

# How to Find and Purchase an Opti?

Optis are easy to find in our area as our island is a “hotspot” for junior sailing and Opti sailing. There are hundreds of Optis sailed each summer within the 6 yacht club sailing programs on the island. Many of these boats are purchased and sold each year. Purchasing/selling an Opti is a bit unique as these boats retain their value due to their long life span (often 20 years) and high demand in our area. Many families are able to sell their boat for the same they purchased it for! Below are a few ways to quickly find an Opti...

**Word of Mouth** – Talk to your sailing instructor to see if they know of any boats available at your yacht club. This is potentially the easiest way to find a boat.

**Yacht Club Bulletin Boards** - Each yacht club on LBI has a bulletin board on their Junior Sailing Center and/or main clubhouse that often have “For Sale” postings. It is worth the time to stop at the clubs on your way down the island to check the bulletin boards. Please see below for the addresses of our local clubs.

**USODA Website** ([usoda.org](http://usoda.org)) - This is the website of the United States Optimist Association. Click on “Gear Exchange” to find local Optis for sale. Each posting lists what state the boat is located in. Most of the NJ postings will be in our area or even on Long Beach Island.

**Local Vendors** - The vendors below sell primarily new boats but often have used boats and/or “charter boats” for sale. “Charter boats” are boats that are brand new but were chartered for recent regatta. These boats are like new and heavily discounted. They are often very well rigged and are a great value. Local vendors...

Colie Sailmakers - 1649 Bay Ave., Point Pleasant, NJ 08742, (800)-481-4349

M & M Sailing - 52 Stacey Haines Rd., Medford, NJ 08055, (609)-518-0100

**Craigslist** - Browse for boats in “South Jersey” or “Central Jersey” area. Pictures should be available for viewing.

## What should and Opti Cost?

Brand New Opti w/ racing accessories @ \$3500

“Charter Boat” (same as new but used for one regatta) w/ racing accessories - @ \$2700

5-10 year old boat in great condition w/ racing accessories - @ 2200

“Club Boat” new (for novice or beginners) - @ \$2000

“Club Boat” used (for novice or beginners) - @ \$1500

Older Club Boat in good or fair condition - @ \$700-1,000

## What should it come with?

Most Optis come with a dolly and a top cover. If they don’t have this you will want to purchase one down the line for sure. Each of these items is a couple hundred dollar. Other “racing” accessories that good to get are a “racing sail” and “racing spars”.

