

JSA Optimist Safety Inspection Checklist

Regatta _____ Date _____

Competitor _____ Club _____

Sail # _____ Safety Tag # _____ Fleet: G W B R

Optimists that race in JSA events must comply with all of the following requirements:

- Life jacket** – USCG-approved Type III PFD (non-inflatable), proper size and correctly worn.
- Whistle** – Functional and attached to competitor’s life jacket.
- Painter** – The bow line must be all of the following:
 - at least 8 meters (26’ 3”) long;
 - buoyant;
 - at least 3/16” in diameter;
 - securely fastened around the mast step;
 - tied with a 4-6” bowline at the towing end; and
 - led through a loop of line at the bow, not through the bow drain hole.The painter should also be free of chafe and all other knots, with no hardware attached.
- Mast tie-down** – There must be a line or other device that is secure enough so you can lift the boat by the mast without disengaging the mast from the mast step
- Air bags** – Three buoyancy bags made of strong fiber-reinforced material with non-return valves. Each must be properly inflated and secured to boat.
- Daggerboard** – Securely attached to the boat with a lanyard.
- Rudder catch** – The rudder shall have a retaining device so that it will not become detached from the boat during a capsized.
- Bailer** – At least one bailer, with a minimum capacity of one half gallon, securely attached to the boat with a lanyard.
- Mainsheet bridle** – No looser than 100 mm (4 inches) from the boom at any point.
- Mainsheet hook** – Covered and/or securely closed. The hook must have no chance of trapping a line that drags across it.
- Paddle** – attached to the boat with enough line or shockcord to allow use.

In addition to the required items above, the following equipment is *highly recommended*: Clothing adequate for weather conditions, water bottle, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and footwear.

I have checked this Optimist today and it **does** **does not** comply with the required minimum safety standards (listed above) that are necessary to compete at this event.

Safety officer _____ Date _____ Time _____