



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.

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). Students in the Champs fleet are encouraged to own a Championship-level Optimist and corresponding equipment.

Tuition/Structure:

Practices will be twice a week, 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM. **Practice and regatta fees are non-refundable.** Tuition and registration are utilized to plan for the Term, and we cannot adjust the program once tuition has been paid.

Spring Term, January – April

Practices: \$300

Carrie Series #4 @ DRYC: \$75

Carrie Series #5 @ MBYC: \$75

Carrie Series #6 @ KHYC: \$75

Summer Term, May – September

Practices: \$400

Optimist West Coast Championships @ BYC: \$100

Fall Term, September – December

Practices: \$300

Carrie Series #1 @ SBYC: \$75

Carrie Series #2 @ VYC: \$75

Carrie Series #3 @ CBYC: \$75

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. **