



**Riverside Yacht Club  
Opti Invitational**

102 Club Road, Riverside, CT 06878  
Saturday, July 11, 2020

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Host Club (Host) in partnership with the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound (JSA).

**2 RULES**

2.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- a) the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- b) Optimist Class Rules
- c) US Sailing SafeSport Handbook

2.2 The following RRS optional rules will apply:

- a) Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- b) Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of an Incident, and Appendix V2 Penalty Taken After a Race, will apply.

2.3 The following RRS are changed:

- a) Rule 64.4 (b) is changed to require a hearing before any action is taken.
- b) Rule 61.1(a) is changed so that "A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, without consultation with instructors, coaches or support persons, including (if possible) the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested."

2.4 The sailing instructions may also change other rules.

**3 ELIGIBILITY**

This event is open to any Optimist sailors in the White, Blue, and Red fleets.

**4 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEES**

4.1 Register online at [www.riversideyc.org](http://www.riversideyc.org). Or by contacting Emily Kuchta, Junior Sailing Administrator via email at [juniorsailing@riversideyc.org](mailto:juniorsailing@riversideyc.org) for the registration link.

4.2 Registration is due by 1000 on Thursday, July 8, 2020.

4.3 Late registrations may be accommodated. To register late please email Emily Kuchta, Junior Sailing Administrator via email at [juniorsailing@riversideyc.org](mailto:juniorsailing@riversideyc.org) for the late-registration link.

4.4 The entry fee is \$65 per competitor. The entry fee for late registrations is \$75. Entry fees will be billed to the affiliated yacht club. Junior sailors without an affiliated yacht club must pay through Venmo to Elena Whidden, RYC Junior Sailing Co-Chair @ElenaMWhidden.

4.5 There is no fee to send an Instructor.

4.6 The entry fee includes regatta giveaway, entry in raffle, and post-racing snack.

4.7 If the regatta is canceled, the entry fee less \$15 will be refunded. Participants will still

- receive their regatta giveaway.
- 4.8 Competitors will have the option to order a boxed lunch from RYC for lunch on the water as part of their registration process. Late registrants will not have this option.
  - 4.9 All competitor and Instructors are required to check-in on the water with the RYC Safety Boat or RC as described in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 4.10 Instructors shall attend the instructors' meeting to receive safety assignments.
  - 4.11 Questions regarding eligibility and registration should be directed to Emily Kuchta, Junior Sailing Administrator via email at [juniorsailing@riversideyc.org](mailto:juniorsailing@riversideyc.org).

## 5 SCHEDULE

### 5.1

Time	Activity (examples)	Location (examples)
0900 - 0930	Check-In (RYC sailors only)	Junior Clubhouse
1000	Harbor Start (RYC sailors only)	Docks
1015-1045	OTW Safety Check-in for Support Boats and Competitors	Captain Harbor
1050	OTW Coaches Meeting via VHF #69	Captain Harbor (VHF)
1100	First Warning Signal	Captain Harbor
	Lunch on the water	Captain Harbor
ASAP POST RACING	Awards	Announced via email. Trophies delivered 7/13/20.

- 5.2 On the OTW Safety Check-in for Support Boats, OTW Competitor Check-in with RC, and OTW Coaches Meeting via VHF #69 may be postponed or time windows may be extended. Postponements or extensions will be announced via text message to registered instructors and participating Clubs' Sailing Directors.
- 5.3 The first warning signal may be postponed. Postponement will be announced via VHF #69, AP flag on RC, and via text message to registered Instructors and participating Clubs' Sailing Directors.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Saturday July 11, 2020.

## 6 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

Each parent, Sailing Director, and instructor is responsible for making sure their sailor has completed the RYC Opti Safety Check prior to going on the water for this event. The RYC Opti Safety Check form is available online at [www.riversideyc.org](http://www.riversideyc.org).

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at [www.riversideyc.org](http://www.riversideyc.org) and posted to JSA calendar before the event.

## 8 FORMAT AND SCORING

- 8.1 As many races as possible are scheduled. One race will constitute a regatta.



- 8.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When more than ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 8.3 In the event there are more than 90 competitors in a fleet, the fleet may be divided randomly by the Race Committee into sets.

**9 SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 9.1 Any sailor participating must be accompanied by a support vessel for the duration of the event.
- 9.2 Support vessel shall be equipped with a working VHF radio (monitoring channel #69), anchor, and first aid kit.
- 9.3 Instructors and support vessels shall register with the OA and check-in their sailors on the water by towing to windward through the Safety Gate between two anchored RYC Safety Boats (flying code flag H), between 1015 and 1045 on the day of the event.

**10 PRIZES**

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division.
- 10.2 A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

**11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

**12 FURTHER INFORMATION**

This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, results and other information will be available at [www.riversideyc.org](http://www.riversideyc.org).

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