



Notice of Regatta

Eighth Annual Optimist Red White and Blue Chip Regatta

LaBelle Yacht Club, Oconomowoc, WI

Sunday, August 17 - Tuesday, August 19, 2008

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Headquarters: Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute – Oconomowoc, WI

Launching and Check-in: Sunday 5 – 7 p.m. and Monday 7:30 – 9 a.m.

“Fun” Race (weather permitting) – “Kick-off” Mixer: Sunday 6:30 p.m.

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

See separate Schedule of Events for more details

Fleets: White Fleet (10 years and under)
Blue Fleet (11 – 12 years) Ages as of August 18, 2008
Red Fleet (13 – 15 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: \$90 per sailor. Must be received by August 8, 2008. Includes: two lunches and snacks for sailor, sailor souvenir, regatta award, Sunday Mixer, Youth Party for sailor, Adult Party for all adults accompanying sailor, and more.

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, hosted lodging, if requested, and other.

Courses: There will be one course for all fleets. Courses may be the standard Olympic Triangle, the Optimist Trapezoid or Windward-Leewards. Courses will be discussed at the Competitors’ Briefings.

Awards: All participants will receive a regatta award for their Overall finish; top ten Overall will be specially highlighted. In addition, the Traveling RWB Chip trophy will be given to First Place Overall. The Yacht Club of the Champion will receive an award. There will also be Top Three trophies for each fleet (White, Blue, Red) and Race Winner prizes for each completed race. Many other prizes may also be awarded.

Rules:

1. Life jackets with a whistle must be worn at all times while on the water and on OSRUI/LYC 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 rules will be published and available for all sailors at check-in.
4. The boat sailed must be the same boat used by the sailor to receive the regatta invitation.
5. Sail number must be clearly placed on the sail. Other boat parts, i.e. rudder, center board, should also be marked.
6. The hull shall be fitted with three buoyancy units in the form of foam blocks or 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. Rules 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.

Overnight Storage: Boats and equipment may be kept at OSRUI. Storage area is grassy and secluded. LYC accepts no responsibility for equipment.

Lodging: Contact Olympia Resort (262-567-0311) OR Hilton Garden Inns (262- 200-2222) for full service hotels near the freeway and about 15 minutes from regatta site OR the more basic Lake Country Inn (262-569-9600) about 5 minutes from the regatta site.

Spectator Boats: LYC will provide *plenty* of spectator boats. Regatta guests are encouraged to use LYC boats. Public launch is available at the Oconomowoc City Launch, approximately three miles away from the regatta site. Cost/day is approximately \$8 to \$20, dependent upon boat size. Very limited pier space will be available at OSRUI, although boats may be anchored out (water is quite shallow).

Lake Bed: Water depth is extremely shallow considerably far out from OSRUI. The bed is primarily sandy with small rocks. Sailors are cautioned to raise boards and be alert.

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

Directions: Please refer to the enclosed map. 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 Highway 67 about 3 miles, passing Olympia Resort and Whitman Plaza where hwy. 67 becomes Summit Avenue (do **not** branch off right onto the new 67 north) – keep going on Summit Ave. about 1 mile more to the stop sign at Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street and go one block to light at Wisconsin Avenue (Hwy.16). Turn left onto Wisconsin and proceed about 3 miles to Lac LaBelle Drive. Turn right, proceed to stop sign and turn right, then left curving along the lake. Watch for regatta site signage.