



# Valentine's Day Regatta

St. Petersburg Yacht Club,  
11 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
February 7-8, 2009

## Notice of Race

The organizing authority is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in conjunction with the United States Optimist Dinghy Association.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The 2009-2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule 61.1 (2) will be changed to require boats to display a red flag if they intend to protest a boat concerning an incident in the racing area.
- 1.3 Racing rule 61 will be changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat of this intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.
- 1.4 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.5 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Optimist Dinghy class which conform to the IODA Class Rules.
- 3.2 All competitors must be current members of the US Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) or their respective national class association. Proof of membership is required at check in. USODA membership applications will be available at check-in.
- 3.3 The age of the competitor on February 7, 2009, will determine his/her Red, White or Blue fleet assignment.

### 4. REGATTA FORMAT

- 4.1 Only two racing fleets will be offered: A Gold fleet for more experienced sailors; and a Silver fleet for less experienced sailors. Competitors must choose their fleet no later than registration.
- 4.2 If there are more than 80 entries in the Gold fleet, the fleet may be divided in to four or six divisions.
- 4.3 There will be no Green fleet. A Green fleet sailor may register in his or her age division in the Silver fleet.

## 5. FEES AND ENTRY

**5.1** Entry fees include two days racing, trophies, two breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner and 7% Florida Sales Tax.

**5.2** For sailors who register on or before January 21, 2009, the entry fee is **US \$80**. For sailors registering between January 22 and January 28, the entry fee is **US \$110**. For sailors registering from January 29 to 5 o'clock PM on February 4, the registration fee is **US \$140**. All sailors must be registered no later than 5 o'clock PM February 4, 2009. **THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.**

**5.3** Eligible sailors must enter in advance by using the online registration on the St Petersburg Yacht Club website at [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org) or by sending the registration together with the required fee, to St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, attn: Valentine's Day Regatta. Mailed registrations must also be received by February 4, 2009.

## 6. SCHEDULE

<b>Friday, February 6</b>	1600 – 1900	Sailor check in, St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC)	
<b>Saturday, February 7</b>	0730 – 0830	Sailor check in and Breakfast (SPSC)	
	0830	Coaches' and Parents' meeting	
	0845	Skippers' meeting	
	1000	First warning of the day for Gold Fleet	
	1030	First warning of the day for Silver Fleet	
			Racing to follow
		Lunch on the water	
	1830	Dinner hosted by SPYC	
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	0700 - 0800	Sailors' Breakfast	
	0745	Coaches' and Parents' meeting (SPSC)	
	0900	First warning of the day for Gold Fleet	
	0930	First warning of the day for Silver Fleet	
			Racing to follow
			Lunch on the water
	1400	No warning signal after this time	
	After racing	Awards Ceremony at SPSC	

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at check-in.

## 8. VENUE

**8.1** Boats will be launched from the St. Petersburg Sailing Center on Demen's Landing.

**8.2** The racing area will be on Tampa Bay.

## 9. THE COURSES

**9.1** There will be a separate course for the Gold and Silver Fleets.

**9.2** Courses may be Optimist Trapezoids, Windward-Leeward or Olympic Triangles.

## 10. SCORING

**10.1** The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used, except that no score will be excluded unless five or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.

## 11. SAFETY

**11.1** In addition to IODA Class Rules 4.2 (a), (b), 4.3 (a) and (b), each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard Approved lifejacket from dock to dock except, temporarily, when adding or removing clothing.

**11.2** A whistle must be attached with a line to each competitor's body or clothing. Competitors not complying with this instruction may be given a penalty, without a hearing, of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction. This changes RRS A 4, and A 5.

**11.3** Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor, which means that they must make the decision whether or not their sailor(s) can handle the conditions at the beginning of the day. On the water the sailor will make this decision.

## **12. SUPPORT BOATS**

**12.1** All support boats, including coach boats, must be registered with the Organizing Authority.

**12.2** There may be only one support boat for each ten sailors from a sailing program. If there are more than ten sailors in a program, additional support boats must be approved by the Safety Committee at registration. It is the intention of this provision that each sailor shall have a support boat on the course.

**12.2** At all times while on the water, coach boats shall prominently display a coach flag. Other registered boats shall prominently display a yellow flag. The Organizing Authority will supply these flags at Registration.

**12.3** Only coach boats may enter the corridor from the starting line to the finishing line of the race course. All other support boats must stay outside the course area at all times.

## **13. MEASUREMENT**

**13.1** There will be no formal measurement. Random measurement and safety checks may be performed on the water following each race. Failure to display the proper equipment and comply with measurement will result in a protest.

**13.2** Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee approval.

## **14. LIABILITY**

**14.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

**14.2** Each competitor and his/her parent/guardian must sign/acknowledge online a legal liability waiver.

## **15. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet: Ten deep in each red, blue and white fleet, top ten overall, top three female sailors, Jane Funsch Perpetual Trophy for top finisher.

Silver Fleet: Ten deep in blue and white fleet, five deep in red fleet, top ten overall, top three female sailors.

## **16. INTERNATIONAL TEAM TRIAL QUALIFICATION**

This regatta is a 2009 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Team Trials Eligible (TTE) competitors will qualify. All qualifiers will be selected from the Gold Fleet. The 25% will be based on the total number of the TTE competitors in the Gold and Silver Fleets.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have any questions please call the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Coaches' office at (727) 896-8101 or e-mail: [coaches@spyc.org](mailto:coaches@spyc.org)

## **OPTI CHARTERS**

Sturgis Boat Works, [www.optimistusa.com/charters.asp](http://www.optimistusa.com/charters.asp) or e-mail: [mwake@optimistusa.com](mailto:mwake@optimistusa.com), or contact Matt Wake, Telephone 508-778-9187

**McLaughlin Boat Works**, e-mail: [spencer@optistuff.com](mailto:spencer@optistuff.com) or contact Spencer Wiberley, Telephone 423-432-6512

Tackleshack Watersports, Andy Levine, 1 800 537 6099

### **LODGING**

Please check the St. Petersburg Yacht Club web site,

[http://memfirstweb.net/club/scripts/library/view\\_document.asp?S=NAV&DID=11679&GRP=8&NS=PUBLIC](http://memfirstweb.net/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?S=NAV&DID=11679&GRP=8&NS=PUBLIC)

for hotel and motel accommodations within walking distance of the Club and Sailing Center.

### **POWERBOAT RENTALS**

Tierra Verde Boat Rentals, [www.tvboatrentals.com](http://www.tvboatrentals.com), Tel. 727-867-0077 Reduced rates if you mention it is for the Valentine's Day Regatta.