



2021 KO Sailing Optimist Team Trials

April 17-25, 2021

Race Days: April 22-25

MANDATORY Equipment Inspection for all Competitors (see NoR 8 and 9)

*Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club
Seabrook, TX USA*

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted: February 4, 2021

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 89.2b)

The event will be organized by Lakewood Yacht Club in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA"), collectively known as the organizing authority.

Competitors and *support persons* will be required to comply with all current local, state and federal guidelines related to COVID-19 while on the host club grounds or participating in racing. This includes, but is not limited to, any venue-specific requirements promulgated by the Notice of Race (NoR), Sailing Instructions (SI) or any amendments thereto. The organizing authority may terminate the event at any time if they observe significant disregard for any local, state or federal guidelines, or venue-specific requirements.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships](http://www.usoda.org) (revised January 22, 2021) at www.usoda.org applies.
- 1.3. The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: RRS 63.1 and RRS 63.2.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this championship:
 - a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. See RRS Introduction, Notation.
 - b) [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - c) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 12:00 on April 1, 2021 at www.usoda.org/regatta/mWPZQXIGKi.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online notice board is located at www.usoda.org/regatta/mWPZQXIGKi.



4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below.
- Competitors shall not reach their sixteenth (16th) birthday during the calendar year of the event, and
 - Shall be Team Trials Eligible (TTE), as defined in the [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Events and Championships](#).
- Note: Questions about team trials eligibility can be directed by email to usoda@usoda.org.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an 'Application' to enter online at www.usoda.org/regatta/mWPZQXIGKi by selecting 'Register Now' and providing all required competitor information, **beginning February 6 at 1800 EST**.
- 4.3 During the Preliminary Application Window (February 6, 1800 EST through February 15, 1200 EST), applications from sailors who were 2020 TTQ will be accepted as they are received. Decisions on the remaining applications received during the Preliminary Application Window will be made beginning February 15, 1200 EST in the following order (up the entry cap in NoR 4.7):
- Competitors who qualified for 2020 Team Trials
 - Competitors who reach their fifteenth (15th) birthday during the calendar year of the event.
 - Remaining 2019-20 ODP2 Program Sailors not included in (a) or (b)
 - Additional competitors as space permits. Factors taken into consideration in accepting additional sailors may include, but not be limited to:
 - Time stamp on application
 - Opposite gender requirements for international teams
 - Any remaining spots not filled using the process above will be allocated first come/first serve as online applications are received.
- 4.4 Competitors will have 48 hours following notification of approval of their application to pay all required fees (as described in NoR 5), and electronically signing the USODA Waiver of Liability. If entry fees are not paid within this timeframe, the entry may be removed.
- 4.5 Each competitor shall confirm their entry by checking the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not entered. **Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.6 Each competitor shall complete their entry during check-in at the venue per NoR 8. Entries are not complete until each competitor has submitted a signed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist, USODA Sailor Code of Conduct and USODA Measurement Form.
- 4.7 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply::
- Championship Fleet: 200 boats
- The organizing authority may increase the number of boats in its sole discretion.
- 4.8 Online applications will close Tuesday, April 1 at 12:00 PM EDT. Requests to enter after the online entry deadline are subject to approval by the organizing authority.



5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

- a) The entry fee is \$230 for applications received by March 18, 2021.
- b) A late fee of \$25 (\$255 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received March 19, 2021 through March 25, 2021.
- c) An additional late entry fee of \$25 (\$280 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received March 26, 2021 through 12:00 PM EDT April 1, 2021.
- d) Entry fees will be invoiced following acceptance of applications and shall be paid within 48 hours.
- e) Invoiced entry fees will reflect a \$5 credit for competitors that completed an indication of interest entry.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [DP] Competitor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

7 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1 The event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series. There will not be a Green Fleet.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Program and Schedule

Saturday, April 17

0900 Competitors welcome to arrive

Sunday, April 18

0900-1200 Equipment Inspection and Competitor Check-in
1300-1500 Full Sail Measurement by Appointment Only

Tuesday, April 20

0900-1200 Equipment Inspection and Competitor Check-in
1500-1700 Equipment Inspection and Competitor Check-in

Wednesday, April 21

0900-1700 Equipment Inspection and Competitor Check-in
Support (Coach/Spectator) Boat Registration/Check-in
1000-1100 USODA International Teams & USNT/ODP2 Presentation
1800 Regatta Dinner (if feasible)

Thursday, April 22

0830 Coaches' Meeting



0900	Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting
0930	Harbor Launch
1100	First Warning Signal
After Racing	Hot Snacks (if feasible)

