



2021 Allstate Sugar Bowl/Optimist Midwinter Championship

In conjunction with the Optimist Spring Team Qualifier

November 25-28, 2021

Race Days: November 26-28

MANDATORY Equipment Inspection for all Championship Fleet Competitors (see NoR 8 and 9)

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

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted: September 20, 2021

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

The event 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.

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 Notice of Race (NOR), Sailing Instructions (SI) 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.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships (revised January 22, 2021) at http://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/wb_editor_doc_1611358789446 applies.
- 1.3. The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: RRS 63.1 and RRS 63.2.
- 1.4. 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.
 - c) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5. [SP][DP] 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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at <https://usoda.org/regatta/CQFUUSGyji>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online notice board is located at <https://usoda.org/regatta/CQFUUSGyji>.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements as defined in the [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Events and Championships](#).
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/CQFUUSGyji> by selecting 'Register Now' and providing all required competitor information, paying all required fees (as described in NoR 5), and electronically signing the USODA Waiver of Liability.
- 4.3 Each competitor shall confirm their entry by checking the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not entered. **Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.4 Each competitor shall complete their entry during check-in at the venue per NoR 8. Entries are not complete until each competitor has submitted a signed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist, USODA Sailor Code of Conduct and USODA Measurement Form.
- 4.5 Online applications will close Monday, November 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM EDT. Requests to enter after the online entry deadline are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
- The entry fee is \$180 for applications received by October 28, 2021.
 - A late fee of \$25 (\$205 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received October 29, 2021 through November 11, 2021.
 - An additional late entry fee of \$25 (\$230 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received November 12, 2021 through 12:00 PM EDT November 22, 2021.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [DP] Competitor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

7 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1 The event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 7.2 There will be a Green Fleet.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Program and Schedule
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Wednesday, November 24

1200 Competitors welcome to arrive

Thursday, November 25

1300-1800 Mandatory Measurement, Competitor Check-in and Support Vessel
Registration/Check-in

TBD USODA International Team Selection Process Presentation and USNT/ODP2
Additional Invitation Information

Friday, November 26

0730-0830 Continental Breakfast (if feasible)

0815 Coaches' Meeting

0830 Competitors' Meeting

0900 Harbor Launch

1000 First Warning Signal

Saturday, November 27

0730-0830 Continental Breakfast (if feasible)

0830 Coaches' Meeting

0900 Harbor Launch

1000 First Warning Signal

After Racing Competitor's Dinner (if feasible)

Sunday, November 28

0730-0830 Continental Breakfast (if feasible)

0830 Coaches' Meeting

0900 Harbor Launch

1000 First Warning Signal

1400 No First Warning Signal for a "Set" of races after this time

After Racing Awards ceremony

The Green Fleet will follow a similar schedule 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 the Green Fleet will be announced. Green Fleet sailors are not required to go through the measurement process.

- 8.2 Nine (9) "Sets" of races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet. Three (3) "Sets" of races are scheduled for each day of racing, however, up to four (4) "Sets" of races may be sailed providing the championship never gets more than one "Set" of races ahead of schedule. A "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. The Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION



- 9.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the event. Any change of equipment due to damage shall be authorized by the race committee.
- 9.2 Each boat shall submit a completed USODA Measurement Form during Measurement Check-in. This form shall inform the technical committee that all equipment is present and in compliance with class rules.
- 9.3 Equipment previously measured and stickered with a USODA measurement decal, and which remains unaltered since that measurement, may be self-certified as part of the measurement process, as long as the measurement decal is clear and conspicuous.
- 9.4 All other equipment shall be measured and approved during measurement and have a USODA measurement decal applied.
- 9.5 All sails shall be dry and removed from the boom for inspection and stamped by the technical committee with the STQ signature regardless of previous event stamps or signatures.
- 9.6 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

10 VENUE

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

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be trapezoidal with details included in the sailing instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 ****Pending Approval**** In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.
- 12.2 The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the sailing instructions.
- 12.3 RRS Appendix P applies.
- 12.4 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 One race or "Set" of races is required to constitute a series.

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 Each competitor shall complete a USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist online during Measurement. This checklist shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 14.2 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the event.
- 14.3 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 14.4 [DP] A whistle shall be carried attached to their personal flotation device. (CR 4.2)
- 14.5 [DP] Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the 8m (26ft 3in) painter. This is added to CR 4.3(b).



15 ADULT RESPONSIBILITY AND SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS

- 15.1 All coaches, parents, guardians and 'designated adults' are support persons (See RRS definition *Support Person*).
- 15.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 3 Decision to Race, 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.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Registration the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 15.5 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the event.
- 15.6 The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the racecourse throughout the event.
- 15.7 The organizing authority recommends there be at least one support vessel for every 10 sailors.
- 15.8 All support vessels shall register online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/CQFUUSGyji> by selecting 'Register Now' and (see NoR 8.1) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority while on the water. A \$1 entry fee may be required to collect credit card information for the \$25 flag security deposit.
- 15.9 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.
- 15.10 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.
- 15.11 [DP] 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.

16 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in the assigned places while they are in the boat park.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 17.2 The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the **SYC**, **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 event.



18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet:

Overall:	1 st through 10 th
Red Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
Blue Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
White Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
Girls:	1 st through 3 rd

Silver Fleet

Overall: 1st through 5th

In the rare event the Qualifying Round is not completed or there are no races in the Final Round, prizes for the event will be based on a competitor's Qualifying Round score and will not be given for Silver Fleet

Green Fleet: Participation awards for all green fleet competitors.

Mendelblatt Trophy – 1st overall

Mandy Bremen Trophy – 1st Girl

Ewell C. Potts, Jr. Memorial Trophy – 1st White Fleet

Douglas E. Weber Memorial Trophy – 1st Blue Fleet

John Lovell 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 event.

19 QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- 19.1 This regatta is a 2022 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Championship Fleet (based upon the total number of boats registered in both the Championship Fleet and Green Fleet) will receive invitations to compete in the 2022 Optimist Team Trials. In the case where competitors in the top 25% are not team trials eligible, additional competitors will be invited. In the case of series-ties for the last qualifying place, all tied competitors shall receive invitations.
- 19.2 Qualification for spring international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted in the 'Teams' section of the USODA website at www.usoda.org/international-team. In the event of a tie that cannot be resolved by use of the rules governing this event, the matter shall be decided by a game of chance supervised by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 19.3 Invitations to the U.S. National Team and ODP2 Program will be in accordance with the criteria established by the USODA and posted in the 'Teams' section of the USODA website at www.usoda.org/national-team and www.usoda.org/odp2

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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VENUE

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