

**Notice Of Race**  
**2001 Optimist New England Championship**  
**July 16-19, 2001**  
**Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, MA**

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2001-2004; the Optimist class rules and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions and the appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA). The event host is the Sandy Bay Yacht Club Sailing Program and Scholarship Fund, Inc. (SBYC), and the event site is Granite Pier.

**2 Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 Competitors are required to be members of the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 1986.
- 2.2 Entries on the Championship line will be limited to 250 participants.

**3 Designated Adult**

- 3.1 Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. Competitors without a responsible adult on site will not be scored for races on days for which the adult is absent.
- 3.2 It is the competitor's parents' (or designated adult) decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. These include ensuring that the competitor wears appropriate clothing for immersion in cold water.
- 3.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. These include on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

**4 Schedule of Events**

- 4.1 Competitors, their boats, and support craft and personnel are welcome to arrive at Granite Pier on Monday, July 16, after 1300 hours.
- 4.2 Safety inspections may be held randomly each morning before racing.
- 4.3 Schedule of Events:

<b>Mon, July 16</b>	<b>Tues, July 17</b>	<b>Weds, July 18</b>	<b>Thurs, July 19</b>
1300 – 2000: Arrival & Registration @ Granite Pier*	0900: Skippers' Meeting 0930: Coaches/Safety Boat Operators Meeting	0900: Coaches/Safety Boat Operators Meeting	0900: Coaches/Safety Boat Operators Meeting
	1000: Harbor Start 1100: First Gun. 3 Races Scheduled	0930: Harbor Start 1030: First Gun. 4 Races Scheduled	0930: Harbor Start 1030: First Gun. 3 Races Scheduled <i>No Starting sequence to begin after 1400</i>
* - Arrival times Strict – earlier or later arrivals cannot be accommodated	1800: Dinner @ Rockport Country Club (sailors & coaches). Speaker TBA 1815: Parents' Reception @ Sandy Bay Yacht Club	1800 - 2200: Dinner/Dance @ Rockport Country Club	1530: Awards Ceremony

- 4.4 Ten races will be attempted with one race constituting a regatta.

**5 Registration**

- 5.1 All registration forms must be complete, with all fees included, and postmarked by July 9, 2001. Registration forms can be mailed to: SBYC, PO Box 37, Rockport MA, 01966.

## **6 Fees**

6.1 Required Fees: Checks should be made payable to Opti New England Championship.

Entry Fee (per competitor): \$125 (\$120 with proof of US Sailing membership) - Postmarked by July 9, 2001.

Late Entry Fee (per competitor): \$195 - Postmarked after July 9, 2001.

6.2 The entry fee includes breakfast & lunch for each race day, two dinners on the nights of July 17 and 18 and t-shirt.

## **7 Sailing Instructions**

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of registration.

7.2 The Sailing Instructions also will be posted at [www.sandybay.org](http://www.sandybay.org) on or before July 9.

## **8 Racing Area**

8.1 All racing will be in Sandy Bay. There will be two lines, a green fleet line and a championship line.

## **9 Courses**

9.1 Championship line courses will be trapezoids, triangles, windward/leewards, or any combination of these..

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## **10 Safety**

10.1 When leaving the harbor to reach the racecourse, each boat must pass through a gate consisting of two safety boats. Each boat shall receive acknowledgement by one of the safety boats. The same must be done on the way back to shore. It is the competitor's responsibility to make sure their sail number is recorded.

10.2 Each competitor must wear a Coast Guard approved lifejacket at all times while on the water.

## **11 Support Boats**

11.1 One support boat for each ten sailors from a sailing program may be registered. All registered safety boats will be assigned a colored flag at the safety boat meeting. There will be mandatory safety/coach/parent boat meetings each morning one half hour prior to harbor start.

## **12 Scoring**

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A, rule A2, will apply.

12.2 If six or more races are completed, a throwout race will be scored. If all ten races are completed two throwout races will be scored.

## **13 Prizes**

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to:

1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> overall

1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> Red, Blue, White, and Green fleets.

13.2 There also will be a new perpetual trophy, donated by the Sandy Bay Yacht Club, given to the top overall finisher.

## **14 Further Information**

Visit our Website at: <http://www.sandybay.org/>

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