



2023 Opti Heavy Weather Optimist Harken Challenge Series, Regatta #4

June 16-18, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA): St Francis Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR means it shall not be grounds for protest. This changes RS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Rule 40.1 will apply when boats are in the racing area, and on their way to and from the racing area.
- 1.3. [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- 1.4. The Optimist Harken Challenge Series Notice of Series will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements as defined by the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association.
- 2.2. Registration will close on 6/12/23. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.3. A Medical Information/Liability Release form must be completed and signed by the responsible parent or guardian. This shall be done electronically through the registration link.
- 2.4. Eligible boats may enter by submitting the entry form and medical/liability release and paying the entry fee online www.stfyc.com/racing before 6/12/23 to avoid late fee penalties.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee
Optimist	\$80	\$100

- 3.2. Late fees go into effect on 6/12/23.
- 3.3. All entry fees are non-refundable on or after 6/14/23.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled for all classes.
- 4.2. **Green Fleet only:** The schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, June 16	0800-1000	Check-In
	0845	Green Fleet Competitor's and Coach Boat Meeting
	1000	Green Fleet First Warning Signal
Saturday, June 17	1000	Green Fleet First Warning Signal
	1500	No Further Warning Signals
Sunday, June 18	1000	Green Fleet First Warning Signal
	1500	No Further Warning Signals

4.3. Championship Fleet only: The schedule is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday, June 16	0800-1000	Check-In
	1000	Championship Fleet Competitors' and Coach Boat Meeting
	1200	Championship Fleet First Warning Signal
Saturday, June 17	1200	Championship Fleet First Warning Signal
	1500	No Further Warning Signals
Sunday, June 18	1200	Championship Fleet First Warning Signal
	1500	No Further Warning Signals

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at or before the competitor's meeting at www.stfyc.com/racing.

6. RACING VENUE

- 6.1. The Green Fleet race area will be between Fort Mason and the San Francisco Marina.
- 6.2. The intended race area for the Championship Fleet is directly north of the St. Francis clubhouse, however, the race committee reserves the right to move the race area depending on wind conditions.

7. COURSES

The course may be a windward-leeward, any variation of a triangle, or other courses.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. One (1) race will constitute a series.
- 8.2. When five (5) or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.3. When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. Prizes will be given based on participation.
- 9.2. Prizes not claimed at the prize-giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

10. [NP] SAFETY

Prior to leaving shore, each competitor shall check out with the designated safety officer located at the launch ramp. Sailors must check back in when returning to shore.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. A support boat is defined as any vessel in which a support person resides while on the water and who has direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.
- 11.2. Support boats shall register their boat at check-in and shall conspicuously display a numbered flag issued by StFYC at all times while on the water. A \$20 USD deposit will be required for the numbered flag which will be refunded when the flag is returned at the end of the regatta.
- 11.3. All requests for dock space must go to the StFYC Dockmaster docks@stfyc.com or (415) 820-3727.
- 11.4. Support person vessels shall comply with local legislation and 'Event Support Team Regulations' that will be published on the event website. Also, see RRS 37.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, LIKENESS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

13.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

13.2. Additionally, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and race officials the right to use their personal contact information, including but not limited to a current email address and cell phone number, for the purpose of race administration and regatta communications.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair, Jeff Holder	jefftholder@gmail.com	
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE AT STFYC

- Overnight parking permits are required for trailers. Trailers permits must be purchased during the online entry process and can be picked up at the StFYC Race Office during check-in.
- Overnight parking for cars is not permitted by the City of San Francisco Parks & Recreation Department.
- All boats & trailers shall be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dockmaster or Race Office.