



2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl/Optimist Midwinter Championship

November 26-28, 2020

Race Days: November 27-28

**Hosted by Southern Yacht Club
New Orleans, LA USA**

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted: September 29, 2020

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 89.2b)

Amended 11/23/20: 6.3 Schedule

The regatta will be organized by Southern Yacht Club (SYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA"), collectively known as the organizing authority.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships](http://www.usoda.org) will apply and can be found at www.usoda.org.
- 1.3. Competitors and support persons will be required to comply with all current local, state and federal guidelines related to COVID-19 while on the host club grounds or participating in racing. This includes, but is not limited to, any venue-specific requirements promulgated by the NoR, SIs or any amendments thereto. The Organizing Authority may terminate the event at any time if they observe significant disregard for any local, state or federal guidelines, or venue-specific requirements. **[DP]**
- 1.4. The third sentence of RRS 61.1(a) is changed to 'She shall inform the Race Committee Vessel at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.
- 1.5. Appendix P will apply (as changed by the sailing instructions).
- 1.6. A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), or for international competitors only, an appropriately sized PFD/buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitor's country of origin. International competitors may be required to self-certify their PFD/buoyancy aid meets the requirements of this section. All PFDs/buoyancy aids shall be properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved nor permitted as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40. **[SP] [DP]**
- 1.7. In all rules governing this championship.



- a) **[DP]** denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. (See RRS Introduction, Notation)
- b) **[SP]** denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

1.8. The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted in accordance with IODA Class rule 2.8.1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. **[DP]**

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by:
 - a) completing online registration;
 - b) paying all entry fees;
 - c) completing the [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#)
 - d) completing the [USODA Sailor Code of Conduct](#)
- 3.3. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, Friday, November 27, 2020.
- 3.4. All competitors shall be members of their respective National Class Association (NCA), such as the USODA, and have been born on or after January 1, 2005. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Competitors who are not USODA members are invited to join the USODA by selecting +Member at www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs need to email usoda@usoda.org for instructions.
- 3.5. Registration must be done on-line at www.usoda.org. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including completion of the online Waiver and Medical and Emergency Contact Information in order to be registered for the event. Each competitor shall confirm their registration by checking the entry list on the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees in NoR 4 will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 3.6. Registration will be closed November 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM PDT.
- 3.7. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

4. FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - c) The entry fee is U.S. \$95 if paid by November 6, 2020.



- d) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$120 total) shall be paid for registrations completed November 7, 2020 through November 13, 2020.
- e) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$145 total) shall be paid for registrations completed November 14, 2020 through 12:00 PM PDT November 20, 2020.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1. The Championship fleet will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. If there are multiple divisions, the Championship Fleet will race in “Sets” of races. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. The process for allocating boats to division and the format will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2. There will be a Green Fleet if at least five (5) boats are registered. The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at on-site registration. An executed [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#) and [USODA Sailor Code of Conduct](#) are required to complete registration.
- 6.2. Lunches will not be provided. Continental breakfast may be available on race days if feasible based on local COVID-19 guidelines.
- 6.3. Program and Schedule

Thursday, Nov 26, 2020

1200-1600	Competitor and Coach Vessel Flag On-Site Check-in
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Friday, Nov 27, 2020

0730-0830	Café du Monde (world famous beignets and café au lait)
0800-0830	Late Check-in (by appointment)
0830	Coaches' Meeting
0900	Harbor Launch (Harbor Launch may be adjusted to stagger groups)
1000	First Warning Signal

Saturday, Nov 28, 2020

0830	Coaches' Meeting
0900	Harbor Launch (Harbor Launch may be adjusted to stagger groups)
1000	First Warning Signal
TBD	Awards (under club) after racing

The Green Fleet Sailors schedule will be the same through the competitors meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet Sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.



- 6.4. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a single division regatta. Six (6) “Sets” of races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet if they sail a multi-division regatta. The Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available electronically on the USODA website. A printed copy will be posted on the official notice board.

8. VENUE

The racing area will be immediately north of the clubhouse beyond the breakwater.

9. THE COURSE

The courses to be sailed will be included in the sailing instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The USODA Graded Penalty System will apply, which will be defined in the sailing instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply as revised by the Sailing Instructions which will specify the scoring for the 2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl/Optimist Midwinter Championship Series; and the Age Group (Red, Blue, and White) Series.
- 11.2. The number of boats **entered** in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed Check-in at the regatta venue as referenced in NOR 6.1. This change is added as the first sentence to RRS A2 and A4.2
- 11.3. One completed “Set” of races in the Qualifying Round will constitute the 2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl/Optimist Midwinter Championship Series and Age Group Series.
- 11.4. RBW Fleet scoring:
- a) When fewer than five (5) races or “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When five (5) or more races or “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1. Each competitor shall complete a [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#) prior to or during Registration. This checklist shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 12.2. Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 12.3. A whistle shall be carried attached to their personal flotation device. (CR 4.2) **[SP]**
- 12.4. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the 8m (26ft 3in) painter. This is added to CR 4.3(b). **[SP]**
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13. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY AND SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS

- 13.1. All coaches, parents, guardians and 'designated adults' are *support* persons (See RRS definition *Support* Person).
- 13.2. In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor 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.
- 13.3. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
- 13.4. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Registration the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 13.5. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 13.6. The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 13.7. One coach vessel for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach vessels.) [DP]
- 13.8. All support vessels shall register during registration (see NoR 6.3) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority while on the water. A \$20 security deposit will be required which will be returned at the end of the event with the return of the flag.
- 13.9. Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 13.10. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support vessels, and all other vessels will be governed by the sailing instructions and RRS.
- 13.11. There shall be no unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, corridor, coach/spectator boat zones, start line or finish line.

14. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in the assigned area located at Southern Yacht Club. [SP]

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

RBW Fleet (as determined by the 1st registration deadline date):

Overall:	1 st through 5 th
Red Fleet:	1 st through 3 rd
Blue Fleet:	1 st through 3 rd
White Fleet:	1 st through 3 rd
Girls:	1 st through 3 rd

Mendleblatt Trophy: Overall Winner

Mandy Brement Trophy: Top Female



Douglas E. Weber Memorial Trophy: Blue Fleet Winner
Ewell C. Potts, Jr. Memorial Trophy: White Fleet Winner
John C. Lovell, Jr. Trophy: Top GYA Sailor

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

16. MEDIA CONSENT: RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 16.1. By participating or intending to participate in a race conducted under these rules, each competitor, boat owner, support person by providing support, and parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter a race, automatically grant organizing authority, class association(s), their sponsors, and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.
- 16.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.
- 16.3. Competitors may be required for interviews and press conferences at the Championship.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 17.2. The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the Southern Yacht Club and USODA, and all those involved in these organizations 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. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NoR 3.5.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Beth Danilek, usoda@usoda.org

Regatta Chair: Liz Gibbons (lizc.gibbons@gmail.com) & Grant Gibbons (grantg.gibbons@gmail.com)

EARLY ARRIVAL

Early arrivals may not be possible, and any arrangements for early arrivals must be made in advance through the Regatta Chair.

OPTI CHARTERS & VENDORS

KO Sailing, 281-867-8200, kosailing@kosailing.com, <https://www.kosailing.com/charters/optimist-charters.html>

McLaughlin Boat Works, 423-875-0740, <http://optistuff.com>

Simmons Boatworks, 203-506-9333, rob@simmonsbw.com, <https://simmonsbw.com/>

Zim Sailing, charters@zimsailing.com, (401) 237-6117, www.zimsailing.com/charters

VENUE

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