

**Sarasota Youth Sailing**  
**OPTI GREEN FLEET RACE TEAM**  
**Fall Season: 2021**

The Optimist Green Fleet Racing Team is our entry-level learn to race program. The practices and regattas are tailored to meet the needs of beginner level racers. Our sailors compete as individuals, but racing is the ultimate team sport. Coaches will lead the Green Fleet Sailors and their families through an introductory sailing campaign.

**AGES:** Typically, 8 to 12 years old. Older sailors just learning how to race will benefit from a season in Opti Green Fleet before sizing out into a bigger boat. Likewise, a younger sailor will benefit from easing into a partial regatta season before committing to a full Green Fleet schedule next season.

**ABILITY LEVEL:** SYS Campers completing the Opti 2 Class have been exposed to the required skills. New sailors will need about 10 to 15 hours of private lessons before joining the team. If in doubt, contact us for an evaluation.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Skill development in Green Fleet utilizes a building block approach and is directly proportional to the amount of time spent on the water at practice. Successful sailors at this level will spend about nine hours per week at practice and compete in a regatta an average of once per month. A well-practiced sailor will have a more enjoyable experience at regattas. Prepared parents can best accommodate and anticipate the needs of their sailors. Racing with sailors from other teams at travel events further accelerates development.

There are additional time commitments required for transiting to and from practices, delivering boats to and from regattas, studying coaching notes, reviewing video and photos, and making travel plans. A capable SUV or truck with a trailer hitch is a most valuable resource for executing team travel logistics.

**COST:** \$1,400 for the Fall Season. Discount \$200 for sailors providing their own Optimist Dinghy. The cost is all inclusive except for your personal travel, lodging, and event entry fees. Program scholarships and payment plans are available by request. Private coaching appointments are available at a cost of \$100 per two-hour session.

**PRACTICE SCHEDULE:**

**First Fall Practice is Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Season Concludes on Sunday, December 12th**

Wednesdays            1600 to 1900

Saturdays                0900 to 1600

*[The Wednesday Practices may move to Sunday afternoons after Daylight Savings ends.]*

**REGATTA SCHEDULE:**

September 4-5            Sarasota Labor Day Regatta @ Sarasota Youth Sailing

October 16-17            River Romp Regatta @ Fort Myers

TBA Early November    Sarasota Yacht Club Invitational @ Sarasota Yacht Club

November 27-28        Davis Island Thanksgiving @ Tampa

December 12             Lemon Drop Regatta @ Englewood