



2020 Optimist Team Trials

April 18 - 26

(Race Days: April 23-26)

MANDATORY Measurement and Check-In: April 19, 21 & 22 (see NoR 6.3 Schedule)

**Lakewood Yacht Club
Seabrook, Texas USA**

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted 6/11/2019

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

AMENDMENT: August 12, 2019 – 11.1 Penalty System

The regatta will be organized by the Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA"), collectively known as the organizing authority.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. "USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships" will apply and can be found at www.usoda.org.
- 1.3. The following applies to RRS 61:
 - a) The third sentence of RRS 61.1(a) is changed to read, "The flag need not be displayed until she is no longer racing."
 - b) RRS 61.1(a)(2) shall not apply. She shall conspicuously display a red flag. The flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or personal flotation device and capable of being concealed and being conspicuously displayed at arm's length.
 - c) The following new rule is added:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee

In addition to meeting the requirements of RRS 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee measurement vessel near the finishing line of her intent to protest and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply.
- 1.5. A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). All PFDs/buoyancy aids shall be properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved nor permitted as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40. [SP] [DP]



- 1.6. In all rules governing this championship.
- a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.
 - b) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - c) [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.7. The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted in accordance with IODA Class rule 2.8.1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees and completing the [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#), the [USODA Sailor Code of Conduct](#), and the [USODA Measurement Form](#).
- 3.3. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, April 23, 2020.
- 3.4. All competitors must be "Team Trials Qualified" as defined by the USODA.
- 3.5. All competitors shall be members of the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2005. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Competitors who are not USODA members are invited to join the USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of www.usoda.org.
- 3.6. Registration must be done on-line at www.usoda.org in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including completion of the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the event. Each competitor shall confirm their registration by checking the entry list on the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees in NoR 4 will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 3.7. Registration will be closed Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 12:00 PM CDT.
- 3.8. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

4. FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
- a) The entry fee is U.S. \$225 if paid by March 18, 2020.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$250 total) shall be paid for registrations completed March 19, 2020 through March 25, 2020.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$275 total) shall be paid for registrations completed March 26, 2020 through 12:00 PM CDT April 1, 2020.



5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1. The intention is that the Team Trials Series will have a three-day Qualifying Round followed by a one-day Final Round. The duration and specific parameters of each Round will be fully described in the sailing instructions (SI).
- 5.2. There will be one fleet divided into divisions. The fleet will race in “Sets” of races. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. The assignment to divisions for the first day of racing will be based on the order of finish for those competitors who attended the 2019 Optimist Southeast Championship. All remaining assignments will be determined by the Scorer.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at Check-In. An executed [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#), [USODA Sailor Code of Conduct](#) and [USODA Measurement Form](#) are required to complete Check-In.
- 6.2. Hot snacks will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.3. Program and Schedule

Saturday, April 18

0900 Boats welcome to Arrive

Sunday, April 19

0900-1200 Measurement & Competitor Check-In
1300-1500 Full Sail Measurement by Appointment ONLY, email measurement@usoda.org

Tuesday, April 21

0900-1200 Measurement & Competitor Check-In
1500-1700 Measurement & Competitor Check-In

Wednesday, April 22

0900-1700 Measurement & Competitor Check-In
Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Registration
1000-1100 USODA International Teams & USNTDT Presentation
1800 Regatta Dinner with guest speaker

Thursday, April 23

0845 Coaches’ Meeting
0900 Competitors’, Coaches’, Parents’ Meeting
0930 Harbor Launch
1100 First Warning Signal
After Racing Hot Snacks

Friday-Saturday, April 24-25

0900 Coaches’ Meeting
0930 Harbor Launch
1100 First Warning Signal
After Racing Hot Snacks



Sunday, April 26

0900	Coaches' Meeting
0930	Harbor Launch
1100	First Warning Signal
1500	No first warning signal for a "Set" of races after this time
After racing	Awards ceremony & Hot Snacks

- 6.4. Twelve (12) "Sets" of races are scheduled. Three (3) "Sets" of races are scheduled for each day of racing, however, up to four (4) "Sets" of races may be sailed in one day providing the championship never gets more than one race ahead of schedule.

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 written or verbal approval of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 7.2. Each competitor shall submit a [USODA Measurement Form](#) during the regatta site Check-In. This form shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in compliance with Class Rules.
- 7.3. Equipment previously measured and stickered with a USODA measurement decal, and which remains unaltered since that measurement, may be self-certified as part of the measurement process, as long as the measurement stickers are clear and conspicuous. Each competitor shall sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment has not been modified since the date it was measured.
- 7.4. Equipment not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta, and shall be measured and approved during Measurement.
- 7.5. **All sails shall be removed from the boom for inspection**, and stamped by a Technical Committee (Measurement) Official (TCO) with the 2020 Optimist Team Trials signature regardless of previous regatta stamps or signatures.
- 7.6. The race and/or protest committee reserves the right to inspect or measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available electronically on the USODA website. A printed copy will be posted on the official notice board.

