



THE 2008 OPTI RUMBLE

Pequot Yacht Club
669 Harbor Road
Southport, CT 06890
July 12, 2008

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 U. S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA), and the 2008 Rules for JSA of LIS (JSA) Events.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 All competitors must comply with the eligibility rules of the JSA of LIS.
- 2.2 This event is open to Optimist sailors representing member programs in JSA Area C. Sailors from programs outside JSA Area C may enter if space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of receipt.
- 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. Competency is defined by the JSA as follows: Each entrant is able to sail his/her Optimist to windward and to leeward in a variety of wind conditions, is able to right the boat after a capsize, and has previously sailed a race course.
- 2.4 As per class and JSA rules, all competitors are required to be members of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA).

3 Entry Requirements

- 3.1 A completed entry form with entry fee of \$35 per sailor.
- 3.2 The entry fee and all forms must be received at the Pequot Yacht Club, 669 Harbor Rd., Southport, CT 06890 no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 1, 2008. One check, payable to Pequot Yacht Club, must be drawn per club for all fees.
- 3.3 The entry package consists of the entry form, a completed JSA Standard Waiver and Medical Release Form for each competitor, and a check for all fees. The entry is not complete until all these elements have been received at the address above.

- 3.4 Entries may be limited to the first 100 participants complying with the eligibility and entry requirements in sections 2 and 3.
- 3.5 Late entries and/or changes may be accepted at the discretion of the regatta chairperson. To inquire about registering after the date listed above, contact the regatta chairperson. Please do not send late entries or changes without permission from the regatta chairperson as they may not be accepted. The entry fee for late entries is \$10 per sailor.

4 Registration

- 4.1 All sailors and instructors must appear in person at the registration table during the registration period. Instructors must also attend the instructors' meeting and will receive safety assignments. Sailing instructions will be available at registration.
- 4.2 Competitors will be assigned to fleets according to their age on the day of the regatta as follows:
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| White Fleet | 10 and under |
| Blue Fleet | 11 and 12 |
| Red Fleet | 13, 14, and 15 |
- These fleets may race together or separately.

The race committee will supply colored streamers to be displayed by each boat.

5 JSA Qualifying

This event is a qualifying event for the 2008 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 her intent to protest and, if possible, the sail number of the protested boat. Also, a protesting boat does not need to lodge a written protest. (These add to or change Rule 61.)
- 6.2 The JSA Arbitration Procedure (Appendix C of the 2008 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. At least one race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.2 The schedule of events is as follows:
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| Registration/Safety check | 7:30 to 9:00 am |
| Coaches' Meeting | 9:15 am |
| Competitors' Meeting | 9:30 am |
| Harbor Start | 9:45 am |
- Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the last race.

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 4:00 pm.

7.4 If no races are completed on July 12, there is no make-up date for this event.

8 Equipment and Safety Requirements

Each boat must comply with the USODA rules and with the 2008 JSA Optimist Inspection Checklist (Appendix A of the 2008 Rules for JSA Events). All boats will be inspected for the required safety equipment during registration. In addition, boats are subject to inspection by the organizing authority or the judges at any time during the event.

Competitors and instructors are required to wear a properly fastened PFD with whistle attached at all times when on the water or on the dock in accordance with JSA rules. Failure to comply with JSA rules can result in disciplinary action being taken (see Section 12).

9 Racing Area

The racing area will be approximately one half mile south of Southport Harbor.

10 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing, will apply. A boat's worst race will be excluded if at least six races are completed.

11 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 76.1. If racing has already started, boats not complying with this instruction will be subject to protest by the race committee only.

12 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.
- d) failure to wear a properly fastened PFD

Please note that if an instructor is asked to leave a race course, all juniors for whom that instructor is responsible must leave the race course as well unless other satisfactory supervisory arrangements are made.

13 Support Craft

Any club entering three or more boats shall supply a support craft equipped with a working VHF Radio, an anchor and a first aid kit. An instructor and/or other support personnel shall drive the support craft in accordance with JSA 9.4 (c) and (d) and shall register with the regatta organizers at registration to receive safety patrol assignments. Spectator and coach boats shall stay well clear of the course area while boats are racing and must listen to the radio for updates and directives coming from the race committee.

If a club is not sending a support craft (i.e., a club is sending fewer than three boats), arrangements must be made with another club to allow the instructor supervising those sailors to go out on the water. In no circumstances will competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the race course.

14 Food and Drink

Each sailor is responsible for his/her own lunch. Water will be provided, and refreshments will be served ashore after the last race.

15 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in the Red, and White fleets. The Blue fleet will have prizes for the top ten finishers.

16 Responsibility for Safety

As a condition of participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Pequot Yacht Club, the owner and the helmsperson of each boat agree that the safety of the boat and the helmsperson 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 Pequot Yacht Club and the JSA of LIS, and their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does the responsibility for the safe condition of the boat including safety equipment and rigging and 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 are available on the JSA of LIS web site at: <http://www.jsalis.org/>

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