



RED WHITE & BLUE CHIP REGATTA
Tenth Annual Optimist Invitational
August 12 - 14, 2012
Host: La Belle Yacht Club
Site: Lutheran Homes of Oconomowoc
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 RULES** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the International Optimist class.
- 2 ENTRIES** Invited competitors may enter by registering online @ www.labelleyachtclub.org or delivering a completed entry form and waiver and paying \$110.00 to LYC. Boats must be the same as sailed when the invitation was extended unless otherwise approved; all equipment must meet standards outlined in the Notice of Race (General Summary).
- 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Headquarters. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after AP is lowered.
- 5 SCHEDULE** A competitors' meeting will be held at Headquarters 9:00 a.m. on Monday. The warning signal for the first race will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday. Subsequent race times will be announced. Six races are scheduled with one throw out if five or more races completed. No race will start after 2:00 p.m. Tuesday.
- 6 CLASS FLAG** The class flag will be white with the Optimist fleet logo.
- 7 RACING AREA** The racing area will be Lac La Belle north of Headquarters.

8 COURSES and MARKS There will be one course for all fleets. Courses will be Windward-Leewards. The R C will display the course on the starboard line boat and announce. All marks will be Orange balls. On Windward Leeward courses there may be a gate and boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the windward mark and round either mark.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

9.2 RRS 30.1 (the I FLAG RULE) will be in effect for all starts.

9.3 The starting line will be:

9.3.1 between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end of the line, and a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end or the course side of the nearby mark.

9.3.2 or from a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end to an orange mark at the port end of the starting line.

9.3.3 or from a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end to a staff displaying an orange flag(s) on a RC boat in the approximate center of the starting line, and thence to a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end.

9.4 At the starting line, the race committee may attach an orange buoy to the starboard-end RC boat, at or near its stern. If so, the starboard-end starting mark will be the combination of the RC boat and the buoy. A boat that touches the RC boat or the buoy, or passes between them, breaks RRS 31.1 (Touching a Mark).

9.5 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

9.6 If a midline boat is in place in accordance with SI 9.3.3 a boat may return to the pre-start side of the line around the midline boat, leaving it to port, before starting. This changes RRS 30.1.

9.7 If RRS 30.2 is used, flag Z will be displayed alone as the Preparatory Signal (flag I is to be assumed.) This changes Race Signals.

9.8 If a General Recall is signaled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal under the Z or Black Flag, all competitors who received a 20% scoring penalty under the RRS 30.2 or were disqualified under the RRS 30.3 in the recalled or abandoned race are again eligible to race without penalty. This changes RRS 30.2 and 30.3.

10. RECALLS

10.1 Boats that are OCS under an individual recall will be notified first by hailer, and lastly by notice board or hailer at the weather mark.

10.2 Following the display of Code Flag "X", the Race Committee will attempt to announce the sail number of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. Such announcement is a courtesy and failure of the race committee to

make the announcement, or of boats to hear or understand it, or the order of the hails, shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or the RC will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

15.2 The RC may adjust gate marks without further signaling to maintain the appropriate course configuration.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be displayed between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of the nearby mark, or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat on one side of the finishing line, and a staff with an orange flag on another RC boat on the other side of the finishing line.

12.2 A second repeater displayed by the RC in the finishing area indicates that another race will be started as soon as possible.

13. PENALTIES

13.1 Penalties for breaking RRS 42: Appendix P will apply.

13.2 Penalty for breaking rules of Part 2 (RRS44): The Two-Turns Penalty, RRS 44.2, shall apply.

14. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat (s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

14.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at Regatta Headquarters and delivered there within the protest time, which will end one hour after the signal boat docks.

14.3 Notices of protests and requests for redress will be posted within 20 minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location at Regatta Headquarters.

14.4 Notice of a request for redress including the nature of the request and the grounds on which it is filed shall be considered to fulfill the requirements of the prescription to RRS 63.2

14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

(c) This changes RRS 66.

15 TIME LIMIT The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to

finish. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored the mathematic mean of the places not yet finished. This changes RRS 35.

16 PROTESTS Protests shall be delivered to The Chief Judge within 45 minutes after the race committee's finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the Headquarters.

17 SPECTATOR RULES Spectators must remain at least 150 feet clear of all competitors while racing is in progress, including the period following a general recall. No coaching, signaling or contact may be made with a racing boat from the beginning of the start sequence to the time the boat passes the finish line. Penalties to sailors may apply for spectator boat infringements.

18 SCORING The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. All scores will count unless 6 or more races are completed in which case the Chief Judge may determine a throw out race. One race constitutes a regatta.

19 AWARDS Awards will be given to each competitor including the traveling RWB Chip Champion's trophy for first place Overall. First - third place fleet trophies and race prizes for all completed races will also be given. Fleet awards will be based on age fleets based on age as of 8/12/12 (per ILYA protocol) as follows:

White fleet	Ages 10 and Under
Blue fleet	Ages 11 and 12
Red fleet	Ages 9 - 15