



## Notice of Race

**Eleventh Annual Optimist Red White and Blue Chip Regatta**

**LaBelle Yacht Club, Oconomowoc, WI**

**Sunday, August 12- Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

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**Launching and Check-in:** Sunday 5 – 7 p.m. and Monday 7:30 – 9 a.m.

**“Fun” Race (just like the first year) – “Kick-off” Mixer:** Sunday 6:30 p.m.

**Competitors’ and Parents’ Briefings:** 9 a.m. Monday

See separate Schedule of Events for more details on [LabelleYachtClub.org](http://LabelleYachtClub.org)

**Fleets:** White Fleet (10 years and under)  
Blue Fleet (11 – 12 years) Ages as of August 12, This year.  
Red Fleet (13 – 15 years)

**Eligibility:** Competitors must be invited to participate based on regatta finishes at designated qualifying regattas or by receiving a Club Invitation (each ILYA area club with active Opti sailors may award on the criteria they determine).

**Fees and Registration:** \$110 per sailor. Must be received by August 6, 2012. Includes: two lunches and snacks for sailor, sailor souvenir, regatta award, Sunday Mixer, Youth Party for sailor (supper), Adult Party for all adults accompanying sailor (supper), more! Online registration and payment is available @ [LabelleYachtClub.org](http://LabelleYachtClub.org) Forms for printout are also available. Note: While registering, please be sure to register and pay for the Monday night youth party for any siblings or guests who are attending the regatta with you. Lunches beyond those for the skipper may also be ordered as part of registration.

**Judges and Instructors:** Experienced Judges, Race Committee and Jury members will be used. Sailing school instructors are not required to attend this regatta but are welcomed. Those attending will be provided with special instructor services, i.e. complimentary lunches, hosted lodging, if requested, and other.

**Courses:** There will be one course for all fleets. Courses will be Windward-Leewards. Courses will be discussed at the Competitors’ Briefings.

**Awards:** All participants will receive a regatta award for their Overall finish; top ten receive trophies. In addition, the Traveling RWB Chip trophy will be given to First Place Overall, as are Top Three trophies for each fleet (White, Blue, Red) and Race Winner prizes for each completed race. Many other prizes may also be awarded.

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**Rules:**

1. Life jackets with a whistle must be worn at all times while on the water and on LHO/LYC piers or boats.
2. No swimming off boats while racing is in progress or between races.
3. All US SAILING rules will be used including the use of protests or alternate penalties. Full Sailing Instructions will be published and available for all sailors at check-in and on the LabelleYachtClub.org website.
4. The boat sailed must be the same boat used by the sailor to receive the regatta invitation.
5. Sail number must be clearly placed on the sail. Other boat parts, i.e. rudder, center board, should also be marked.
6. The hull shall be fitted with three buoyancy units in the form of foam blocks or inflated air bags.
7. All boats must have a functional bailer.
8. Boats will not be weighed and measured or otherwise checked on a regular basis, although regatta committee members may use their discretion to do so. Sailors are expected to have class legal boats.
9. Regulations will be announced for parents and other spectators at the Parents' Briefing. These will include but are not limited to maintaining a distance of at least 100 feet from the nearest sailboat and prohibition of all coaching, verbal or otherwise. Penalties will be enforced.
10. Each sailor is required to have a parent or other designated adult in attendance who will indicate in writing that he/she is responsible for the sailor's well-being at the regatta.

**Overnight Storage:** Boats and equipment may be kept at LHO. Storage area is grassy and secluded. LYC accepts no responsibility for equipment.

**Lodging:** Contact Olympia Resort (262-567-0311) OR Hilton Garden Inns (262- 200-2222) for full service hotels near the freeway and about 10 minutes from regatta site OR the more basic Lake Country Inn (262-569-9600) about 2 minutes from the regatta site.

**Spectator Boats:** LYC will provide *plenty* of spectator boats. Regatta guests are encouraged to use LYC boats. Public launch is available at the Oconomowoc City Launch, approximately one mile away from the regatta site. Cost/day is approximately \$10 to \$20, dependent upon boat size. Very limited pier space will be available at LHO, although boats may be anchored out (water is quite shallow).

**Lake Bed:** Water depth is extremely shallow considerably far out from LHO. The bed is primarily sandy with small rocks. Sailors are cautioned to raise boards and be alert.

**Zebra Mussels:** Unfortunately, LaBelle has them. Consequently we will not be washing boats off at launching. Boats may be washed off at the end of the regatta

**Directions:** Oconomowoc is about 50 miles east of Madison and 35 miles west of Milwaukee. Take I-94 (the interstate that connects Illinois and Minnesota with Wisconsin) to exit #282, highway 67. Take Highway 67 about 3 miles, passing Olympia Resort and Whitman Plaza where hwy. 67 becomes Summit Avenue (do **not** branch off right onto the new 67 north) – keep going on Summit Ave. about 1 mile more to the stop sign at Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street and go one block to light at Wisconsin Avenue . Turn left onto Wisconsin and proceed about 2 miles to Lutheran Homes Grounds. Watch for regatta site signage.