

NOTICE OF RACE and CLINIC

June 6, 2007

2007 US Optimist Dinghy West Coast Championship

July 5 thru 8, 2007

Treasure Island Sailing Center - San Francisco

698 1st Street at Treasure Island #112, San Francisco, CA 94130

1. Dates and Venue

The 2007 USODA West Coast Championship will be held on July 7 and 8, 2007. A Clinic will be held on July 5 and 6. The venue will be the Clipper Cove, Treasure Island and the waters to the east of the Cove.

2. Organization and Rules

2.1 The regatta will be organized by the Treasure Island Sailing Center, San Francisco and will be sailed under the "rules" as defined in the current USSA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Competitors are required to be current members of the USODA (www.usoda.org) or the Optimist organizing authority for the country of their residence and have been born on or after January 1, 1992. Please bring proof of USODA membership when registering onsite.

3.2 Competitors must have submitted and completed all parts of the registration form together with all fees pursuant to the instructions stated in Paragraph 16 below.

4. Format of the Regatta

4.1. For the Championship Fleet, in the event that there are more than 80 sailors registered, the field may be divided into divisions.

4.2 The Green Fleet will not be divided.

4.3 The target number of races is four - 40 minute races per day for the Championship Fleets and Five - 30 minute races per day for the Green Fleet.

5. Schedule

Thurs. & Friday	July 5/6	0900 to 1700	Check in and CLINIC
		1000	Rigged and ready
		1000 to 1130	Chalk talks
		1130 to 1200	Lunch (not provided by TISC)
		1200 to 1530	On the water training
		1600 to 1630	Wrap up

Saturday	July 7	0800 – 0930	Check in
		0930	Coaches and Parents' meeting

1000	Skippers' meeting (all fleets)
1030	Green Fleet Skippers Meeting
1100	Harbor Start (Championship) Racing to follow, Lunch on the water*
1200	Harbor Start (Green Fleet), Lunch on the water*

Sunday	July 8	1100	Harbor Start (Championship) , Racing to follow, Lunch on the water*
		15:00	No warning signal after this time
		After racing	Awards Ceremony

* Or on shore at the Race Committee's discretion

6. Racing

Championship Fleets will race on the waters to the East of Clipper cove or other location at the discretion of the Race Committee. Tows to the racing area will be provided as necessary. The Green Fleet will race in Clipper Cove. The waters of SF Bay and Clipper Cove are cold (mid 60s) and can be choppy

7. Course

7.1 The course for the Championship Fleet will be the Optimist Trapezoid with a gate at the leeward mark.

7.2 The course(s) for the Green Fleet will be triangle, windward-leeward or a combination of both.

8. Scoring

8.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used. One race is required to complete the regatta.

9. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at the onsite registration.

10. Protests

Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. This instruction amends RRS 61.1(a).

11. Personal buoyancy

Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification. This changes RRS 40. The Y flag shall not be flown.

12. Safety

12.1 Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. 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.

12.2 A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to clothing. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.

13. Support boats

All support boats shall register and shall prominently fly a designated flag from a staff, supplied by the Race Committee, at all times while in the water. Registered **coach** boats may enter the corridor from the starting line to the finishing line. All other boats must stay outside the course area at all times. It is the intention of this provision that each sailor shall have a support boat on the course. Support boats shall monitor the VHF Channel announced at the Parents meeting.

14. Measurement

14.1 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 Race Committee's approval.

14.2 There may be measurement inspection on the water.

14.3 All equipment shall be subject to a safety check at launch time by the Race Committee and only boats that pass the check shall launch.

15. Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

16. Entry fee

The early entry fee will be \$80.00 USD. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF USODA TO COMPETE IN THIS EVENT. Go to <http://www.usoda.org/> for online USODA membership. No registration will be accepted if not received by 0930 on Saturday July 7. There is no online or pre registration, you can register onsite with no late fee. Entry fee includes the Thursday and Friday clinic (lunches are not provided for the clinic), Saturday dinner, lunches on Saturday and Sunday, T-Shirt, regatta keepsake, and trophies.

17. Trophies

Overall: 1st
Red Fleet: 1st through 5th
Blue Fleet: 1st through 5th
White Fleet: 1st through 5th
Top girl: 1st

Participation awards for green fleet sailors.

18. Designated Adult

18.1 Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. It is the competitor's parents (or designated adult) decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The designated adult will 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.

19. USODA Team Trials

This regatta is a qualifying regatta for the 2007 USODA Team Trials. Invitations to the 2007 USODA Team Trials will be extended to the top 25% Team Trial Eligible finishers of all registered sailors. The invitations are extended on the basis of the USODA policies published on the USODA web page – www.usoda.org .

20. Additional information

For additional information contact:

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