9. VENUE

The racing area will be on Galveston Bay with specific course location announced at the mandatory competitors meeting. The general boundaries of the race area will be East of Seabrook Channel Marker #2, West of the Houston Ship Channel, South of Red Bluff point, and North of Eagle Point.

10. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be included in the sailing instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. **US Sailing Approval Granted** - In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. If the requirements shown on <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/appeals/no-appeal-rule-70-5-procedures-2/> are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.
- 11.2. The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the SI.



12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply as revised by the SI which will specify the scoring for Qualifying and Final Rounds; the Team Trials Series; and the Age Group (Red, Blue, and White) Series.
- 12.2. Race scores are based on the number of registered boats in the largest division. This changes RRS 44.3(c), A2 and A4.2.
- 12.3. The number of boats **entered** in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor Check-In at the regatta venue as referenced in NoR 6.1. This changes RRS 44.3(c), A2 and A4.2, and applies to fleet divisions.
- 12.4. A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. One completed “Set” of races in the Qualifying Round will constitute the Team Trials Series and Age Group Series.
- 12.5. Scoring based on number of “Sets” of races completed:
 - a) When fewer than five (5) “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When five (5) or more “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1. Each competitor shall submit a completed [USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist](#) during the regatta site Check-In. This checklist shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 13.2. Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 13.3. IODA Class Rule 4.2 requires that each competitor shall have “A whistle attached to their personal flotation device at all times while on the water.” [SP] [DP]
- 13.4. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the 8m (26ft 3in) painter. [SP] [DP]

14. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY AND SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS

- 14.1. All coaches, parents, guardians and ‘designated adults’ are *support persons* (See RRS definition *Support Person*).
- 14.2. In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor 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.
- 14.3. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their competitor.
- 14.4. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for them throughout the event.
- 14.5. 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.
- 14.6. The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 14.7. One coach vessel for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach vessels.) [DP]



- 14.8. All support vessels shall register during Check-In hours (see NoR 6.3) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority while on the water. A \$20 security deposit will be required which will be returned at the end of the event with the return of the flag.
- 14.9. Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 14.10. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support vessels, and all other vessels will be governed by the SI and RRS.
- 14.11. There shall be no unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, corridor, coach/spectator boat zones, start line or finish line.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in the assigned area located at the LYC. [SP] [DP] [NP]

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet

- Overall: 1st through 10th
- Girls: 1st through 3rd
- Red Fleet: 1st through 5th
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 5th
- White Fleet: 1st through 5th

Silver Fleet

- Overall: 1st through 5th

Age Outs

In the rare event the Qualifying Round is not completed or there are no races in the Final Round, prizes for the Team Trials will be based on a competitor's Qualifying Round score and will not be given for Silver Fleet.

Gary Sprague Cup: Overall Winner

Trevor Moore Memorial: Overall White Fleet Winner

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. SUMMER INTERNATIONAL TEAM QUALIFICATION

- 17.1. Qualification for summer international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted on the USODA web page at www.usoda.org. In order to be eligible for international team selection, required paperwork shall be completed, notarized, submitted and received by the deadline. In the event of a tie that cannot be resolved by use of the rules governing this event, the matter shall be decided by a game of chance supervised by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

In the event no races are completed at the 2020 Optimist Team Trials or if the Executive Committee of the USODA Board of Directors concludes prior to the start of the first race that a substantial percentage of the registered sailors cannot attend or otherwise participate in the regatta for reasons beyond the control of Lakewood Yacht Club, the USODA or the registered sailors, then the order of selection (with 1st place to receive the 1st invitation, etc.) of those sailors from the 2019 Optimist Southeast Championship:



- a. who are current members of USODA,
- b. who registered for the 2020 Optimist Team Trials, and
- c. whose age permits them to sail in USODA events in the same year as the events for which teams that are being selected are to occur,

shall serve as the basis for selecting the individuals to be invited to join the USODA teams otherwise to be selected on the basis of the results of the 2020 Optimist Team Trials.

18. U.S. NATIONAL TEAM INVITATION

Invitations to the U.S. National Team will be in accordance with the criteria established by the USODA and posted on the USNT web page at www.usoda.org.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 19.2. The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the LYC and USODA, and all those involved in these organizations 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. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NoR 3.6.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org

USODA Chief Measurer (TC): Beth Danilek, measurement@usoda.org

Regatta Chair: Marie Wise, 713-419-5329, sailmom@gmail.com

Additional Information: Terry Flynn, LYC Waterfront Director, waterfrontdirector@lakewoodyachtclub.com

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Information available on event website <https://teamtrials2020.com/>.

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