Friday-Saturday, April 23-24

0900	Coaches' Meeting
0930	Harbor Launch
1100	First Warning Signal
After Racing	Hot Snacks (if feasible)

Sunday, April 25

0900	Coaches' Meeting
0930	Harbor Launch
1100	First Warning Signal
1500	No First Warning Signal for a "Set" of races after this time
After Racing	Awards ceremony & Hot Snacks (if feasible)

- 8.2 Twelve "Sets" of races are scheduled. Three (3) "Sets" of races are scheduled for each day of racing, however, up to four (4) "Sets" of races may be sailed in one day providing the championship never gets more than one "Set" of races ahead of schedule. A "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat shall submit a completed USODA Measurement Form during Check-in. This form shall inform the technical committee that all equipment is present and in compliance with class rules.
- 9.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 9.3 The following equipment will be inspected or measured; one hull, sail, mast, boom, sprit, daggerboard, and rudder. Any change of equipment due to damage shall be authorized by the race committee.
- 9.4 Equipment previously measured and stickered with a USODA measurement decal, and which remains unaltered since that measurement, may be self-certified as part of the measurement process, as long as the measurement decal is clear and conspicuous.
- 9.5 Equipment not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the event and shall be measured and approved during measurement.
- 9.6 All sails shall be dry and removed from the boom for inspection and stamped by the technical committee with the Team Trials signature regardless of previous event stamps or signatures.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The racing area will be on Galveston Bay with specific course location (which may change daily) posted on the Official Notice Board. The general boundaries of the race area will be East of Seabrook Channel Marker #2, West of the Houston Ship Channel, South of Red Bluff point, and North of Eagle Point.



11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be trapezoidal with details included in the sailing instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 **Pending approval from US Sailing** The right of appeal from a protest committee decision will be denied as provided in RRS rule 70.5(a). See <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/appeals/no-appeal-rule-70-5-procedures-2/>
- 12.2 The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the sailing instructions.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 One race is required to constitute a series.

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 Each competitor shall complete a USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist prior to or during Check-in. This checklist shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 14.2 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the event.
- 14.3 Rule 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 14.4 [DP] A whistle shall be carried attached to their personal flotation device. (CR 4.2)
- 14.5 [DP] Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the 8m (26ft 3in) painter. This is added to CR 4.3(b).

15 ADULT RESPONSIBILITY AND SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS

- 15.1 All coaches, parents, guardians and 'designated adults' are support persons (See RRS definition *Support Person*).
- 15.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 3 Decision to Race, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor 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.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Registration the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 15.5 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 event.
- 15.6 The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the event.
- 15.7 [DP] One coach vessel for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach vessels.)
- 15.8 All support vessels shall register during registration (see NoR 8.1) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority while on the water. A \$25 security deposit will be required which will be returned at the end of the event with the return of the flag.



- 15.9 Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.10 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.
- 15.11 [DP] There shall be no unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, corridor, coach/spectator boat zones, start line or finish line.

16 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in the assigned places while they are in the boat park.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 17.2 The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the host club, USODA, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet:

Overall:	1 st through 10 th
Red Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
Blue Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
White Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
Girls:	1 st through 3 rd

Silver Fleet

Overall: 1st through 5th

In the rare event the Qualifying Round is not completed or there are no races in the Final Round, prizes for the event will be based on a competitor's Qualifying Round score and will not be given for Silver Fleet]

Age Outs

Gary Sprague Cup (perpetual to Overall Winner)

Trevor Moore Memorial (Perpetual and Keeper to White Fleet Winner)

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority and may be based on criteria other than the event.

19 QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- 19.1 Qualification for summer international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted in the 'Teams' section of the USODA website at www.usoda.org/international-team



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 Principal Race Officer (PRO).

- 19.2 Invitations to the U.S. National Team and ODP2 Program will be in accordance with the criteria established by the USODA and posted in the 'Teams' section of the USODA website at www.usoda.org/national-team and www.usoda.org/odp2

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Beth Danilek, usoda@usoda.org

Regatta Chair: Marie Wise, lycsteamtrials@gmail.com, 714-419-5329

Principal Race Officer: Bill Stump, billstump2002@aol.com

Protest Committee Chair: Peter Gerard, US National Judge

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KO Sailing, 281-867-8200, kosailing@kosailing.com, <https://www.kosailing.com/charters/optimist-charters.html>

McLaughlin Boat Works, 423-875-0740, <http://optistuff.com>

Simmons Boatworks, 203-506-9333, rob@simmonsbw.com, <https://simmonsbw.com/>

Zim Sailing, charters@zimsailing.com, (401) 237-6117, www.zimsailing.com/charters

VENUE

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