



Notice of Race
BIG ROCK Regatta
5 So. Cal Opti series
Saturday & Sunday March 14th & 15th 2015
Hosted by the
MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); and as modified by: the Optimist Class Rules, the sailing instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed to apply at all times while on the water regardless of whether or not code flag "Y" is flown.
- 1.3 Competitors must have a whistle attached to their USCG approved life vest.
- 1.4 RRS 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.
- 1.5 RRS 61 will be changed to inform a race committee boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.
- 1.6 RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: If there is any conflict with the sailing instructions and the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to International Optimist Dinghy class boats.
- 2.2 Each entrant must submit a completed MBYC Entry Form prior to 1000 hours on Saturday, March 14th. All competitors must have their Entry Form signed by a parent or guardian. Entry forms and check in will also be available on Friday pm.
- 2.3 Fleet assignments (other than green fleet) will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta. Skippers must have been born on or after January 1 2000. Green fleet is for beginners in order to encourage novice sailors.

3. FEES:

The cost to enter the regatta is \$ 45.00. Late entry fee after March 7th will be 55.00. The fee includes, racing, lunches both days and the regatta "T" shirt. The view of the Rock is free. We encourage on-line registration at:

<http://www.mbyc.net/big-rock-regatta>

4. SCHEDULE

SATURDAY March 14

0800-1000 hrs	Registration and Check-In
1000 hrs	Entry Deadline / Competitors' Meeting
1015 hrs	Coaches' / Support Boat Registration and Briefing
1155 hrs	Warning Signal for First Race (subsequent races to start ASAP)

SUNDAY March 15

1125 hrs	Warning Signal for First Race (subsequent races to start ASAP).
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Ten (10) races are scheduled: The race committee will try to get as many races on Saturday as is practical. The remaining races of the scheduled ten will be run on Sunday. Note; the Race Committee may run fewer races than the scheduled ten at its discretion.

There will be an on-the-water lunch break between races both days.

5. AFTER RACING

Refreshments and Awards Presentation

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the MBYC check-in table beginning Friday evening March 13th

7. VENUE

Race Committee intends for Green Fleet and Championship fleets to race in separate starts TBD. An alternate course for Green fleet may be used between the mooring fields in the southern part of the navigable channel.

8. COURSES

Courses will be primarily windward, leeward with some reaching legs if weather permits.

9. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Two (2) races must be completed to constitute a regatta. Appendix A2 is modified as follows: If five or more races are completed the boats score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1 Coaches who wish to keep support boats at MBYC must make arrangements with the regatta chairmen for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the- water berthing.
- 10.2 Only boats that have registered with the Race Committee (RC) and carry assigned identification will be allowed in the racing area. All individuals on such registered boats are required to wear PFDs and have a functioning marine radio on board.
- 10.3 During races, coach/ support boats shall not make unnecessary boat wakes near competitors and are asked to **stay outside the finish area until all racers are finished**. This way the Race Committee can have a more accurate view of the finishes.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday to the first through third place boat in each fleet and participation awards for green fleet.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 Tows. Courtesy tows to the racing area will be available in the vicinity of the launch area; however, it is the responsibility of each competitor to be at the start on time.
- 13.2 Hospitality. Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on race days. Refreshments will be available following racing on Sunday.
- 13.3 Information. For further information, please contact Regatta Chair Dana McClish at mcclishmb@charter.net Information about MBYC and this regatta is available at www.mbyc.net.