

# Milford Yacht Club Annual Opti Regatta -- July 28, 2005

131 Trumbull Avenue, Milford, Connecticut 06460

## 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 Limited to 100 entrants. MYC may limit the number of entries per club.

2.3 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 As per class and JSA rules, all White Fleet, Blue Fleet and Red Fleet competitors are required to be members of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA). Green Fleet competitors are strongly encouraged to be members of the USODA.

### 3 Entry Requirements

3.1 A completed entry form with entry fee of \$35 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 Milford Yacht Club at 131 Trumbull Ave., Milford, CT 06460 no later than Saturday, July 16, 2005. One check, payable to Milford Yacht Club must be drawn per club for all fees.

3.4 Late entries may be accepted if there is room. To inquire about registering after the date listed above, contact the regatta chairperson. The entry fee for late entries is \$40 per sailor.

### 4 Registration and Sailing Instructions

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: White Fleet --10 and under Blue Fleet -- 11 and 12 Red Fleet -- 13, 14, and 15

Green Fleet – Age 15 or under who have won fewer than three trophies for first, second or third in green fleet events and who have not previously raced in a red, blue or white fleet. Green fleet will race separately; other 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 2004 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 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:

Registration 0800-0930 -- *Main clubhouse*  
Harbor Start 1030

Skippers' Meeting 1000 – *Front Lawn*  
Presentation of Awards -- *Front lawn*

## **8 Equipment and Safety Requirements**

Each boat must comply with the USODA rules and with the 2003 JSA Optimist Inspection Checklist (Appendix A of the Rules for JSA Events). An inspection of some or all boats may be carried out at any time during the event.

## **9 Racing Area**

The racing area will be in “The Gulf” off Milford.

## **10 Scoring**

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply.

A boat's worst race will be excluded if at least five 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 competitors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. The host club or protest committee may discipline any competitor or instructor for destruction or theft of property or for any other unseemly conduct.

## **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 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**

Lunch will be provided on the water by Milford Yacht Club for all competitors and instructors

## **15 Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to at least the top three finishers in all fleets.

## **16 Responsibility for Safety**

As a condition of participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Milford 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 Milford 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.

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