

# RACING NEWS 2005

## For Put-in-Bay Sailors Who Want to Race

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There are junior racing opportunities, both on and off the island, for our sailors. **C.C. Skoch** and **Pat Mooney** will serve as coaches/instructors to help introduce the sailors and their families to the challenge and joy of competitive sailing. We will focus on boat handling, tactics, rules, good sportsmanship, and teamwork. Support from families is essential to make these opportunities available and fun for everyone.

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### **ELIGIBILITY**

To ensure safety, instructor evaluation will determine who is qualified to race here or off the island. Competent sailors (ages 7 and up) are eligible to race in the local junior regattas. **Make sure the instructors know that you are interested in racing.** Racers will incur additional costs to cover coaching and travel. Families will again be asked to help with transportation and chaperoning.

**Junior Race Week:** Sailors who will reach their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, but not their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during this calendar year are age-eligible to participate in Junior Race Week. ILYA limits how many sailors we can send. Teams will be chosen based on commitment and skill-level.

### **COST**

Sailors will be responsible for paying their own regatta registration fees. The registration fee for most one day regattas is \$10.00 to \$15.00 per sailor and includes at least one meal. The higher fees for the Opti Midwest Championship and the Junior Olympics include more meals, more racing, and some great give-aways.

Families will also be asked to help with transportation and coaching costs either directly or through participation in fundraisers. Responsibility for paying the Junior Race week registration fee will be discussed. It is possible that sailors will be responsible for all or part of the \$300 fee.

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At the Athens Olympics over 60% of the total skippers and 70% of the medal winning skippers were former Optimist sailors. See Page 2 for Opti Info.

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**Please plan on attending an informational meeting on Monday evening, June 13<sup>th</sup> at PIBYC. Time to be determined. Until then, racing questions should be directed to Jane O'Brien at 440-286-5546/ or [janeobrien@adelphia.net](mailto:janeobrien@adelphia.net).**

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## OPTI OPPORTUNITIES

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**Opti Midwest Championship**  
**June 17, 18, 19**  
[www.sailsandusky.com](http://www.sailsandusky.com)

EARLY DEADLINE:  
MAY 31<sup>st</sup>

Sandusky Sailing Club is hosting this year's Opti Midwest Championship. They are expecting over 100 boats. On Friday there will be an all-day clinic with TOM COLEMAN and KENNETH ANDREASEN. Racing, with a separate course for the Green Fleet, will take place on Saturday and Sunday. For complete details and a Notice of Race go to [www.sailsandusky.com](http://www.sailsandusky.com).

This is a great opportunity that involves significant costs and a big time commitment. Payment postmarked on or before May 31 is \$100. Thereafter, and until June 16, the fee is \$125.00. On June 17 the fee will be \$150.00. **Interested sailors should contact Jane O'Brien at 440-286-5546 immediately** so that arrangements can be made before the end of May. Please note: racers must be current members of the US Optimist Dinghy Association. For membership info go to: [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org).



### **Opti Great Lakes Championship Moves to Sandusky** **Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>; Sandusky Sailing Club**

In past years, this ILYA regatta was held at Put-in-Bay on the Friday of Junior Race Week. To improve participation and make travel easier (for everyone but us) the event has moved to Saturday, July 23 at Sandusky Sailing Club. Often the first regatta for our younger sailors, we may just have to dig deep and travel off island one more time for their benefit.

### **USODA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIP** **~Recommended for Serious Opti Racers**

The USODA understands that many parents of Opti sailors are not sailors themselves or, if they are sailors, have never sailed an Opti. Their publications can really take the mystery out of the optimist dinghy and help prepare families for participating in regattas. For a discounted rate, sign up on line at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org). Youth membership is \$29 a year. Unfortunately, there is no family membership available.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Listed below are some of the I-LYA junior regattas that we will try to attend. Depending on interest and support, we will travel with 420's, CFJ's, Lasers, Laser Radials, and Optis.

DATE	DAY	LOCATION	CLASSES	DETAILS
<b>Events held during our regular program</b>				
6/17-6/19	Fri-Sun	Sandusky	Opti only	OPTI Midwest Championship (\$100 before 5/31)
6/18/05	Saturday	Sandusky	All	Experienced returning racers
6/22/05	Wednesday	Edgewater	All	
6/25/05	Saturday	Grosse Ile	All	
7/09/05	Saturday	Port Clinton	All	
7/15/05	Friday	Vermillion	All	Tentative due to Awards Night
7/17-7/22	Sun-Fri	Put-in-Bay	All but optis	Junior Race Week
7/22/05	Friday	Put-in-Bay	Lasers	Backus Cup (Jr. Ladies Only)
7/23/05	Saturday	Sandusky	Optis only	Opti Great Lakes Championship
<b>Additional racing opportunities close to home</b>				
7/30/05	Saturday	Pymatuning	All	Located on Ohio/PA border
8/06/05	Saturday	Mentor	All	
8/12-8/14	Fri-Sun	Edgewater	All	3 Day Junior Olympic Festival \$55 (\$75 after 8/5)
8/27/05	Saturday	Cleveland YC	All	Racing and Travelers Series Awards
<b>Complete Junior Schedule at <a href="http://www.i-lya.com">www.i-lya.com</a> (click on Juniors)</b>				

### **WHAT RACERS WILL NEED:**

Copy of birth certificate

Date of last tetanus shot

Current US Sailing membership card

Membership in US Sailing is mandatory for anyone racing. Still haven't joined?

Go to [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) or call 1-800-877-2451, ext.1. Youth membership is

only \$20 a year and includes a copy of the Racing Rules.

The Racing Rules of Sailing (free to US Sailing members; can be shared by siblings)

Waterproof watch with timer

Sunglasses and other sun protection (hat, visor, sunscreen)

Rash guards or swim shirts with UV protection are optional but effective

Water bottle

Comfortable life jacket

