



Notice of Race

Seventeenth Annual Optimist Red White and Blue Chip Regatta

LaBelle Yacht Club, Oconomowoc, WI

Sunday, August 13 thru Tuesday, August 15, 2017

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Launching and Check-in: Sunday 4 – 7 p.m. and Monday 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Fun Race: Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony: 8:30 am Monday

Competitors' and Parents' Briefings: 9 a.m. Monday

See separate Schedule of Events for more details on LabelleYachtClub.org

Fleets: White Fleet (10 years and under)
Blue Fleet (11 – 12 years) *Ages as of August 13, 2017.*
Red Fleet (13 – 16 years)

Eligibility: Competitors must be invited to participate based on regatta finishes at designated qualifying regattas or by receiving a Club Invitation (each ILYA area club with active Opti sailors may award on the criteria they determine).

Fees and Registration: \$120 per sailor. **Must be received by August 7, 2017** for name to be included on t-shirt. Includes: two lunches and snacks for sailor, sailor souvenir, regatta award, Sunday Snacks, Youth Party for sailor (supper) and more! Online registration and payment is available @ LabelleYachtClub.org. Forms for printout are also available.

Note: While registering, please be sure to register and pay for the Monday night youth party for any siblings or guests who are attending the regatta with you. Lunches beyond those for the skipper may also be ordered as part of registration.

Judges and Instructors: Experienced Judges, Race Committee and Jury members will be used. Sailing school instructors are not required to attend this regatta but are welcomed. Those attending will be provided with special instructor services, i.e. complimentary lunches and hosted lodging, if requested.

Courses: There will be one course for all fleets. Courses will be Windward-Leewards. Courses will be discussed at the Competitors' Briefings.

Awards: All participants will receive a regatta award for their Overall finish; top ten receive trophies. In addition, the Traveling RWB Chip trophy will be given to First Place Overall, as are Top Three trophies for each fleet (White, Blue, Red) and Race Winner prizes for each completed race. Other prizes may also be awarded.

Rules:

1. Coast Guard approved (law) life jackets with a whistle must be worn at all times while on the water and on Regatta piers or boats.
2. No swimming off boats while racing is in progress or between races.
3. All US SAILING rules will be used including the use of protests or alternate penalties. Full Sailing Instructions will be published and available for all sailors at check-in and on the LabelleYachtClub.org website.
4. The boat sailed must be the same boat used by the sailor to receive the regatta invitation.
5. Each sailor will be provided with a hull number that must be adhered to both sides of the front hull. Be sure to mark boat parts, i.e. rudder, center board with your sail number.
6. The hull shall be fitted with three inflated air bags.
7. All boats must have a functional bailer.
8. Boats will not be weighed and measured or otherwise checked on a regular basis, although regatta committee members may use their discretion to do so. Sailors are expected to have class legal boats.
9. Regulations will be announced for parents and other spectators at the Parents' Briefing. These will include but are not limited to maintaining a distance of at least 100 feet from the nearest sailboat and prohibition of all coaching, verbal or otherwise. Penalties will be enforced.
10. Each sailor is required to have a parent or other designated adult in attendance who will indicate in writing that he/she is responsible for the sailor's well-being at the regatta.
11. The following racing rules will be modified:
 - a. RRS 30.2 and 30.3 are modified as follows: If 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 abandoned race are again eligible to race without penalty.
 - b. RRS 30.1 will be in effect for all starts.
 - c. RRS 41 is modified as follows: Following the display of Code Flag "X", every effort will be made, as quickly and clearly as possible, to hail a complete list of boats identified on the course side at the start or needing to comply with RRS 30.1. Please note that due to this hail being a courtesy, it is extremely unlikely that redress will be granted because of the order of numbers called, failure to hear a hail, or failure to understand a hail.
 - d. RRS 35 and A4.1 are modified as follows: Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored the position of the last boat to finish plus 2.
 - e. RRS A4.1 is modified as follows: A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
 - f. RRS 41 is modified as follows: RED/WHITE/BLUE - A capsized boat that is righted by outside help shall retire.
 - g. RRS 61.1 (a.) is modified as follows: 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.
12. The entry form that is part of this regatta is not considered completed without being signed by the boat owner or owner's representative that states "I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event." The signature must be either actual on an entry form or will be assumed by the boat owner or owner's representative registering electronically.
13. Courses to be sailed are windward leeward courses or modified trapezoid courses as shown in the illustrations in the sailing instructions.
14. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 is a Two-Turn Penalty.

Spectator Boats: LYC will provide *plenty* of spectator boats. Regatta guests are encouraged to use LYC boats.

Coach Boats and Personal Spectator Boats: Public launch is available at the Oconomowoc City Launch. Cost/day is approximately \$10 to \$20, dependent upon boat size. No pier space will be available at the regatta site, you will need to bring a mooring for all coach boats and any personal spectator boats. Taxi boats will be provided for moored boats.

Overnight Storage: Optis may be kept at the regatta site on the grass between the community center and the lake. Coach and spectator boats will need to be moored. Boat trailers can be kept on the grass near the launch site. LYC accepts no responsibility for equipment.

Lodging: Hilton Garden Inns (262-200-2222)
Staybridge Suites (877-238-8889)

Zebra Mussels: Unfortunately, LaBelle has them. Consequently we will not be washing boats off at launching. Boats may be washed off at the end of the regatta

Directions: Oconomowoc is about 50 miles east of Madison and 35 miles west of Milwaukee. Take I-94 (the interstate that connects Illinois and Minnesota with Wisconsin) to exit #282, Highway 67. Take HWY 67 about 3 miles, passing Olympia Resort and Whitman Plaza where HWY 67 becomes Summit Avenue. Take Summit Avenue to Main Street near the railroad tracks. Turn right. Take left at next stoplight which is Wisconsin Avenue. The Community Center is on your right.

Boats can be unloaded in loading zone in front of Center, or drive to other side of beach to the launch parking lot.