

# USODA 2002 Atlantic Coast Championship Bellport Bay Yacht Club

*July 15 to 18, 2002*

## Notice of Race

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 2001-2004 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the rules of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA), and this Notice Of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. This event is designated Category A under the ISAF Advertising Code.
- 1.3. The organizing authority is the Bellport Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation, Inc. The event hosts are the Bellport Bay Yacht Club and Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation, Inc. The event will be held at the Bellport Bay Yacht Club, Bellport, New York 11713.

### **2. Changes to the Racing Rules**

- 2.1. RRS 60 and 61 are changed to provide for on the water jury observers who may take action against infringements of RRS 42.
- 2.2. Part 5, Section B of the RRS is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of part 2 rules.
- 2.3. Boats are not exempted from displaying a red flag according to the second sentence of RRS 61.1(a). This changes RRS 61.1(a), third sentence. A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing, and shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. This amends RRS61.1(a), fourth sentence.

### **3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 Competitors are required to be current members of the USODA or be members of the ODA of their respective countries.
- 3.2 Competitors must have been born on or after January 1, 1987.
- 3.3 This regatta is open for White, Blue, Red, and Green fleets.
- 3.4. Competitors may register in advance. Registrations postmarked after July 3<sup>rd</sup> will incur a late fee of \$25.00.

### **4. Designated Adult**

- 4.1. Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. Competitors without a designated adult may not be scored for races on days for which that adult is absent.

## **5. Schedule of Events**

5.1. Competitors, their boats, and support craft and personnel are welcome to arrive at the Bellport dock, *no earlier than 0800., Monday, July 15.*

5.2. On-site check in will be held as follows:

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<i>Monday, July 15</i>	<i>0900</i>	<i>1800</i>

5.3. Safety Inspection will be held as follows:

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<i>Monday, July 15</i>	<i>0900</i>	<i>1900</i>

The Race Committee will spot check the safety equipment during the event. Items covered will include: PFD and whistle, painter, bailer, air bags, mast tie-in, and boom bridle.

5.4. A Coach and Safety boat meeting will be held 0830, Tuesday, July 16th under the tent.

5.5. A Competitor's Meeting will be held at 0900, Tuesday, July 16 under the tent

5.6. Races:

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>Harbor Start</b>	<b>1st Warning Signal</b>
<b>Practice Race</b>		
<i>Monday, July 15</i>	<i>1300</i>	<i>1400</i>
<b>Championship Races</b>		
<i>Tuesday, July 16</i>	<i>0930</i>	<i>1030</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 17</i>	<i>0830</i>	<i>0930</i>
<i>Thursday, July 18</i>	<i>0830</i>	<i>0930</i>

5.7. Green Fleet harbor start and first warning signals will follow those of the championship races by one half hour.

5.8. If more than 120 boats are entered, the fleet may be divided into four or more approximately equally sized Divisions. A race will be defined as one complete series of starts of all Divisions. If less than 120 boats are entered, the fleet will sail as one group.

5.9 A maximum of fifteen races will be sailed and there will be no warning signal after 1600 on Thursday, July 18.

## **6. Registration**

6.1. Entries must be postmarked by July 3, 2002 or they will be subject to a late fee.

6.2. Registration ends at 1800, Monday, July 15.

6.3. Registration is accomplished by following the instructions given on the Championship's web-page: [http://bellportyc.org/ACC\\_index.htm](http://bellportyc.org/ACC_index.htm) or by requesting the forms from: ACC Registrar, PO Box 609, Bellport, NY 11713.

## **7. Fees**

7.1. Required Fees (checks should be made payable to Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation, Inc.)

Competitor Entry Fee	\$ 125.00 (U.S.)
Late Fee (after July 3 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 25.00 (U.S.)

7.2. The entry fee includes lunch for the competitor on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, dinner for the competitor on Wednesday, and tee-shirt distributed at the on-site check-in.

## **8. Measurement**

- 8.1. Competitors shall comply with the on-site safety checks including those performed during the Safety Inspection as indicated in the Schedule of Events.
- 8.2. Competitors shall comply with requests for on the water measurement and safety checks. Boats found with non-complying equipment may be protested by the race committee.

## **9. Sailing Instructions**

- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available at the time of on-site check in.

## **10. Racing Area**

The racing area will be Bellport Bay.

## **11. Courses**

The courses will be Optimist Trapezoid. The Green fleet will be on a separate course from the Championship fleet (Red, Blue and White fleets). Courses for the Green fleet will be announced orally and in separate sailing instructions.

## **12. Scoring**

- 12.1. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.2. There will be one discard for every 5 races completed. This amends RRS A2.
- 12.3. The Low Point Scoring system will be used.

## **13. Support Boats**

- 13.1. One support boat for each ten (10) sailors from a sailing program may be registered. All registered boats shall prominently fly a numbered flag from a staff, supplied by the Race Committee, at all times while on the water. Even registered boats remain on the outside parameter of the course unless performing a rescue according to the Sailing Instructions. All other boats must stay outside of the course area at all times.

## **14. Prizes**

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top ten finishers in the White, Blue, Red and Green Fleets; the top ten overall; the first female competitors in the White, Blue, Red and Green Fleets.
- 14.2. Qualification for USODA 2003 Team Trials are based on the top 25% of all registered and eligible sailors.

## **15. Further Information**

- 15.1. The regatta web-site is at: [http://bellportyc.org/ACC\\_index.htm](http://bellportyc.org/ACC_index.htm).
- 15.2. For other regatta information not on the web-site, please contact: "Hank" Maust, Event Chairman, [maust@bellportyc.org](mailto:maust@bellportyc.org) or (631) 286-9181.