



Optimist Green Fleet 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 a Green Fleet regatta. Designed for novice sailors and racers, the Green Fleet's practices and races provide the building blocks to fine-tune not only a youth's racing skills, but sailing skills in general. One of the best parts of attending an Opti regatta in the Green Fleet is that coaches are allowed to actively coach **during** a race, allowing for continual development of skills in a day's time. The introduction to a sports team and the sailing community grants incredible growth and opportunities for youth sailors by providing the foundation for one's sailing skills as well as personal connections and relationships with fellow sailors.

Pre-requisites & Commitment:

Green 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). **Attendance of both practices and regattas is mandatory to transition to the Optimist Champ Fleet.** Though VYC 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. 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. **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.****