



*2013 USODA Valentine's Day Regatta
February 2-3, 2013*

*St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701*

NOTICE OF RACE

November 15, 2012

The regatta will be organized by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2013-2016) and "Conditions for USODA Events" which can be found at www.usoda.org/.
- 1.2 Racing rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - A. 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.
 - B. Rule 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform a race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
 - C. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, "Second Penalty" will be changed to, "Second and Subsequent Penalties". There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, "unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the race committee finish boat that she is retiring." P2.3 will be deleted.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.2.1 and Table 1 to Event Advertising only.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Competitors may enter by completing the on-line registration, waiver, and medical forms, and paying all entry fees by January 30th, 2013. All entries must be made online.
- 3.2 All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA, or the IODA. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership.
- 3.3 Competitors shall have been born on or after January 1st 1998.



3.4 The age of a competitor on the first day of the regatta will determine their Red, White, and Blue fleet assignments.

4 Fees

4.1 All Entry Fees shall be paid at time of online registration at www.usoda.org.

4.2 The Entry Fee is \$90 if paid by January 12, 2013.

4.3 The Entry Fee is \$115 if paid after January 12th and before January 23rd.

4.4 The Entry Fee is \$140 if paid after January 23rd and before 8:00 PM on January 30th.

4.5 There will be no on-site registration.

4.6 The competitor shall confirm that he/she is registered by checking the registration list on the regatta web site. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of his or her registration.

5 Format of the Regatta

5.1 There will be two fleets: the Gold Fleet for more experienced sailors and a Silver Fleet for less experienced sailors.

5.2 The Gold Fleet will be divided into divisions depending on the number of entries.

5.3 A Gold Fleet race will not be scored unless all divisions in the fleet complete that race.

5.4 Division assignments are for the entire regatta and will be determined by the race committee. Assignment will be made using a combination of seeding those boats that sailed at the most recent National Championship and then a random assignment of remaining boats. If there are four divisions, the seeding will use a 1-2-3-4-4-3-2-1 system; if there are six divisions, the seeding will use 1-2-3-4-5-6-6-5-4-3-2-1.

6 Schedule

Friday, February 1

1600-1900 Check in at St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC)

Saturday, February 2

0730-0830 Sailor Check in & Light Breakfast (SPSC)

0845 Skippers Meeting (Mandatory) (SPSC)

0900 Harbor Start for Gold Fleet

0930 Harbor Start for Silver Fleet

1000 First Warning of the day for Gold Fleet

1030 First warning of the day for Silver Fleet

Lunch on the water

1830 Dinner hosted by SPYC

Sunday, February 3

0700-0800 Sailor Breakfast (SPSC)

0800 Harbor Start for Gold Fleet

0830 Harbor Start for Silver Fleet

0900 First Warning of the day for Gold Fleet

0930 First warning of the day for Silver Fleet



1400
After Racing

Lunch on the water
No first Warning Signal after this time
Awards ceremony at SPSC

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. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.
- 7.2 Each competitor will be required to sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured. IODA Class legal equipment that has not been measured and stamped may be used subject to individual or random inspection by the Organizing Authority or Race Committee.
- 7.3 Each boat shall pass a safety check prior to launching on the first day and may be randomly checked throughout the event.

8 Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 Preliminary sailing instructions may be available online. Official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

9 Venue

- 9.1 Boats will be launched from the St. Petersburg Sailing Center on Demens Landing.
- 9.2 The racing area will be on Tampa Bay.

10 The Course

- 10.1 There will be separate race areas and courses for the Gold and Silver Fleets.
- 10.2 The course to be sailed will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 One completed Set of races shall constitute the regatta.
- 11.3 When fewer than six (6) Sets of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to ten (10) Sets of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 Personal Buoyancy, Whistle, and Bow Line

- 12.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and it's US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 12.2 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 12.3 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.



13 Safety and Adult Responsibility

- 13.1 An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the responsibility solely 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.
- 13.2 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 representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 13.3 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.

14 Coaches and Support Boats

- 14.1 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 to register two support boats.)
- 14.2 All coach boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the Race Committee that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 14.3 The conduct of coaches and parents serving on race committee, registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

15 Prizes

Prizes for the **Gold Fleet** will be given as follows:

- Overall: 1st through 10th
- Red Fleet: 1st through 10th
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 10th
- White Fleet: 1st through 10th
- Female Sailors: 1st through 5th

Prizes for the **Silver Fleet** will be given as follows:

- Overall: 1st through 10th
- Red Fleet: 1st through 5th
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 10th
- White Fleet: 1st through 10th
- Female Sailors: 1st through 5th
- Steve Pardee Trophy

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 regatta.

16 Qualification for Future Events

- 16.1 This regatta is a 2013 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of team trials eligible competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total



number of boats registered in both the Gold and Silver Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2013 USODA Team Trials.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 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. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

18 Further Information

For additional information please contact the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Coaches' office at (727)896-8101 or email VdayRegatta@gmail.com

OPTI CHARTERS

Sturgis Boat Works, www.optimistusa.com/charters.asp or email: mwake@optimistusa.com, or contact Matt Wake, Telephone 508-778-9187

McLaughlin Boat Works, email: 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, www.spyc.org for hotel and motel accommodations within walking distance of the Club and Sailing Center.

POWERBOAT RENTALS

Tierra Verde Boat Rentals, www.tvboatrentals.com, Telephone 727-867-0077. Reduced rates if you mention it is for the Valentine's Day Regatta