



THE 2005 OPTI RUMBLE

Pequot Yacht Club
669 Harbor Road
Southport, CT 06890
July 16, 2005 (Make-up date: July 17)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, the rules of the U. S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA), and the 2005 Rules for JSA Events.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 All competitors must comply with the eligibility rules of the JSA of LIS.
- 2.2 This event is open to Optimist sailors representing member programs in JSA Area C. Sailors from programs outside JSA Area C may enter if space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of receipt.
- 2.3 All participants shall be certified as competent for this event by either the head instructor or the program head of their member program. Competency is defined by the JSA as follows: Each entrant is able to sail his/her Optimist to windward and to leeward in a variety of wind conditions, is able to right the boat after a capsize, and has previously sailed a race course.
- 2.4 As per class and JSA rules, all competitors are required to be members of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA).

3 Entry Requirements

- 3.1 A completed entry form with entry fee of \$25 per sailor.
- 3.2 A completed JSA Standard Waiver and Medical Release Form for each competitor.
- 3.3 The entry fee and all forms must be received by Trisha Mihan at the Pequot Yacht Club, 669 Harbor Rd., Southport, CT 06890 no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 12, 2005. One check, payable to Pequot Yacht Club, must be drawn per club for all fees.

- 3.4 Entries may be limited to the first 100 participants complying with the eligibility and entry requirements in sections 2 and 3.
- 3.5 Late entries may be accepted if there is room. To inquire about registering after the date listed above, contact the regatta chairperson. The additional entry fee for late entries is \$10 per sailor.

4 Registration

- 4.1 Each participant must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period. Sailing instructions will be available before or during this time.
- 4.2 Competitors will be assigned to fleets according to their age on the day of the regatta as follows:
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| White Fleet | 10 and under |
| Blue Fleet | 11 and 12 |
| Red Fleet | 13, 14, and 15 |
- These fleets may race together or separately.
The race committee will supply colored streamers to be displayed by each boat.

5 JSA Qualifying

This event is a qualifying event for the 2005 JSA Optimist Championship.

6 Changes to the Racing Rules

- 6.1 Upon finishing each race, a boat intending to protest shall as soon as possible, without consultation with instructors or spectators, notify the race committee of her intent to protest and, if possible, the sail number of the protested boat. Also, a protesting boat does not need to lodge a written protest. (These add to or change Rule 61.)
- 6.2 The JSA Arbitration Procedure (Appendix C of the 2005 Rules for JSA Events) shall be used for hearing protests. (This changes Rule 63.)

7 Schedule

- 7.1 The race committee will run as many races as is reasonably possible. At least one race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.2 The schedule of events is as follows:
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| Registration/Safety check | 7:30 to 9:00 am |
| Coaches' Meeting | 9:15 am |
| Competitors' Meeting | 9:30 am |
| Harbor Start | 9:45 am |
- Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the last race.
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 4:00 pm.

- 7.4 If no races are completed on July 16, the regatta will be re-scheduled for July 17 using the schedule above.

8 Equipment and Safety Requirements

Each boat must comply with the 2005 USODA rules and with the 2005 JSA Optimist Inspection Checklist (Appendix A of the 2005 Rules for JSA Events). All boats will be inspected for the required safety equipment during registration. In addition, boats are subject to inspection by the organizing authority or the judges at any time during the event.

9 Racing Area

The racing area will be approximately one half mile south of Southport Harbor.

10 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply except that a boat's worst score will be excluded only if at least six races are completed.

11 Sail Numbers

Sail numbers must be complete and clearly visible from both sides of the sail. Entries of boats not complying with this instruction may be rejected in compliance with Rule 76.1. If racing has already started, boats not complying with this instruction will be subject to protest by the race committee only.

12 Discipline

All junior sailors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. The regatta organizer or protest committee may discipline and/or penalize a junior sailor for actions that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) swearing at, intimidating or harassing anyone, including teammates, on or off the water; or
- b) stealing or borrowing, without permission, anything that does not belong to them; or
- c) possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

13 Support Craft

Any club entering three or more boats shall supply a support craft equipped with a working VHF Radio, an anchor and a first aid kit. An instructor or other adult shall drive the support craft in accordance with JSA 9.4 (c) and (d) and shall check with the regatta organizers before the first day's harbor start about safety patrol assignments and responsibilities. Spectator and coach boats shall stay well clear of the course area while boats are racing.

14 Food and Drink

Each sailor is responsible for his/her own lunch. Water will be provided, and refreshments will be served ashore after the last race.

15 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in the Red, Blue and White fleets.

16 Responsibility for Safety

As a condition of participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Pequot Yacht Club, the owner and the helmsperson of each boat agree that the safety of the boat and the helmsperson and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Pequot Yacht Club and the JSA of LIS, and their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does the responsibility for the safe condition of the boat including safety equipment and rigging and wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant.

17 Web Site

The Notice of Regatta, Sailing Instructions, results and other information are available on the JSA of LIS web site at: www.jsalis.org.

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