



# 2010 USODA Great Plains Championship

## June 19-20, 2010

Check in Date: June 18, 2010

Hosted by: Ninnescah Sailing Association; Wichita, KS

## NOTICE OF RACE

Last Updated: March 8, 2010

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 89.2.)

The regatta will be organized by Ninnescah Sailing Association in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA").

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and "Conditions for USODA Events" which can be found at [www.usoda.org/](http://www.usoda.org/).
- 1.2. The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules.
- 1.3. 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 RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."
  - b RRS 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.
  - c RRS 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform race committee Finish Boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
  - d Appendix P P2.1 will be replaced with: "When a boat is first penalized under instruction P1 her penalty will be: (a) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing: a two-turns penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing. (b) if her penalty is signaled after she finishes: ten (10) points added to her score for that race."

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees.
- 2.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta.
- 2.3. Competitors will have been born on or after January 1, 1995.
- 2.4. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA or CODA. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership.

### 3. Registration; Entry Fees

- 3.1. The Registration fee is \$80. Registration shall be done online only. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration, medical and waiver forms together with all fees

paid, by June 12, 2010. Additional late entry fees of US \$30 shall be paid for late registrations completed June 13, 2010 through 8 PM June 18, 2010.

- 3.2. US residents who are not active members of the USODA must first join or renew their membership in the Class Association to use the mandatory online registration system. To join or renew select the “Membership” link from the left side of the homepage at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org)
- 3.3. Non-US residents are most welcome to participate and shall contact the USODA Executive Director at [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org) to obtain access to the online registration system.
- 3.4. Registration shall be done online only using the USODA registration system found on the Members Only Homepage accessed from [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org)
- 3.5. The competitor shall confirm that the competitor 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.
- 3.6. Registration will be closed 8 PM June 18, 2010.

#### **4. Format of the Regatta**

- 4.1. There will be a Championship fleet. There will be a Green fleet.
- 4.2. Depending on the number of boats, the Championship fleet may be divided into Divisions. Details of Division assignments and format will be published in the Sailing Instructions if in effect.
- 4.3. The Championship and Green fleets will race June 19-20, 2010.

#### **5. Schedule**

##### ***Friday, June 18, 2010***

0830-1800                      Check-in

##### ***Saturday, June 19, 2010***

0800-0930                      Check-in and breakfast  
0930                              Skippers , Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
1000                              Green Fleet Skippers Meeting (Mandatory) –  
*remainder of Green Fleet Schedule will be announced*  
1100                              First Warning Championship Fleet  
After Racing                      Fun, Games & Dinner

##### ***Sunday, June 20, 2010***

0800                              breakfast  
00900                              Skippers , Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
1000                              First Warning Championship Fleet  
1300                              No first Warning Signal for the start of a new “set” after this time  
After Racing                      Awards ceremony

#### **6. Equipment**

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Each boat shall pass a safety check prior to launching.

- 6.3. Equipment and sails not previously measured and approved by the USODA shall meet class measurement requirements prior to being available for use in the regatta.
- 6.4. The Race and or Protest Committee may measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

## **7. Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be available onsite at Check-in.

## **8. Venue**

The racing area will be on Lake Cheney.

## **9. The Courses**

The course will be an Opti Trap with reach finish as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. Penalty System**

The penalties for upheld breaches of the certain sailing instructions shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty for the first infraction of any of them, and for subsequent infractions may be greater up to and including a DSQ at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

## **11. Scoring**

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. The number of sets of races to be sailed will depend on the number of Divisions and the weather conditions.
- 11.3. A Set is completed when all Divisions have completed a scored race.
- 11.4. One completed Set will constitute a Series.
- 11.5. When fewer than six (6) Sets 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 have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more Sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, a boat's scores from races in an incomplete Set(s) will not be counted. This changes rule A2.

## **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. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee
- 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 the 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. 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.)
- 5.1 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.
- 14.2. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

#### **15. Prizes**

Prizes will be given as follows: Championship Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Place Overall, Red, White, & Blue Fleets; 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Top Girl Sailor. Green Fleet: Participation Awards for all sailors. 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. Disclaimer of Liability**

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.

#### **19. Further Information**

For additional information regarding registration please contact: Rob Rowlands, USODA Executive Director, [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org)

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