

**2011 USODA Atlantic Coast Championship**  
**September 24-25, 2011**  
**(Check In and Boat Drop-Off September 23, 2011)**  
**Hosted by Baltimore County Sailing Center**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**June 2, 2011**

**(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 89.2.)**

The regatta will be organized by *Baltimore County Sailing Center* in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA").

**1. Rules**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2009-2012 *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and "Conditions for USODA Events" which can be found at [www.usoda.org/](http://www.usoda.org/).
- 1.2. The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Optimist Association Class Rules.
- 1.3. Racing rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - a RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the sailing instructions and the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."
  - b RRS 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.
  - c RRS 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform a race committee finish or measurement boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
  - d Appendix P will apply.
    - P2.1 will be replaced with: "When a boat is first penalized under instruction P1 her penalty will be: (a) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing: a two-turns penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing. (b) if her penalty is signaled after she finishes: ten (10) points added to her score for that race."
    - P2.2, "Second Penalty" the first sentence is changed to read, "When a boat is penalized a second time during the regatta, her penalty shall be to promptly retire from the race unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall immediately notify the measurement boat that she is retiring after finishing."

**2. Advertising**

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted as regulated by ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

**3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta.

- 3.3. Competitors will have been born on or after January 1, 1996.
- 3.4. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA, or the IODA. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership.

#### **4. Registration; Entry Fees**

- 4.1. The Registration fee is \$ 115.00. Registration shall be done online only. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration form together with all fees paid, by September 21, 2011. Additional late entry fees of US \$50.00 shall be paid for late registrations completed beginning at 12 a.m. EDT September 14, 2011 thru September 18, 2011 or an additional late entry fee of US \$ 75.00 shall be paid for late registrations completed after at 12 a.m. EDT September 19, 2011 through 8 PM EDT September 21, 2011.
- 4.2. Registration includes completing online registration including the Waiver and Medical form and paying the entry fee.

The competitor shall confirm that the competitor is registered by checking the registration list on the regatta web site. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of his or her registration.

- 4.3. Registration will be closed at 8 PM EDT Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

#### **5. Format of the Regatta**

- 5.1. There will be a Championship fleet. There **WILL** be a Green fleet.
- 5.2. Depending on the number of boats, the Championship fleet may be divided into divisions, and if so, the Championship fleet will race in “sets” of races between two divisions. A “set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions compete.
- 5.3. Division assignments will be determined by the race committee and depend on the length of the event. Generally the initial division assignment will include a combination of seeding those boats that sailed at the most recent National Championship and then a random assignment of remaining boats. At a two day event division assignments will be for the entire regatta. At a three day event boats may be reassigned to divisions at the end of each race day.
- 5.4. The race committee will run as many sets of races or races as practical each day.

#### **6. Schedule**

##### ***Friday, September 23, 2011***

**1500-1900** Check in

##### ***Saturday, September 24, 2011***

0700 – 0900 Sailor’s Breakfast, Check in  
 0830 Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
 0845 Skippers Meeting (Mandatory)  
 1000 First Warning Championship Fleet

##### ***Sunday, September 25, 2011***

0700 – 0900 Sailors’ Breakfast, Check in  
 0830 Skippers, Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
 0930 First Warning Championship Fleet  
 1430 No first Warning Signal after this time  
 After Racing Awards ceremony

The Green Fleet sailors' schedule will be the same through the competitors' meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.

## **7. Measurement**

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. A boat shall not be entered until it has passed a safety check prior to launching.
- 7.3. Equipment and/or sails previously measured and stickered or stamped pursuant to the USODA measurement process that remains unaltered since the measurement may be checked and re-measured during the registration. Each competitor will be required to sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured.
- 7.4. Equipment and sails not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta.
- 7.5. The Race and or Protest Committee may measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

## **8. Sailing Instructions**

Preliminary sailing Instructions may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

9. **Venue** The racing area will be the waters between Hart-Miller Island and Rocky Point Park, or in the mouth of Back River, Baltimore County, Maryland. Boats will be launched from the beach. Trailer storage is away from the launch area. Trailers may be brought up to the launch area long enough to off load boats then must immediately move to the storage area. Rocky Point Park has covered pavilions with grilling permitted and shower/ toilet areas. There are no concession areas. Please go to [www.bcsailing.org](http://www.bcsailing.org) for additional information

## **10. The Course**

The course will be included in the Sailing Instructions. The intention is to sail the Optimist trapezoid with either a reach or windward finish.

## **11. Penalty System**

There will be penalties for upheld breaches of the certain sailing instructions and measurement infractions which shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions the penalties may be greater, up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

## **12. Scoring**

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. A set is completed when all divisions have completed a scored race. One completed set shall constitute the regatta.
- 12.3. A boat's scores from races in incomplete sets shall not be counted. This changes RRS A2.
- 12.4. When fewer than six (6) sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to ten (10) sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

- 12.5. RRS 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the combined number of boats registered in the two largest divisions.

### **13. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line**

- 13.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and it's US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing, or for international sailors only, a PFD approved by their country's corresponding authority. 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 at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 13.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 13.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

### **14. Safety and Adult Responsibility**

- 14.1. An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 14.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 14.3. The designated adult shall 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.

### **15. Coaches and Support boats**

- 15.1. One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats.)
- 15.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the Race Committee that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.3. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

### **16. Prizes**

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Overall: 1st through 10th
- Red Fleet: 1st through 10th
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 10th
- White Fleet: 1st through 10th
- Top girl: 1st through 5th
- Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

### **17. Team Trials Qualification**

This regatta is a 2012 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of team trials eligible competitors as defined by the USODA registered in both the Championship and Green Fleets based on the final results may receive invitations to compete in the 2012 USODA Team Trials.

**18. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

**19. Further Information**

19.1 For registration information and help contact Emma Kovacs at [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org)

19.2 For additional information please contact: Eileen Fahrmeier, phone 410-391-0196, e-mail [director@bcsailing.org](mailto:director@bcsailing.org) or [www.bcsailing.org](http://www.bcsailing.org)