

2027 CANADIAN OPTIMIST DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIPS

CENTRAL REGION BID

Hudson Yacht Club Hudson, Québec

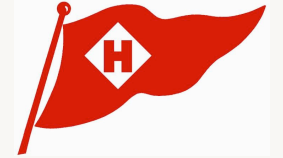
Dates TBD - anticipated third week of August 2027

Submitted in response to CODA's 2027 Central call for bids



Why Hudson Yacht Club for 2027?

A proven national-championship venue with fresh, directly relevant experience.



OUR STRONGEST ARGUMENT

HYC successfully hosted the 2024 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship.

For 2027, we are not proposing an untested concept - we are offering CODA a venue, infrastructure and volunteer culture that have already delivered this exact flagship event.

Proven

2024 CODC host

Prepared

Launch, storage & race systems

Welcoming

Bilingual & family-focused

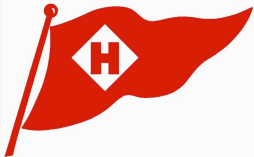


HYC knows how to deliver a championship experience on shore as well as on the water.

HYC hosted the 2024 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship, August 18-24, 2024.

Proposal details

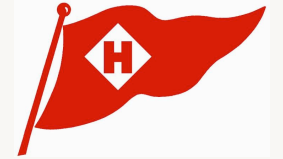
CODA proposal template - questions 1 to 10



1. Proposed championship	2027 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships
2. Year	2027
3. Host	Hudson Yacht Club - Hudson, Québec
4. Proposal submitted by	Jessica Lombard
5. Contact	JessicaSLombard@gmail.com 514-476-9700
6. Proposed Regatta Chair	Jessica Lombard - Past Commodore, HYC; Chair, 2013 Opti Canadians (RStLYC); Chair, 2024 Opti Canadians (HYC)
7. Club contact	info@hudsonyachtclub.com 450-458-5326 10 Yacht Club Road, Hudson, QC J0P 1H0
8. Approximate dates	1st choice - August 15-21, 2027, 2nd choice - August 22-28, 2027
9. Schedule	Measurement/registration, practice race & opening, 4 fleet-racing days, 1 team-racing day, awards
10. Days of racing	5 planned racing days: 4 fleet + 1 team racing

Proven championship host

Recent experience matters - and HYC has it.



HYC race committee operations on the Lake of Two Mountains

DIRECT EXPERIENCE

2024 CODC

Hudson Yacht Club hosted the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship from August 18-24, 2024.

ANNUAL DEPTH

Fruitbowl

HYC continues to run its major youth Fruitbowl Regatta, including Optimist Fleets in 2026.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Sail Central

HYC has a long history of hosting Sail Canada Sail Central alongside Fruitbowl.

RACE MANAGEMENT

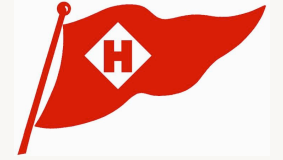
One-design expertise

The club has hosted major one-design championships including J/22 and Etchells events.

The 2027 organizing team will build directly on lessons, supplier relationships, site plans and volunteer knowledge from 2024.

The host venue

CODA questions 11 and 14 - venue and racing area



Hudson Yacht Club on the Lake of Two Mountains

VENUE

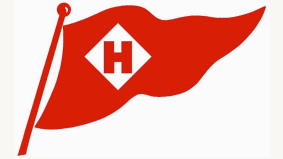
- Founded in 1909 and situated on a point extending into the Lake of Two Mountains.
- Large harbour, multiple sandy-beach areas, main clubhouse and dedicated Junior Sailing zone.
- Substantial lawn and waterfront space allow competitors, coaches and families to remain together on site.
- The main clubhouse can host skipper meetings, briefings, debriefs, social functions and the CODA AGM.

RACING AREA

- Open-water race area immediately off the club with room to set an IODA-style trapezoid course.
- Short transit from launching area to racing area improves efficiency and coach/safety coverage.
- Multiple course-placement options allow the race committee to respond to changing wind direction and conditions.

