

2012 Area E Semi-Finals

The date and location for the 2012 Area E semi-finals have been set - they will be held at Cowan Lake on July 8-10, with registration/check-in on Sunday, July 8th (with a possible practice race in the afternoon), and racing on Monday and Tuesday, July 9th and 10th. The dates have been moved up earlier than the traditional dates (after I-LYA Junior Bay Week) so that the qualifying sailors will have more time to arrange transportation to finals in San Francisco.

NORs and on-line registration for this event will be available at the US Sailing website shortly. Just like last year, registration for this event will be on-line and in advance. Links will also be provided through I-LYA Juniors. If you have any questions, concerns, please feel free to contact Matt Dubois our Area E US Junior Championship Committee Representative at msdubois@sbcglobal.net.

Sandusky Sailing Club
Hosting OPTI Nationals in
2012



The USODA Nationals will be held at Sandusky Sailing Club from July 22-29. For up to date regatta news bookmark the program website (www.optinationals2012.com), "like" them on facebook and/or follow them on twitter.

Join USODA NOW – Membership Required to
Participate in OPTI Nationals

Membership in USODA (United States Optimist Dinghy Association) is required for all participants, even Green Fleet (novice) racers at Nationals. To spread out costs and to start receiving great info from USODA why not join now? Membership for those 15 years of age and younger is \$39 a year. For complete membership options go to USODA.org and click on *MEMBERSHIP – JOIN NOW*.

2012 Traveler Series

A partial calendar for 2012 has been posted on the website. Go to I-LYA.org and click on *Junior Sailing* and then choose *Traveler Series*. Complete calendar will be available as soon as dates are set. Thank you to all the clubs who have been most cooperative as we have tried to put together a schedule with a variety of venues to challenge all our sailors.

SAFETY: Must Read Accident Report on Accidental
420 Drowning

At the December Junior Committee Meeting, outgoing Safety Chair Connie Aquero summarized the US Sailing report on the accidental drowning death of 14 year old 420 sailor Olivia Constants. Everyone is encouraged to read this report and its recommendations. To view the report, go to USSailing.org and type "Annapolis Accident Review" into the search bar.

LEVEL 1 Instructor Course Scheduled for June 9-12
in Sandusky

Sandusky will be hosting a US Sailing level 1 Instructor certification course from June 9-12. Registration for the course will be available at the US Sailing website soon. However, it is not too early to familiarize yourself with the site and the course requirements. Go To USSailing.org and click on *Training* and then *Teaching*. Level 1 certification is only valid for three years. Best to begin the renewal process now.

Meet Your I-LYA Area Reps

Clubs representatives to the I-LYA Junior Committee should be receiving a call from their Council Rep in the near future. Joyce Hubbard (Inland), John Gemperline (Eastern), and Chris Fredericks (Western) will be contacting each club to verify contact information for the website and to facilitate communication as we move forward in 2012. Please take a minute to talk to them and return their calls if necessary.