



PROGRAM GUIDE

SBYSF Race Team

Optimist CHAMP Fleet

The Optimist CHAMP Fleet is for those sailors interested in competitive sailboat racing and generally encompasses youth from 10 to 15 years old. Sailing in the CHAMP Fleet follows the learn-to-race, Green Fleet experience. Optimist sailors can petition to join the SBYSF Race Team and race in the CHAMP Fleet at Optimist regattas once there have been performance criteria met and the sailor has been placing at the top of the Green fleet races. The details of the covered events, fees and other costs are below.

Commitment

Optimist CHAMP Fleet team members will be asked to be ambassadors to the sport of sailing. Sailors should be mature and demonstrate a high regard for personal responsibility. These sailors are asked to commit to practices twice a week and to participate at travel and home regattas.

In addition, Team members will be asked to give back to their SBYSF sailing community through participation and by helping with Clinigattas and other SBYSF events. Team members are expected to attend all weekly practices and SCYYRA regattas (listed below). Sailors should own a Championship-level Optimist dinghy and the corresponding equipment. Charter boats are available for a nominal fee through SBYSF for sailors who require one.

All SBYSF Sailors and Parents will be required to sign a Code of Conduct and return it prior to the beginning of the Semester. If we do not have these forms signed and on file, your sailor will not be allowed to participate.

Tuition/Structure

The cost per Semester(Spring and Fall) is: **\$475 per Semester**. Tuition is not refundable. Tuition and registration is utilized to plan for the Semester and we can not adjust the program once Tuition is paid. We will aim for low coach to sailor ratios to provide ample support on and off the water.

Included with Tuition:

- **Boat storage**
 - Sailors may store their Optimist, gear and sails on the SBYSF dock
- **Coaching @ 2 weekly practice sessions**
- **Coaching @ SCYYRA Carrie Series**
 - Carrie #1/Santa Barbara YC
 - Carrie #2/Ventura YC
 - Carrie #3/Cabrillo Beach YC
 - Carrie #4/Del Rey YC
 - Carrie #5/Morro Bay YC
 - Carrie #6/King Harbor YC
 - Opti Team Race/CalYC
- **Coaching @ Harken Series**
 - Harken #1/CalYC
 - Harken #2/SFYC
 - Harken #3/CBYC
 - Harken #4/StFYC

- **SBYSF provides the following at these events:**
 - Coach boats
 - Trailers
 - Lodging for coaches at travel events
 - Travel reimbursement for coaches

Special Events:

It is the goal of SBYSF to help provide on the water coaching at top-level USODA regattas. If greater than 4 sailors plan to race a major USODA travel regatta (listed below), SBYSF will help arrange for this outside coaching.

USODA Regattas:

- USODA West Coast Championships
- USODA Pacific Coast Championships
- USODA Midwinters
- USODA Team Trials
- USODA Nationals
- USODA Spring Team Qualifiers

The cost of these events is in addition to normal tuition and will vary based on; coaching fees, airplane tickets, coach boat charter fees, lodging and travel expenses for the coach and other costs and fees. Grants may be available through SBYSF. These Grants are reserved for advanced sailing activities for sailors participating in regattas outside of local and regional sailing.

In the event that a major event occurs in California, SBYSF will make its best reasonable effort to provide consistency through an SBYSF coach for the event. The cost will not be included in the Semester Tuition.

How this works- Sailors who have identified a major travel event warranting a coach will inform the SBYSF Program Director. A lead parent will be assigned to the event. The lead parent will be in charge of working with the SBYSF Program Director to help organize coach airfare, coach lodging, coach boat charter and collect payment from participants. All other logistics; personal Opti charter, hotels, airfare, etc. are the sole responsibility of the individual families. Payment for event coaching will be made to SBYSF approximately 2 weeks prior to the regatta.

Extra Clinics:

Additionally, special event clinics may be organized. These clinics will be additional to practice and will cost ~\$50/day for locally run, SBYSF coached events. Other Advanced Level Clinics will be additional to the Semester tuition and may be arranged from time to time.

Please contact Nick Kaschak, SBYSF Program Director, at either sbysf.director@gmail.com or 805-965-4603 with your questions regarding this program.

Helpful Links

USODA; United States Optimist Dinghy Association, the governing body of Optimist racing in the United States; www.usoda.org

SCYYRA; Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association, the organizing authority for Southern California youth sailing; www.scyyra.org