



Optimist Championship Race Team

Program Guide:

When your child begins to combine the mechanics of upwind & downwind sailing, fleet tactics, and an understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing, they may be ready to attend an Optimist event in the Championship Fleet.

Pre-Requisites & Commitment:

Pre-requisites for advancement to VYC's Champs Team include winning two or more Green Fleet regattas, placing top-5 at 3 or more Green Fleet Regattas, or racing one full season of Carrie Series events with consistent finishes in the top 1/3 of the Green Fleet. VYC's instructors will make the final decision as to whether a competitor is ready to move into the Champs Fleet.

Champs Fleet racers must join the Ventura Yacht Club as Junior Members and are expected to attend weekly practices and to participate in the six annual *Carrie Series* races planned by the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association (SCYYRA). While Ventura Yacht Club can provide a sailor's Optimist and corresponding equipment, students are required to provide their own personal sailing gear such as lifejackets and foul-weather gear. Students in the Champs fleet are encouraged to own a Championship-level Optimist and corresponding equipment. For students with a privately-owned Optimist, boat storage is available at VYC for an additional monthly fee, set by VYC's Marina Management Committee. Equipment storage is not available.

Tuition/Structure:

Practices will be hosted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. A charter fee will be required per boat, per regatta. **Tuition fees are non-refundable.** Tuition and registration are utilized to plan for the Semester, and we cannot adjust the program once tuition has been paid.

Fall Semester Option 1: - \$600: August 13th – December 8th; Includes practices for and coaching at Optimist West Coast Championships (9/13 - 9/15 @ Cal YC)

Fall Semester Option 2: - \$475 September 19th – December 8th

- **No practice Thanksgiving Week 11/24 – 11/30**
- **Sibling Discount: -\$25 (Discount available across multiple teams)**
- **Regattas:** October 26/27 @ Santa Barbara Yacht Club; November 9/10 @ Ventura Yacht Club; December 7/8 @ Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club

Links:

United States Optimist Dinghy Association: <https://www.usoda.org/>

SCYYRA *Carrie Series* Home: <https://www.scyyra.org/series/15/carrie-info>

**Within the Junior Membership Application, sailors and parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign VYC's Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct extends to other yacht clubs that VYC's racers and parent(s)/guardian(s) visit and, along with any By-Laws and rules of VYC or other yacht clubs, must be followed by both the racer and their parent(s)/guardian(s). The breaking of any items of the Code of Conduct provides grounds for removal from the Ventura Yacht Club, its Race Team, and the VYC Youth Program. **