

**2006 Optimist New England Championship**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**Niantic Bay Yacht Club**  
**Niantic Connecticut**

**Notice of Race**  
**(Issued February 3, 2006)**

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time in accordance with RRS 88.2. Notice of amendments will be posted on the Regatta website at [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org).)

Niantic Bay Yacht Club is proud to host the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) New England Championship.

**1. Dates and Venue**

The 2006 USODA New England Championship will be held Sunday, August 6 through Wednesday August 9, 2006. The venue will be McCook Park, Hole in the Wall Beach and Niantic Bay, Niantic Ct.

**2. Organization and Rules**

**2.1** This regatta will be organized by the Niantic Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the USODA, and will be sailed under the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, the Optimist Class rules and this Notice of Race, except in the event that any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions and the appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

**2.2** Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided for in RRS 70.4.

**2.3** RRS Appendix P will apply for the Championship Fleet.

**2.4** Boats are required to display a red flag when protesting. This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2). A boat required to display a red flag shall do so until it is no longer racing and shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. This amends RRS 61.

**2.5** Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

**2.6** Any penalty determined by the jury for breaking the safety rules detailed in Section 14 may not be protested by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1 and 64.1(a).

**3. Eligibility**

**3.1** The Regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy Class which conform to IODA Class Rules.

**3.2** All competitors must be members of the US Optimist Dinghy Association or their respective national class association and have been born on or after January 1, 1991. USODA membership will be available at registration.

#### **4. Registration and Entry Fee**

**4.1** Registration Information and Forms are available online at [www.nbyc.org/opti2006](http://www.nbyc.org/opti2006), or will be available at the registration desk on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**4.2** The early entry fee is US \$100.00 if payment is postmarked on or before July 7, 2006. The entry fee for registrations postmarked after July 7, 2006 but on or before July 28, 2006 is US \$135. Any registrations postmarked after July 28, 2006 or received after Aug 5, 2006, including onsite registration, will require an entry fee of US \$150.00.

**4.3** If you are planning on attending the regatta, but will register on site, we encourage you to contact us and let us know that you are coming. Please advise us by email to the following email address [opti2006@nbyc.org](mailto:opti2006@nbyc.org)

**4.4** Registration includes submission of a competitor's completed registration form, medical information and medical consent forms, correct entry fees and confirmation by USODA of USODA membership. **Each competitor must check in with the Regatta Registration desk between the hours of 1300 and 1800 on Sunday August 6, 2006. There will be no check in for registration purposes on Monday, August 7.**

**4.5** Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative who is the designated adult who shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. It is the parent or adult representative's decision to enter the competitor in the regatta and for the competitor to start or continue any race as described in RRS 4 Decision to Race. The designated adult will also be responsible for the competitor during onshore activities before, during and after the regatta.

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

**5.1** There will be two fleets, Championship and Green. Depending on the number of competitors, the Championship fleet may be broken into Divisions.

**5.2** Assignment to White, Blue and Red Fleets will be based on the age of the competitors on August 7, 2006.

**5.3** The Green fleet is for novice sailors. This fleet may not race in some conditions even though the Championship fleet does race.

**5.4** Both fleets are scheduled to race on Monday, Aug 7; Tuesday, Aug 8 and Wednesday, Aug 9.

**5.5** If the Championship Fleet is split into Divisions, the Championship fleet will race in "Sets" of races between or amongst Divisions. A set is a sequence of races, which include all Divisions. Specific instructions will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **6. Schedule**

Sunday	August 6	1300-1800	Check in and Registration - there will be no access
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to Hole in the Wall Beach or McCook Point before 1300 hrs

