



2016 USODA TEAM TRIALS

April 19-22

Measurement April 14th, 15th, 16th and 18th

Full Sail Measurement (for Certificate) April 17th by appointment ONLY

Hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, CA

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 is organized by The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA").

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships and the USODA Code of Conduct will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors, Coaches, Parents, Guardians 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, SFYC, and the Cities of Belvedere and Tiburon.
- 1.3 Rule 61 will be changed as follows:
 - a. The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor's lifejacket in a manner that conceals it until displayed.
 - b. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - c. The following new rule is added to rule 61:
61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)
In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area in which she is involved or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the RC measurement boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she intends to protest.

- 1.4 Appendix P will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

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



3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing the Measurement Form and the Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist.
- 3.2 Competitors shall be current members of the USODA and be born on or after January 1, 2001.
- 3.3 The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta, April 19, 2016.
- 3.4 Competitors shall be "Team Trials Qualified" as defined by the USODA or be invited by the USODA President.

4 REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 All entry fees shall be paid at the time of online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a. The entry fee is \$225.00 if paid by March 22, 2016.
 - b. A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$250 total) shall be paid for registrations completed March 23 through March 29.
 - c. An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$275) shall be paid for registrations completed March 30 through 1400 hours PDT April 5, 2016.
- 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 of 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 on April 5, 2016 at 1400 hours PDT.
- 4.4 Registration requests after registration has closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5 FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1 The intention is that the Team Trials Championship Series will have a two-day Qualifying Round followed by a two-day Final Round. The duration and specific parameters of each Round will be fully described in the sailing instructions.
- 5.2 There will be one fleet divided into divisions. The assignment to divisions for the first day of racing will be based on the order of finish for those competitors who attended the 2015 USODA Spring Team Qualifier. All remaining assignments will be made on a random basis.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Sailors and Teams wishing to arrive early are welcome at The San Francisco Yacht Club as early as 800 hours PDT, April 14, 2016. Sailors and Teams wishing to arrive earlier shall make their own arrangements for water access and boat storage. Please contact the Regatta Chair for more information.
- 6.2 'Make your own' lunches and hot snacks will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day. Breakfast will not be provided.



6.3 Each Sailor shall be present at check-in. The Measurement Form and Self-Certification Safety Checklist are required to complete check-in.

6.4 Program and Schedule:

Thursday-Saturday, April 14-16

0900-1200 Measurement & Check-in
1600-1800 Measurement & Check-in

Sunday, April 17

0900-1200 Full Sail Measurement by appointment ONLY. Email usoda@usoda.org to schedule an appointment.
1800 Competitor Dinner with Guest Speaker

Monday, April 18

1000-1100 USODA International Teams & USNT/USDT Presentation
1000-1800 Measurement & Check-in

Tuesday-Thursday, April 19-21

1000 Competitors, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1045 Cove Start
1200 First Warning Signal
Lunch on the Water
After Racing Hot Snacks

Friday, April 22

1000 Competitors, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1045 Cove Start
1200 First Warning Signal
Lunch on the Water
1530 No first warning signal for a “Set” of races after this time
After Racing Hot Snacks & Awards Ceremony

Saturday, April 23

No later than 1200 All boats and equipment completely vacated from SFYC property

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. Any request to consider approving equipment substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) before the end of protest time limit the day prior to the day for which substitution is to be made. If changes are required during a day’s racing, approval may be made verbally and the written request submitted before the day’s protest time limit.
- 7.2 Each competitor shall submit a Measurement Form during the regatta site check-in. This form shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in compliance with Class Rules.
- 7.3 **Equipment** previously measured and stickered with a USODA measurement decal or stamped with an IODA measurement decal pursuant to the USODA measurement process which remains unaltered since the measurement may be self-certified as part of the measurement process. Each competitor shall sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment has not been modified since the date it was measured.



- 7.4 **All sails** shall be removed from the boom for inspection and stamped by a Measurement Official with the Team Trials signature regardless of previous regatta stamps or signatures.
- 7.5 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 7.6 The race and/or protest committee reserves the right to measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured
- 7.7 Equipment not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions may be available online. Final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

9 VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1 The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle as shown in Attachment A. The location within this area will be at the discretion of the OA, based on weather conditions. This area is between 30 and 60 minutes under tow from SFYC, crossing a major shipping lane. All competitors must be towed to the race area in the mornings and towed back in the afternoons.
- 9.2 All Optimist boats shall be kept at SFYC in the assigned area.

10 THE COURSE

The course will be defined and diagrammed in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Pending approval from U.S. Sailing, in accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final.
- 11.2 The penalties for upheld breaches of certain sailing instructions and for measurement infractions shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions may be greater up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the protest committee.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply as revised by the sailing instructions which will specify the scoring for Qualifying and Final Rounds; the Team Trials; and the Age Group (Red, Blue, and White) Series.
- 12.2 A “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed. A boat’s scores from races in incomplete “Sets” shall not be counted. This changes Rule A2.
- 12.3 One completed “Set” of races in the Qualifying Round will constitute the Team Trials Series and Age Group Series.

13 LIFEJACKET, WHISTLE, AND BOW LINE

- 13.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved lifejacket properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not satisfy this requirement. Inflatable lifejackets may not be worn.



- 13.2 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to his or her lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 13.3 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

14 SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1 Each competitor shall submit a completed Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site check-in. This checklist shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 14.2 In addition to the requirements of rule 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor(s). 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.
- 14.3 Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 14.4 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.

15 COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a coach or support boat on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 15.2 One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed two support boats.) Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by April 16, 2016 and are subject to OA approval.
- 15.3 All coach, support, and spectator boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the OA and which must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water (\$20 deposit). Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.4 The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the sailing instructions.

16 PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the top 10 overall finishers, the top 5 finishers in each fleet, and the top 3 female finishers. Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of The San Francisco Yacht Club and USODA, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta results.

17 SUMMER INTERNATIONAL TEAM QUALIFICATION

- 17.1 Qualification for summer international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted on the USODA web page at www.usoda.org. In order to be eligible for international team selection, required paperwork shall be completed, notarized, submitted and received by the deadline. In the event of a tie that cannot be resolved by use of the rules governing this event, the matter shall be decided by a game of chance supervised by the PRO.



17.2 In the event no races are completed at the 2016 USODA Team Trials or if the Executive Committee of the USODA Board of Directors concludes prior to the start of the first race that a substantial percentage of the registered sailors cannot attend or otherwise participate in the regatta for reasons beyond the control of The San Francisco Yacht Club, the USODA or the registered sailors, then the order of selection (with 1st place to receive the 1st invitation, etc.) of those sailors from the 2015 USODA Spring Team Qualifier:

- a. who are current members of USODA,
- b. who registered for the 2016 USODA Team Trials, and
- c. whose age permits them to sail in USODA events in the same year as the events for which teams that are being selected are to occur,

shall serve as the basis for selecting the individuals to be invited to join the USODA teams otherwise to be selected on the basis of the results of the 2016 USODA Team Trials.

18 U.S. NATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM INVITATION

Additional invitations to the U.S. National and Development Teams will be in accordance with the criteria established by the USODA and posted on the USNT/DT web page at www.usoda.org.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Registration - USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org

Regatta Chair- Forrest Gay, (415) 272-9091, forrest@sfyc.org

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Event Website – <http://teamtrials2016.com/>

Accommodations, charters, and more information are available on the event website.



Attachment 1 - RACING AREA

