



**AMERICAN YACHT CLUB
Optimist Invitational Regatta
Milton Point, Rye, New York
July 8, 2006**

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 United States 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 regatta is open to Optimist sailors representing programs in JSA Area B. Sailors from programs outside JSA Area B may enter this regatta as long as space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of actual receipt at AYC. As per JSA rules, all competitors are required to be members of the USODA.

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. Competence is defined by the JSA as follows: Each entrant is able to sail their Optimist to windward and to leeward in a variety of wind conditions, is able to right the boat after a capsized, and has previously sailed a race course.

2.4 This event is open to sailors who sail representing clubs in JSA Area B only.

3 Entry Requirements

3.1 A completed entry form with entry fee of \$45.00 per sailor provided it is received by American Yacht Club along with all the entry requirements of this Section 3 by June 29, 2006 at 1700.

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 at the front Desk of American Yacht Club, Milton Point, Rye, NY 10580 (fax: (914) 967-5340) no later than 1700 on Friday, June 29, 2006. Any entry forms and fees received after June 29, 2006 shall be accompanied by an additional \$10.00 late fee for a total entry fee of \$55.00 and shall require prior approval of the Regatta Chairperson.

4 Registration and Sailing Instructions

All skippers must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period. Sailing instructions will be available before or during this time.

5 JSA Qualifying

This event is a qualifying event in Area B for the 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 their intent to protest and, if possible, the sail number of the protested boat. This adds to Rule 61.1(a).

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.

7.2 The schedule of events is as follows:

0930-1100	Registration (AYC Front Porch)
1100	Skippers Meeting (In the vicinity of the AYC South Terrace)
1200	Harbor Start
1230	First Warning Signal
(No warning signal will be made after 1630.)	

The awards ceremony will be held on the AYC lawn as soon as possible after racing is completed.

7.3 Competitors will be assigned to fleets according to their age on the day of the regatta as follows:

White Fleet	(white streamer)	10 and under
Blue Fleet	(blue streamer)	11 and 12
Red Fleet	(red streamer)	13, 14 and 15

These fleets may race separately or together. The Race Committee will supply colored streamers to be displayed by each boat.

7.4 There will not be a Green Fleet.

8 Foods and Drink

Each sailor is responsible for his/her own lunch and refreshments.

9 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 77. If racing has already started, boats not complying with this instruction will be subject to protest by the Race Committee only.

10 Equipment and Safety Requirements

Each boat must comply with the USODA rules and with the 2005 JSA Optimist Inspection Checklist (Appendix A of the 2005 Rules for JSA Events). An inspection of some or all boats may be carried out at any time during the regatta.

11 Racing Area

11.1 The racing area will be in the vicinity of 40A SE of AYC.

11.2 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 68.

12 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply except that a boat's series score shall be the sum of her scores for all races.

13 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.

14 Support Craft

Any club entering three or more boats shall supply a support craft equipped with a working VHF Radio monitoring channel 68, 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 harbor start about safety patrol assignments and responsibilities. Spectator and coach boats shall stay well clear of the course area and any safety zone marked by orange balls while boats are racing.

15 Prizes

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in each fleet.

15.2 A sportsmanship trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

16 Responsibility for Safety

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the American Yacht Club, Rye, NY, the owner, and helmsperson agree that the safety of the boat and the crew 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 American Yacht Club, Rye, NY and the JSA of LIS and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity including any claims against the race committee. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for 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 will be available on the American Yacht Club web site at www.Americanyc.com.

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