Launching, storage and support boats

CODA question 15 + host requirements for ramps, storage and pre-event training



Dedicated Optimist beach / dinghy launch area



HYC race committee platform - Harold Gillmeister



Robust on-water support capability

Up to 300 Optis

Dedicated lawn storage adjacent to the Junior Sailing launch area.

Coach boat access

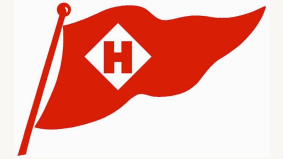
Separate launch ramp and dock space for coach and support-boat berthing.

Pre-event training

Teams can be accommodated on site up to 3 days before the championship.

Parking, access and capacity

CODA questions 16, 17 and 21



A national event that feels easy to navigate.

- Large club property with room for competitor cars, trailers and event operations.
- Approximately five minutes from Highway 40 / the Trans-Canada Highway.
- Roughly 35-45 minutes from Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, traffic depending.
- Comfortable capacity for a CODC-size fleet of up to 300 Optimists plus coaches, families and officials.
- On-site layout keeps launching, storage, briefing, food service and social areas within a compact waterfront footprint.



Waterfront areas provide natural gathering and spectator space.

to Hwy 40

5 min

to YUL

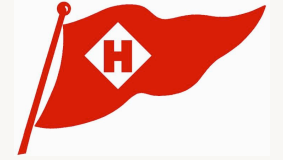
35-45 min

Opti storage

300

Volunteer base and race operations

CODA question 12 - experienced people are HYC's core strength.



HYC youth regattas are supported by a deeply engaged volunteer culture.

80-100

volunteers are routinely mobilized for major sailing events

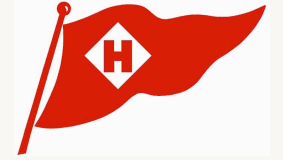
2024

fresh operational experience from hosting the CODC

- Race committee, mark, safety, shore, hospitality, measurement and volunteer-management experience across major championships.
- Team is familiar with large youth fleets, coach coordination and the quality standard required for IODA qualification racing.
- Local police and fire services have historically supported on-water safety during major events.
- The club has the organizational depth to support multiple race circles when required.

An active Opti pathway - and a Green Fleet that matters

CODA questions 13 and 18



Coaching and encouragement are central to HYC's Optimist model.

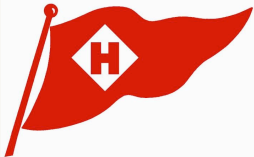
ACTIVE FLEET

- Optimist remains a core Learn to Sail platform at HYC; the current program offers Optimist CANSail 1 & 2 for ages 8-12.
- HYC continues to include Optimist Fleets in its Fruitbowl youth regatta.
- The 2024 CODC gave the club current, direct experience supporting both Championship and Green fleets.

2027 GREEN FLEET

- Dedicated Green Fleet racing area / course management.
- Dedicated event coach support, following HYC's 2024 championship model.
- Fun-first shore programming and daily learning/debrief opportunities.
- Every Green Fleet participant receives a recognition prize.

Tentative championship schedule



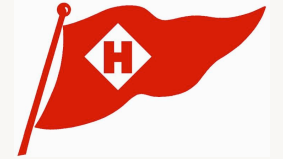
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Up to 3 days before	Pre-event training access	Venue open for teams to familiarize themselves with local conditions
Day -2	Registration & measurement	All day
Day -1	Registration & measurement + practice race	Opening ceremony as soon as practical after the practice race
Day 1	Fleet Racing	Championship Fleet + Green Fleet programming
Day 2	Fleet Racing	Daily coach / competitor debrief
Day 3	Team Racing	Weather permitting; Green Fleet activities continue
Day 4	Fleet Racing	Daily coach / competitor debrief
Day 5	Fleet Racing + awards	Awards ceremony following racing

This structure satisfies CODA's requirement for measurement, one team-racing day and a minimum of four fleet-racing days.

