



2017 USODA Atlantic Coast Championship

September 23-24

Hosted by Camp Sea Gull and Camp Seafarer

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be organized by Camp Sea Gull and Camp Seafarer 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 (2017-2020)*.
- 1.2. “USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships”, including the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’, will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and Guardians shall abide by the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, Camp Sea Gull and Camp Seafarer, and the City of Arapahoe.
- 1.3. Rule 61 is changed as follows:
 - a. The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor’s lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before it is needed and after the protested boat has acknowledged her foul.
 - b. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - c. The following new rule is added to rule 61:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the RC finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.

- 1.4. 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 RC finish boat that she is retiring”. P2.3 is deleted.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta September 23, 2017.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2002. The OA may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join the USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at usoda@usoda.org.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration at www.usoda.org.
 - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$110 if paid by September 5.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$135 total) shall be paid for registrations completed September 6 through September 12.
 - c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$160 total) shall be paid for registrations completed September 13 through 1200 hours EDT, September 19.
- 4.2. Registration must be done on-line at www.usoda.org in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Event registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of her completed registration. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed **September 19, 2017** at 1200 hours EDT.
- 4.4. Registration requests after registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1. The Championship fleet will be divided into divisions depending on the number of entries. There will be a Green fleet.
- 5.2. The Championship fleet will race in "Sets" of races. A "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions compete.
- 5.3. Division assignments are for the entire regatta and will be determined by the RC and OA. Assignment will be made using a combination of seeding those boats that sailed at the most recent Team Trials 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

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at check-in. The USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist is required to complete check-in.



6.2. Continental breakfasts and each scheduled race day.

lunches will be provided to competitors on

6.3. Program and Schedule

Thursday, September 21

By Appt Early arrivals, housing available at Camp

Friday, September 22

1000-1500 Check-In for housing at Camp @ Main Office
 1400 Practice Race
 1500-1800 Check-In for Competitors, Coach/Support Flags, Housing at Camp @ Sail Loft
 1200-1400 Lunch Buffet (for purchase)
 1800-1930 Dinner (for purchase)
 2000 Campfire Social @ Sunfish Beach

Saturday, September 23

0730-0900 Late Check-In; Breakfast
 0845 Coaches Meeting in the Ward Room @ Mess Hall
 0900 Competitors, Coaches and Parents Meeting @ Mess Hall
 0930 Harbor Start
 1030 First Warning
 Lunch on the water
 After Racing Competitor Dinner

Sunday, September 24

0700-0800 Breakfast
 0800 Coaches Meeting in the Ward Room @ Mess Hall
 0830 Harbor Start
 0930 First Warning
 Lunch on the water
 1400 No first warning signal for a new “Set” of races after this time
 After Racing Awards Ceremony & Cookout

The Green Fleet sailors schedule will be the same through the Competitors meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.

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. Any request to consider approving equipment substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) before the end of protest time limit the day prior to the day for which substitution is to be made. If changes are required during a day’s racing, approval may be made verbally and the written request submitted before the day’s protest time limit.
- 7.2. Each competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site check-in. These forms shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order.

- 7.3. The race and or protest committee may inspect or measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions (SI's) may be available online, and final official SI's will be available onsite at check-in.

9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area for the Championship Fleet will be towards the middle of the four-mile wide Neuse River where Camp Sea Gull is situated, to provide for optimum wind and racing conditions. The racing area for the Green Fleet will be located close to Camp Sea Gull's 1,000-foot pier, allowing for a more contained racing area that is closer to the launching site.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept at Camp Sea Gull in the assigned area.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the SI's.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. The number of boats entered in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor check-in at the regatta venue as referenced in NOR 6.1. This modifies rule A4.2 and applies to fleet divisions.
- 11.3. One completed "Set" of races shall constitute the regatta.
- 11.4. A boat's score from races in incomplete "Sets" shall not be counted. This changes A2.
- 11.5. Scoring based on "Sets" of races completed:
- When fewer than five (5) "Sets" of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - When (5) or more "Sets" of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.6. Rule 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the combined number of boats registered in the two largest divisions.

12. LIFEJACKET, WHISTLE, AND BOW LINE

- 12.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its U.S. Sailing prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international sailors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All lifejackets must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 40 and the Part 4 Preamble.
- 12.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket 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 their 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 seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach boats.) Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by September 21, 2017 and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.
- 14.2. All coach and support (parent or spectator) boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the OA during check-in that must be displayed from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$20 deposit is required. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 14.3. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the SI's.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Overall: 1st through 10th
- Red Fleet: 1st through 10th
- Blue Fleet: 1st through 10th
- White Fleet: 1st through 10th
- Top girl: 1st through 3rd

Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and OA, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

16. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2018 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Team Trials eligible Championship Fleet competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total



number of boats registered

in both the Championship and Green Fleets, may

receive invitations to compete in the 2018 USODA Team Trials.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org.

Regatta Chair: Mary Laurence McMillan, 252-671-1641, ML.McMillan@seagull-seafarer.org

For logistics, lodging, travel and venue questions, contact Mary Laurence McMillan, Program Director, 252-671-1641, ML.McMillan@seagull-seafarer.org

Camp Sea Gull: www.seagull-seafarer.org

Mailing Address

2744 Seafarer Road
Arapahoe, NC 28510
252-249-1212

Physical Address (for directions)

11995 Hwy 3065
Arapahoe, NC 28510

Accommodations: The most cost-effective accommodation option will be available on-site at Camp Sea Gull by filling out a **Site Registration Form**. The Site Registration Form will be available in late March. Camp Sea Gull is capable of comfortably housing and feeding up to 1,000 people. Housing occurs in open air wooden cabins with a full bathroom, and plenty of green space for enjoying a riverfront view. Parking is available and three meals will be provided on-site, if you choose that option. Consider waking up in the morning with your Opti and breakfast located 100 feet away! If you would like to take a virtual tour of the cabins and the camp in general, click on this link: [Virtual Tour of Camp](#).

The Camp Sea Gull and Camp Seafarer website also provides information about local area accommodations, with the closest hotel being about a 20 minute drive away: [Camp Area Lodging](#).

Airport Transportation: Coastal Carolina Regional Airport (EWN) in New Bern, NC is about 30 minutes from Camp Sea Gull. Camp Sea Gull can plan to have shuttles available from the airport upon REQUEST. www.seagull-seafarer.org/parents

Coach and Support Boat Charters: Information available at www.seagull-seafarer.org. Camp Sea Gull has a large fleet of powerboats available for charter that will be easy access, much like staying onsite.

Activities on Site: www.seagull-seafarer.org/campers/activities

Opti Charters: Information available at www.seagull-seafarer.org



OA- Organizing Authority
RC- Race Committee
SI- Sailing Instructions