Monday	August 7	0730-0830	Check in – Division assignments will be announced and streamers for Championship fleet will be distributed
		0845	Coaches' and Parents' Meeting
		0900	Skippers' Meeting
		1030	First Warning – Championship Fleet
		1100	First Warning – Green Fleet
			Lunch on the water *– Championship and Green Fleets
Tuesday	August 8	0830	Coaches' and Parent's Meeting
		0900	Skippers' Meeting
		1030	First Warning – Championship Fleet
		1100	First Warning – Green Fleet
			Lunch on the water* – Championship and Green Fleet
		1800	NBYC will host a barbeque picnic for competitors at McCook Park. Parents and Coaches may purchase tickets at the Registration Desk
		1830	Competitors, volunteers and guests are invited to a band concert in the Park.
Wednesday	August 9	0830	Coaches' and Parent's Meeting
		0900	Skippers' Meeting
		1030	First Warning – Championship Fleet
		1100	First Warning – Green Fleet
			Lunch on the water* – Championship Fleet and Green Fleets
		1500	No Warning Signal after this time
		After Racing	Snacks and Awards
			* lunch may be ashore, at the discretion of the Race Committee

## 7. Measurement

**7.1** Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment may be made only with the jury's prior approval.

**7.2** There may be measurement inspection on the water following each race.

**7.3** All boats are subject to safety checks.

## 8. Racing

Racing will be on Niantic Bay.

## **9. Courses**

The Championship course will be the Optimist Trapezoid with a gate for the leeward mark. The Green course will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the Green Fleet Skippers' meeting.

## **10. Sailing Instructions**

**10.1** Preliminary Sailing Instructions may be available online at [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org).

**10.2** Sailing Instructions will also be available at the onsite check in and registration. These SIs will take precedence over any Preliminary Sailing Instructions available on-line.

## **11. Scoring**

**11.1** The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.

**11.2** One set of races is required to complete the regatta.

**11.3** A competitor's worst finish may be discarded when six or more sets or races have been completed; a competitor's next worse finish may be discarded if eleven or more races have been completed.

## **12 Support Boats**

One support boat for each ten sailors from a sailing program may be registered (for example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats). All registered boats shall prominently fly designated flags from a staff, both obtained from the Race Committee at the Registration Desk, at all times while on the water. Registered boats may enter the corridor from the starting line to the finish line and their conduct shall be governed by the Sailing Instructions. All other boats must stay outside the course area at all times. Coach boats and Parent boats are requested to pre-register their boats on line. Go to [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org) for more info on Coach and Parent boat pre-registration.

## **13 Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded ten deep in the Red, Blue and White Fleets, ten deep overall, five deep for girl competitors. All Green Fleet sailors will get participation awards.

## **14 Safety**

**14.1** In addition to IODA Class rules 4.2(a) - PFD, 4.2(b) - Clothing weight, 4.3(a) - Bailer and 4.3(b) - Painter, each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved lifejacket (or lifejacket approved by the jury for competitors from outside the United States) while on the water except, temporarily, when adding or removing clothing.

**14.2** A whistle must be attached with a line to each competitor's body or clothing. The penalty for breaking either of these safety rules shall be determined by the jury, the penalty may be less than a DSQ.

## **15. Liability**

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

#### **16. USODA Team Trials**

This regatta is a qualifying regatta for the 2007 USODA Team Trials. Invitation to the 2007 Team Trials will be extended to the top 25% Team Trial Eligible (TTE) finishers of the Championship fleet. The invitations are extended on the basis of the USODA policies published on the USODA web page – [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org).

#### **17. Spectator Boats**

There will be a limited number of spectator boats. Information regarding spectator boats including sign up sheets will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

**18. Dollies** – Competitors who do not have their own dollies must make provisions for moving boats from the offloading area and between storage and launch areas.

**19. Regatta Parking** – Parking for competitor, coach and parent vehicles and Opti trailers will be at the Rogers Field behind St John's Church and accessible from the Hole in the Wall turnaround and drop off area at the end of Baptist Lane. There is no regatta parking on Baptist Lane, McCook Place and in the parking lot at the Hole in the Wall at the end of Baptist Lane.

#### **20. Additional Information**

For additional information contact: Email: [opti2006@nbyc.org](mailto:opti2006@nbyc.org)

#### **21. Effective Date**

The effective date of this Notice is February 3, 2006