Meals, shore-side experience and spectators

CODA questions 19 and 20 + the competitor experience



The clubhouse can host ceremonies, dinners, briefings and social events.

Q19

Sailor meals

HYC proposes an opening reception/meal and one regatta dinner as part of the event package. Sailor lunch service will be finalized with CODA guidance and the 2027 budget.

Q20

Non-sailor food

Food service can be available on the club property, with multiple restaurants also located within walking distance in Hudson village.

FAMILIES

Spectator experience

Waterfront terrace areas provide excellent viewing and gathering space; HYC members can organize spectator cruises where appropriate.

FUN

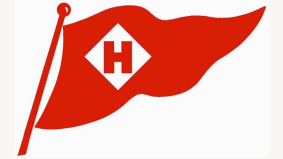
Pool & downtime

Subject to normal club supervision and operating rules, pool access can be incorporated for participants and chaperones.



Travel, accommodations and destination appeal

CODA questions 21 to 23



Hudson offers a small-town waterfront championship experience with Montréal close enough for easy national travel.

Q21

Getting here

- Roughly 35-45 minutes from Montréal-Trudeau International Airport
- Approximately 5 minutes from Highway 40
- Straightforward access for teams towing trailers from Ontario, Québec and beyond

Q22

Where to stay

- Inns and B&Bs in Hudson
- Hotels and motels in the surrounding Vaudreuil-Dorion area
- Additional accommodation inventory toward Montréal
- Billeting / hotel options for officials as required

Q23

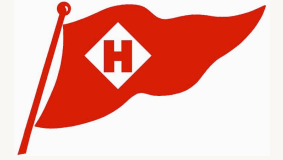
What families can do

- Waterfront village and restaurants
- Parks, trails and local cultural attractions
- Easy day trips into Montréal
- A relaxed, walkable setting for families between race days

The result: a venue that feels like a destination without adding the logistical complexity of a major downtown site.

Officials, safety and championship standards

CODA questions 24 to 26



HYC has experience coordinating substantial on-water safety resources.

Q24

Officials hospitality

YES. HYC will provide housing and meals for judges, umpires, race officials and the CODA class representative.

Q25

Principal Race Officer

TBC. HYC has access to experienced Canadian race officers and will confirm a PRO with large-fleet credentials in consultation with CODA.

Q26

Chief Judge

TBC. HYC will secure a qualified Chief Judge with large Optimist-fleet and on-water Rule 42 experience, with CODA support if helpful.

GOVERNANCE

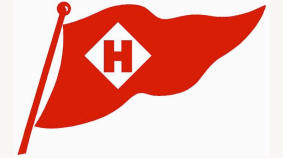
Insurance & Safe Sport

Proof of insurance will be provided. Event operations will respect CODA policies, Constitution, Bylaws and applicable Safe Sport requirements.

HYC recognizes that this championship determines Canadian qualification to IODA events; race quality and fairness are non-negotiable.

Communications, sponsorship and entry fee

CODA questions 27 to 29



Q27

Bilingual event microsite

HYC will launch the event microsite and participant communications in both official languages no later than 6 months before the event. Official dates will be confirmed at least 8 months prior, and the bilingual NOR will be published at least 4 months prior.

Q28

Sponsorship

YES. HYC will pursue event sponsorship to help keep sailor costs reasonable and enhance the participant experience. Any sponsor commitments will be vetted to avoid conflict with CODA partners and existing class commitments.

Q29

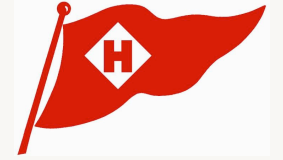
Entry fee

TBD following the 2027 operating budget and sponsorship plan. HYC intends to keep fees comparable with recent CODC pricing while protecting championship-quality race management, safety and hospitality. The required CODA levy of \$10 per sailor is acknowledged.

