



2017 USODA Mid America Championship

September 9-10

Also part of the TSA Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta

Hosted by Fort Worth Boat Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be organized by Fort Worth Boat Club (FWBC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA"), collectively known as the organizing authority (OA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. "USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships", including the USODA 'Code of Conduct', will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors and all *Support Persons*, as defined by RRS, shall abide by the USODA 'Code of Conduct'. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, FWBC, and the city of Fort Worth.
- 1.3. RRS 61 is changed as follows:
 - a. The red protest flag required in RRS 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor's lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before it is needed and after the protested boat has acknowledged her foul.
 - b. RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - c. The following new rule is added to RRS 61:
61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)
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, notify the RC finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, "Second Penalty" will be changed to, "Second and Subsequent Penalties". There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, "unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the RC finish boat that she is retiring". P2.3 will be deleted.
- 1.5. In addition to the requirements of RRS 40 and its U.S. Sailing prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international competitors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding national authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All lifejackets must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets



do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 40 and RRS Part 4 Preamble.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing online registration, paying all entry fees, and completing the USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta September 9, 2017.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members of their respective National Class Association (NCA), such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2002. The OA 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. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs need to email at usoda@usoda.org for a login ID and password.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$100 if paid by August 23, 2017.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$125 total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 24, 2017 through August 30, 2017.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$150 total) shall be paid for registrations completed August 30, 2017 through 1200 hours CDT, September 6, 2017.
- 4.2. Registration shall be done online 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 on 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 described above will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed **Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 1200 hours CDT.**
- 4.4. Requests to register after registration has closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

The Championship fleet will race as a single division. There will be a Green fleet if at least five (5) boats are registered.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at Check-In. The USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist is required to complete Check-In.



- 6.2. Continental breakfasts and lunches will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.3. Program and Schedule

Friday, September 8

1600-1900 Competitor Check-In & Coach/Support Boat Flag Registration

Saturday, September 9

0800-0845 Competitor Check-In & Coach/Support Boat Flag Registration
0800-0930 Continental Breakfast
0845 Coaches' Meeting
0900 Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting
0930 Harbor Start
1030 First Warning – Championship Fleet
Lunch on the water
After Racing Competitors Dinner & Pool Party

Sunday, September 10

0730-0845 Continental Breakfast
0830 Coaches' Meeting
0845 Harbor Start
0930 First Warning – Championship Fleet
Lunch on the water
1400 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.

- 6.4. Eight (8) races are scheduled.

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 an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site Check-In. This form shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 7.3. The race and or protest committee may inspect or measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions (SI's) may be available online, and final official SI's will be available onsite at Check-In and on the USODA website.



9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be Eagle Mountain Lake.
- 9.2. All optimists shall be kept in the assigned area at FWBC.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. The course will be included in the SI's.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. The number of boats **entered** in the Championship 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 modifies RRS A4.2.
- 11.3. One (1) completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- 11.4. Scoring based on number of races completed:
 - a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5. While finishes for each race and progress may be tracked, Green Fleet will not be scored.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 12.2. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

13. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 13.1. 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 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.
- 13.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their competitor.
- 13.3. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 13.4. 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. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS (PARENT OR SPECTATOR)

- 14.1. One coach boat 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 boats.) Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by September 6, 2017 and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.



- 14.2. All coach and support (parent or spectator) boats shall register (see NOR 6.3) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the OA 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.
- 14.3. Each coach boat 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.
- 14.4. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats will be governed by the SI's and RRS.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Championship Fleet (depth will increase if over 50 competitors)

Overall: 1st through 5th

Red Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Blue Fleet: 1st through 3rd

White Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Top girl: 1st through 3rd

Green Fleet - Participation awards for all green fleet competitors.

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

16. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2018 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Championship Fleet team trials eligible competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship Fleet and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2018 USODA Team Trials.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 17.2. The OA 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 4.2.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Regatta Chair: Marc Nilsson, marcanilsson@gmail.com, 817-919-8450

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OA- Organizing Authority
 RC- Race Committee
 SI- Sailing Instructions

Opti Charters/Accommodations continued on next page.



Opti Charters:

KO Sailing, 281-867-8200, kosailing@kosailing.com, <https://www.kosailing.com/charters/optimist-charters.html>

Accommodations:

Best Western. Lake Worth, Texas 76135

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-details.44501.html?iata=00171890&ssob=BLBWI0003G&cid=BLBWI0003G:yext:website:44501

Holiday Inn. Lake Worth, Texas 76135

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/fort-worth/lwtx/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=YextLocal--USA--LWWTX

Comfort Suites

<https://www.choicehotels.com/texas/fort-worth/comfort-suites-hotels/txb59?pmf=yext&mc=llyxyxp>

La Quinta. Lake Worth, Texas

http://www.laquintalakeworth.com/?cid=local_6078

The Stockyards Hotel Fort Worth, Texas

<http://www.stockyardshotel.com>