

HORSESHOE HARBOR YACHT CLUB



ANNUAL OPTIMIST OPEN AND GREEN FLEET REGATTA THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS).
- 1.2 The 2017 Rules for JSA of LIS (JSA) Events, JSA Code of Conduct and US Sailing SafeSport Handbook will apply.
- 1.3 The following Racing Rules will be changed as indicated below. The Sailing Instructions may also change other Racing Rules.
 - a. RRS 40 is changed to read: "Competitors and instructors/coaches shall wear a non-inflatable, USCG-approved personal flotation device (PFD) of the appropriate size at all times while on the water and docks, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment". This also changes the Preamble to Part 4.
 - b. RRS 60.3 is changed to permit the Race Committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of sportsmanship or the 2017 Rules for JSA Events.
 - c. RSS 61.1(a) is changed to require that immediately after finishing a race, without consultation with instructors, coaches, support persons or spectators, a boat shall notify the Race Committee of her intention to protest and, if possible, the sail number of the protested boat.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This event is open to Optimist sailors representing member programs in JSA Area B. Sailors from member programs outside JSA Area B may enter if space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of receipt.
- 2.2 All participants shall be at least 9 years old on or before July 27, 2017 and be no older than 15 years of age as of July 27, 2017.
- 2.3 Participants must have been certified as competent for this event by, and are under the aegis of, the Head Instructor or Program Chair of the Junior Sailing Program at their Club. Competency shall be defined as the ability of the entrant to rig his/her own Optimist and to steer on all points of sail. Each entrant must have previously participated in capsizing drills and be familiar with regatta safety procedures.
- 2.4 This event is a non-qualifying event for the 2017 JSA Optimist Championship.

3 ENTRIES AND FEES

- 3.1 Entries for this Regatta will be accepted via the JSA Online Regatta Registration system at www.jsalis.org. On-time entries are due no later than **1800 Tuesday, July 25, 2017**, though late entries will be accepted **until 2200 Wednesday, July 26, 2017**. The Entry Package consists of the Regatta Entry Summary for the Club, with a completed JSA Standard Waiver and a Medical Release Form for each participant.
- 3.2 The on-time entry fee is \$40.00 per sailor and \$20.00 per instructor; the late entry fee will be \$60 per sailor and \$20 per instructor. Clubs will be billed following the event based upon entries as of 2200 Wednesday, July 26, 2017, plus any additions.
- 3.3 Deb Norris, Co-Chair of HHYC Junior Sailing, should be contacted with any questions regarding entries and changes at hhycjrsail@bullseyedm.com.

4 REGISTRATION & INSPECTION

- 4.1 Each participant, accompanied by his/her instructor, shall appear in person at the registration table during the registration period to verify his/her name and sail number. Each **skipper must collect, in person**, his/her streamer when checking in at the registration table. Instructors and/or parents may **not** collect streamers for their sailors. No streamers will be handed out after the Skippers' Meeting.
- 4.2 Instructors shall certify that their entrants have completed their JSA Optimist Inspection Checklist per the 2017 Rules for JSA Events Appendix A.3, and shall attend the Instructors' Meeting to receive their safety assignments.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

0900-1000 Participant & Instructor Check In
1015-1030 Skippers/Instructors Meetings
1100 Harbor Start
1130 First Warning
No warning signal will be made after 1500
1600-1700* Awards and refreshments (*approximate)

6 DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Other than Green Fleet, all competitors will be assigned to fleets according to their age as registered in the JSA Online Regatta Registration system:
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| 10 and under | White Fleet |
| 11 and 12 | Blue Fleet |
| 13, 14 and 15 | Red Fleet |
- 6.2 In accordance with 2017 Rules for JSA Events, Appendix A.2, Green Fleet is open to sailors who meet **ALL** of the following criteria:
- a) are age 15 or under;
 - b) have finished fewer than three times in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in a series of Green fleet races or regattas; and
 - c) have not previously raced in red, blue or white fleet in a regatta offering a Green fleet.

6.3. Coaching of Green Fleet skippers by JSA Instructors (not by parents) is permitted while racing, however coaching shall be limited to skippers in the bottom half of the fleet in any given race. All coaches shall provide fair and consistent support to all competitors, not just their team and/or sailor(s). Violation of this instruction may result in any penalty that the Race Committee deems appropriate, up to and including the disqualification of the coached skipper from the Regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available the day of the regatta.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 The racing areas will be determined the day of the regatta, and will be announced at the Skippers' and Instructors' meetings.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be either a triangle or a trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SAIL NUMBERS

10.1 Numbers must be complete and clearly visible from both sides of the sail. Any boat with an incorrect or illegible sail number may not be scored.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Race Committee will run as many races as is reasonably possible. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When three or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except for scores which are NOT excludable under RRS Sailing Rule 90.3(b).

12 PRIZES

12.1 First place prizes will be awarded for divisions with 2 or more starters; second place for divisions with 5 or more; third place for divisions with 10 or more; in Green Fleet, an additional place will be awarded, through fifth place, for every additional 10 starters .

13 NO COACHING

13.1 Except as provided in Section 6.3, there will be no coaching during a race of any competitor by a parent, coach, sailing instructor or other person not racing.

14 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 14.1 All competitors and instructors must have and wear a USCG approved, non-inflatable, life jacket. Each club is expected to send at least one support boat, equipped with a working VHF radio and a qualified operator suitable for racecourse safety patrol. It is recommended that each club send one instructor boat for every 8-10 sailors. Safety patrol assignments will be made at the instructors' meeting immediately following the skippers' meeting.

15 CLEAN REGATTA

- 15.1 Horseshoe Harbor Yacht Club is committed to maintaining clean waters and shores. All participants are encouraged to reduce plastic waste by using refillable water bottles. No overboard discharge of trash or littering at shore facilities, please.

16 DISCIPLINE

- 16.1 All junior sailors and instructors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. A junior sailor or instructor may be disciplined as per 2017 Rules for JSA of LIS (JSA) Events and JSA Code of Conduct 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;
 - b. stealing or borrowing without permission, anything that does not belong to them;
 - c. possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol, or controlled substances, the possession of which is unlawful; or
 - d. failure to wear a properly fastened PFD.
- 16.2 Please note that if an instructor is asked to leave a race course, all juniors for whom that instructor is responsible shall leave the race course, as well, unless other satisfactory supervisory arrangements are made.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information please contact Deborah Kobe Norris, HHYC Junior Sailing Co-Chair at hhycjrsail@bullseyedm.com.