



2020 Optimist Atlantic Coast Championship

October 2-4

Race Days: October 3-4

Larchmont Yacht Club

Larchmont, NY USA

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted: September 10, 2020

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

The regatta will be organized by Larchmont Yacht Club (LYC) 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. "[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.
- 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. 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]**
- 1.6. 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.
 - 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).

1.7. 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, with the following exceptions:

- a. Entries from competitors from states or other regions that are subject to a quarantine requirement are not permitted (for an updated list of restricted states, click [here](#)).
- b. Entries from competitors more than 250 miles from Larchmont YC are strongly discouraged.

3.2. A maximum of **50** boats may launch from Larchmont YC. Sailors from neighboring Yacht Clubs are strongly encouraged to launch from their own Club and meet on the water to enable more sailors from outside the immediate area to attend the event. Sailors will indicate their launching venue at registration. Limits are subject to change at any time due to the fluid situation around state and county-imposed restrictions, as well as quarantine requirements. Families are **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** from making any non-refundable hotel/housing arrangements.

3.3. Larchmont Yacht Club sailors will be given a 24-hour advance registration opportunity, beginning September 11, 2020 at 0900.

3.4. Eligible boats may enter by:

- a. completing online registration
- b. completing the [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#)
- c. completing the [USODA Sailor Code of Conduct](#)
- d. paying all entry fees.

3.5. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, Saturday, October 3.

3.6. 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.

3.7. 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.**

3.8. Registration will be closed September 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM EDT.



3.9. 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.

d) The entry fee is U.S. \$100 if paid by September 22, 2020.

e) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$125 total) shall be paid for registrations completed September 23, 2020 through 12:00 EDT September 29, 2020.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

5.1. The RBW fleet will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries.

5.2. There will NOT be a Green Fleet.

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. Program and Schedule

Friday, October 2

1500-1800	Competitor Registration
Time TBD	Zoom Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting

Saturday, October 3

0800-0900	Competitor Registration
1000	Harbor Launch
1100	First Warning Signal

Sunday, October 4

0900	Harbor Launch
1000	First Warning Signal
1400	No First Warning Signal for a race after this time
After Racing	Awards ceremony

6.3. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the RBW Fleet if they sail a single division regatta. Six (6) "Sets" of races are scheduled for the RBW Fleet if they sail a multi-division regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available electronically on the USODA website.

8. VENUE

The racing area for the RBW Fleet will be Western Long Island Sound outside the LYC 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 number of boats **entered** in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed on-site registration at the regatta venue as referenced in NOR 6.1. This change is added as the first sentence to RRS A2 and A4.2
- 11.2. One completed race or “Set” of races shall constitute the regatta.
- 11.3. 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 submit a completed [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#) 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 changes CR 4.3(b). **[SP] [DP]**
- 12.5. Each competitor shall have a coach or other safety boat supporting them on the water.

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. Only coaches and competitors may enter the boat park or assist with launching or retrieval of boats at Larchmont Yacht Club.
- 13.4. 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.
- 13.5. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at registration the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 13.6. 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.
- 13.7. 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 online](#) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority while on the water. A \$20 fee will be charged for any flags damaged or not returned at the end of the event.
- 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 launching from Larchmont Yacht Club shall be kept in the assigned area located at Larchmont Yacht Club.
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15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

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

- Overall: 1st through 5th (or 10th if over 80 sailors)
- Red Fleet: 1st through 3rd (or 5th if over 80 sailors)
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 3rd (or 5th if over 80 sailors)
- White Fleet: 1st through 3rd (or 5th if over 80 sailors)
- Girls: 1st through 3rd

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. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 16.2. The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the Larchmont 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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Regatta Co-Chairs: Dorsey Roseberry, doreseyroseberry@gmail.com, (914) 649-0357
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OPTI CHARTERS/VENDORS

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



EARLY ARRIVAL/PRACTICE & LATE DEPARTURES

Arrivals and boat deliveries prior to Friday, October 2, 2020 shall be only be permitted with the prior consent of LYC; please contact the club in advance for any requests.

Non-LYC sailors will not be permitted to practice from LYC prior to Friday October 2, 2020 without the prior consent of LYC; please contact the club in advance for any requests. **[DP]**

All trailers and boats should be removed from LYC on or prior to Monday, October 5, 2020; please contact the club in advance with any requests for extensions. Due to another large regatta the following weekend, extended storage cannot be accommodated.

LODGING

Numerous hotels exist within a short drive of LYC in New Rochelle, NY or Stamford, CT.

POWERBOAT LAUNCHING & OVERNIGHT MOORING

No powerboats may be launched from LYC. **[DP]** A public launch ramp is located 1.5 miles from LYC at Harbor Island Park in Mamaroneck, NY. Trailers should not be left at the ramp and should be parked as directed outside LYC. Moorings for overnight storage of small motorboats will be provided by LYC; please bring fenders for overnight rafting.

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