Competitors, Coaches and Parents Meeting

1000 First Warning Signal

After racing Debrief with umpires

1800 Competitors Dinner

Sunday/January 18th

0800-0900 Continental breakfast

0900 Competitors, Coaches and Parents Meeting

1000 First Warning Signal

After racing Debrief with umpires

Monday/January 19th

0730-0830 Continental breakfast

0830 Competitors, Coaches and Parents Meeting

0930 First Warning Signal

1430 No First Warning Signal after this time

After racing Awards Ceremony

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the written approval of the Principal Race Officer.
- 7.2 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 7.3 The race and/or protest committee reserves the right to measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.
- 7.4 Each competitor shall submit an acceptable Self-Certification Safety Form during the regatta site check-in. These forms shall inform the Race Committee that all equipment is present and in working order.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and be available at check-in.

9 VENUE AND BERTHING

9.1 Racing will be held north of the Clubhouse beyond the breakwater.

9.2 All Optimist boats shall be kept at the Southern Yacht Club in the assigned area.

10 COURSES

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions and may include a starboard hand digital N, or a port 'box'.

11 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

12 UMPIRING AND PROTESTS

12.1 The Regatta will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D as modified by the Sailing Instructions. Some races may have more umpires than others as determined by the Chief Umpire in consideration of the stage of the event. If some races cannot be umpired, brief on-the-water expedited protest hearings using section C (expedited hearing procedures) of US Sailing Prescription Appendix T will apply.

12.2 The required 'red' protest flag for competitors shall be attached to the sailor's PFD and it will be capable of being conspicuously displayed (waved) at full arm's length where it is easily visible to the protested boat and umpires, and then concealed when the incident is closed. The umpires recommend using a bungee cord to attach the flag.

12.3 Each competitor's protest flag, including method of attachment, and PFD shall be inspected and approved by the umpires during check-in time before the sailor can compete in the regatta.

13 PRIZES

Gold Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams

Silver Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams

Bronze Fleet: 1st through 3rd place Teams (if there is a bronze fleet)

14 SAFETY

14.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable PFDs may not be worn.

14.2 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

14.3 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

15 ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

15.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. The adult is solely responsible to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

- 15.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
- 15.3 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at check-in the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for them throughout the course of the event.
- 15.4 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during an activity related to the Regatta. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the Regatta.

16 SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1 Each team is allowed one designated coach boat per 4 or 5 person team.
- 16.2 All coach boats shall register and shall prominently fly a flag provided by the regatta committee available at registration. It must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$20 security deposit will be required and returned at the end of the event with the return of your flag.
- 16.3 Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, a basic first aid kit, and an anchor capable of securely anchoring the boat in the racing waters.
- 16.4 The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 17.2 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 competitors and their parents/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

18 LODGING

There are many hotels available a short distance from Southern Yacht Club. Visit www.southernyachtclub.org for more information.

19 CONTACT INFO

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