



**AMERICAN Y-FLYER SAILING ASSOCIATION
and THE BEAUFORT YACHT & SAILING CLUB
welcomes you to the
2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
JUNE 24-28, 2019**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Final 6.17.19

The Organizing Authority for this regatta is the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association (AYFSA) and the Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club (BYSC), Beaufort, SC.

1 RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, RRS 2017-2020 and the Bylaws of the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association (AYFSA).
- 1.2 RRS Rule 32.2 addressing shortened course is deleted in its entirety and replaced with revised wording. See Section 13, Shortening Course.
- 1.3 AYFSA Bylaw Art., 20, as pertains to the Junior National Championship only is changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1 There is no limit to the number of races.
 - 1.3.2 One throwout is allowed when four races are completed.
 - 1.3.3 Two throwouts are allowed when eight races are completed.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY. Competitors declared eligible by AYFSA may enter boats by completing the registration form with the organizing authority.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the BYSC riverside porch.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Oral changes to the sailing instructions for technical reasons may be made on the water to each boat prior to her warning signal. RC will show the L flag with a sound to advise competitors of a change.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the base of the BYSC flagpole.
- 5.2 Ashore, when flag AP is displayed, the warning signal being '1 minute' after removal is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' for the North Racing Area and 'not less than 60 minutes' in the South Racing Area in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3 Ashore, flag L with one sound will indicate that a notice to competitors has been posted.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES (All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time)

6.1 General Information.

- There is no limit on the number of races to be sailed.
- No more than four races will be sailed in the same day.
- No more than three races will be sailed without a break.
- Two races must be completed to constitute a Junior National Regatta.
- Three races must be completed to constitute a Senior National Regatta.
- Championship entries and Challenger entries will start together.
- No Junior race shall start after 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 25 except when less than two races have been completed at that time.

- No Championship race shall start after 3:00 pm on Friday, June 28 except when less than three races have been completed at that time.

6.2 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

6.2.1 Monday, June 24	8:30 am 10:00 am	Competitors meetings Warning for 1 st race, which is a practice race. Jr. Championship races to start immediately after the practice race.
6.2.2 Tuesday, June 25	10:00 am	Warning for 1 st race. Racing to continue.

6.3 SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

6.3.1 Tuesday, June 25	3:00 pm	Practice race for Sr. Championship and Challenger fleets.
6.3.2 Wednesday, June 26	9:00 am 11:00 am	Competitors Meeting Warning for 1 st race. Racing to continue
6.3.3 Thursday, June 27	11:00 am	Warning for 1 st race. Racing to continue.
6.3.4 Friday, June 28	11:00 am	Warning for 1 st race. Racing to continue.

7 CLASS FLAG. Y Flyer class flag. Black letter Y imposed on a green flag.

8 RACING AREA. The Beaufort River bounded on the north by the marsh Islands north of BYSC and on the south by a line approximately 3 miles south of the McTeer Bridge (south of BYSC). The area is divided into the North and South Racing Areas. Attachment B.

9 COURSES.

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the specific courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course for each class. On all courses, the number following the course designation indicates the number of legs to be sailed.

10 MARKS.

10.1 All marks of the course: orange cylinders.
10.2 Offset mark may be used: yellow ball.
10.3. A new windward mark in case of course change will be a yellow cylinder without an offset mark. A subsequent course change shall use the original windward mark, without an offset mark.
10.4. The leeward mark(s): may be a gate.
10.5 Starting mark: orange flag on a staff supported by flotation.
10.6 Finish mark: white ball.

11 THE START.

11.1 All boats are requested to check in with their signal boat prior to the warning for the first race of the day. You are not checked in until you receive a verbal response directed at you.
11.2 Races will be started using rule 26, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. A series of short horn sounds will be made two or three minutes preceding the warning signal of a race.
11.3 Starting lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

12 THE FINISH: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the finishing mark. On a finish at the signal boat the finish mark is on the opposite side of the RC boat from the starting line.

13 SHORTENING COURSE. RRS Rule 32.3 is changed as follows:

13.1 If the RC signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds) at a mark of the course, the next leg of the course is the last leg of the race. This last leg ends at the finish line which will be set

toward the next mark of the course.

13.2 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat, also flying a blue flag indicating the finish boat is in position to take finishes, and the course side of the finishing mark.

13.3 In a Modified Course the shortened course finish line may be at the Signal boat on the opposite side from the starting line.

13.4 In the case of the shortened course finish at a gate the finishing line will be between the course side of the gate marks.

13.5 The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat rounds the mark or passes through the gate beginning the new last leg of the race.

13.6 Display of the shortened course signal shall be continued, with sounds, as all subsequent boats round the mark or pass through the gate.

14 TIME LIMIT.

14.1 The time limit will be 2 hours for the first boat to finish in the Championship and Challenger fleets.

14.2 The time limit will be 45 minutes in the Junior Championship.

15 PROTESTS.

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with rule 61, and additionally shall report to the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing the race, stating the sail number of the protested boat.

15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available on the Official Notice Board and submitted to the Protest Committee's Representative at the Official Notice Board within 60 minutes of the start of the protest time period as signaled by the Representative at the flagpole with one sound and a red flag.

16 SCORING. Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the Y Class By-Laws.

17 SAFETY

17.1 A life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor.

17.2 Juniors must wear life jackets while in their boats.

17.3 All boats will give way to commercial traffic on the ICW. ICW channel marker #242 is not to be passed shoreward – there are underwater pilings.

17.4 All boats shall have on board all safety equipment required by the USCG.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION. The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 78 to relay information to the competitors 'on the water' pertaining to safety and/or race instructions.

19 PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Fleet	Skipper	Crew
Championship	10	10
Challenger	3	3
Junior	3	3

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Regatta Chairman, Chuck Rushing Principal Race Officer, Senior Championship, Wayne Bretsch Principal Race Officer, Junior Championship, Frank Pontious
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