Planning principle: invest first in the quality and safety of racing, then use sponsorship and local support to maximize value for families.

Vendors, charters, prizes and social programming

CODA questions 30 to 32



Q30

On-site charter & support

HYC will contract an Optimist charter provider to be on site, as required by CODA. We will also coordinate parts, gear and repair support so teams can resolve common equipment issues at the venue.

Q31

Coach & spectator boats

Coach-boat rental options will be coordinated with local marine partners and published well in advance. HYC member boats can supplement the spectator experience through organized cruises.

Q32

Prizes & keepsakes

Fleet winners, including overall, will receive high-quality keeper trophies. Every Green Fleet sailor will receive a participation/ recognition prize. Regatta merchandise will be included or offered through registration.

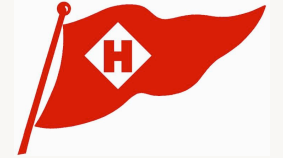
FUN EXTRAS

- Competitor movie night or similarly age-appropriate social activity.
- Daily global coach debriefs after racing (except final day), led collaboratively by event and club coaches.
- Opening ceremony and regatta dinner designed to bring the national Optimist community together.
- CODA AGM hosted on site with projector / meeting technology as required.



Testimonials and event reputation

CODA question 33



“HYC has always put on a great event, welcoming everyone with open arms and putting on a great regatta.”

Sail Canada - Sail Central event description

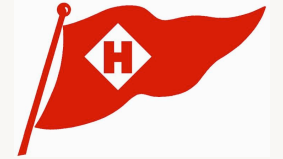
For the 2027 bid, HYC can provide references or testimonials from:

- Sail Canada and race-management partners
- 2024 Canadian Optimist Championship officials, coaches and participating families
- Fruitbowl / Sail Central participants and volunteers
- One-design championship competitors and class representatives



A long-running youth-regatta culture is part of HYC's identity.

CODA host requirements - 2027 compliance



1. Bilingual NOR published at least 4 months before the event
2. Official dates confirmed at least 8 months before the event
3. Venue tour if possible
4. Bilingual event microsite and communications at least 6 months prior
5. Proof of insurance
6. Notice to CODA if the original application changes materially
7. Venue open up to 3 days early for pre-event training
8. Launch ramps / facilities for Optimists and coach boats
9. Storage for up to 300 Optimists on site
10. CODA membership in good standing verified for sailors and coaches
11. Charter company on site for sailors requiring boats
12. CODA Constitution and Bylaws respected

YES

YES

Dates are TBD at bid stage

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

With CODA coordination

YES

Provider to be contracted

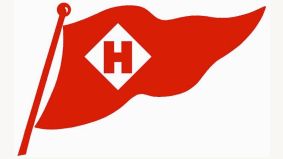
YES

Also acknowledged

- CODA event branding and open communication
- \$10 CODA levy per sailor
- 4 fleet-racing days + 1 team-racing day
- IODA-style championship expectations

We would be honoured to welcome the Optimist community back

Hudson Yacht Club - 2027 Central Region Bid



Dear members of CODA,

Hosting the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship in 2024 gave Hudson Yacht Club the opportunity to do exactly what our club does best: bring a large volunteer community together around excellent racing, young sailors and a warm waterfront experience.

We would be thrilled to build on that recent experience and host the national Optimist community again in 2027. The venue is proven, the infrastructure is in place, and our commitment to Green Fleet, race quality, bilingual communication and family hospitality remains central to the proposal.

Dates are still to be confirmed, and we will work closely with CODA to select a schedule that allows sailors from across Canada to attend before school begins. Once selected, we are ready to move quickly on the detailed planning, officials, charter provider, sponsorship and bilingual event communications.

Thank you for considering Hudson Yacht Club for the 2027 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships.

**Warmest regards,
Jessica Lombard
Proposed Regatta Chair**



Hudson Yacht Club - Lake of Two Mountains