

2020 VIRTUAL OPTI HEAVY WEATHER

June 26th, 2020

Organizing Authority (OA): St. Francis Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Virtual Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Personal flotation devices are encouraged while racing, but not required.
- 1.3 Racing is umpired within the game; competitor protests are not allowed.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta series is open to Optimist sailors age 15 and younger who can access the game in browser or with the Virtual Regatta Inshore app. See Addendum A for more information on how to access the game.
- 2.2 Registration will open at 1600 hours on Monday, June 15th.
- 2.3 Eligible participants may enter by completing the online entry form at www.stfyc.com/racing. Entries must be received by 0900 hours on June 26th.
- 2.4 Entries will be capped at 57 participants.
- 2.5 Access Codes will only be given to those that register for the series.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee is \$0
- 3.2 Virtual Regatta Inshore game is free. Subscriptions are not required, however they provide some additional racing inputs that may be helpful.

4 FROMAT

- 4.1 Entries may be split into 3 qualifying divisions of approximately equal size.
- 4.2 Fleet assignments will be sent out by June 25th.
- 4.3 The top 6 competitors in each qualifying division will qualify for the Championship round.
- 4.4 No score will be excluded.
- 4.5 Scores from the qualifying rounds will not carry over to the Championship round.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Three (3) races are scheduled for each qualifying division. Those who qualify for the Championship round will race an additional three (3) races.
- 5.2 Access to race one will open at 1000.
- 5.3 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1005.

6 COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will not be provided.
- 6.2 The racing host (who is not a competitor) may communicate with participants via Zoom audio conference. This conference is optional and will primarily be used to coordinate race starts and transition time between races.
- 6.3 Scores will be available at www.stfyc.com/racing.

7 RACING AREA

The race area will be set on a virtual reality race course that may include our beloved San Francisco City Front.

8 DISCLAIMERS

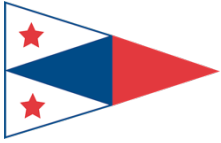
- 8.1 Competitors shall participate in the virtual regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE). The OA does not accept any liability for hurt feelings, deflated egos, material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 8.2 Competitors accept inherent risks associated with using constantly developing software in high demand and the limitations of high-speed internet connections and battery-operated devices - potential bugs and glitches are factors one must occasionally deal with in the game.

9 PRIZES

StFYC Flag Officer will announce and broadcast the winners.

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the StFYC Race Office at 415 655 7756 or email gcarrick@stfyc.com




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ADDENDUM A

Here is a step by step guide to access the game and get racing:

1. Go to www.virtualregatta.com, and you can play directly from your computer. Or play on your smart phone or tablet by downloading the application available on the App store if you are playing on an Apple device or Google Play if you are using an Android device.
2. Open the game/app and register your login information. Pick a username the first time you start using it. You will need to provide this user name to register.
3. There is a built-in tutorial that teaches you how to control your boat, optimize for speed and angle, set and douse your spinnaker, and sail by the rules.
4. To enter the race:
 - select 'Custom Race'
 - on the next screen, select the 'Join' tab in the upper right of the box, then tap the green button with the lock 
 - enter the given access code (that will be sent out via email to all registered participants before racing)

Additional support can be found at: <https://virtualregatta.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>
(This is a help center for VR Offshore, but will be helpful for the Inshore game as well.)