



2020 Pluff Mud Invitational

DATES

September 12-13, 2020

HOST

The Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club AND Beaufort Community Sailing & Boating, Inc. (501c3), Beaufort, SC - Organizing Authorities

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NOTICE OF RACE

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor. Shoes shall be worn while launching and retrieving your boat due to oyster shells.

The regatta will be run in accordance with the attached rules and regulations governing events held under the Covid-19 protocols of BYSC, US Sailing & SAYRA. Participants will comply with all Safety Protocols given by the organizing authority for the safety and health of all visitors. Other rules may be issued as needed.

ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to members of Invited Clubs: Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club, South Carolina Yacht Club, Salty Dogs Youth Sailing, Carolina Yacht Club (SC), James Island Yacht Club, Hobcaw Yacht Club, Augusta Sailing Club, Carolina Yacht Club (NC) Doyle Development Team. Participation caps may be necessary.

The regatta is open the following classes of Juniors:

Laser: Radial & 4.7; Optimist: RWB, Green.

Three boats shall constitute a class.

Junior age eligibility at the time of the regatta:

- Laser Radial-under 19, Laser 4.7-under 18
- Optimist age eligibility: Green- novice and under 15, White-10 or under, Blue-11 or 12 and Red-13, 14 or 15

ENTRY

Eligible boats may register online only at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21187>

FEES & MEALS

Boat Registration Fee:

- Entry Fee \$35
- Deduct \$5 if you are a current member of US Sailing.
- Guests will become temporary members of BYSC upon registration

Meals:

- Due to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, we will not be able to offer breakfast, lunches or a dinner this year.
- Please ensure you bring your own food and drinks for yourself / team. We request you attempt to avoid single use plastic bottles whenever possible.
- Saturday evening MAY have a food truck available, please stay tuned for more details.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12, 2020

- 9:30-10:30am. Check-In.
- 11:00am. Welcome and Competitors’ Meeting.
- 12:00pm. Warnings for 1st race. Other races to follow.
- 5:00-8:00 pm Food Truck available (TBD).

Sunday, September 13, 2020

- 11:00am Warnings for 1st race. Other races to follow.
- No race signal will be given after 3:00 pm.
- Awards after racing.

SI’s

Available online 1 week prior to regatta and at check-in. Note that each circle will have its own Sailing Instructions

RAMP LAUNCHING

TIDES:

Saturday	Low 11:07 AM	+1.0
	High 5:36 PM	+7.9
Sunday	Low 12:08 PM	+0.8
	High 6:33 PM	+8.3

DOLLIES:

- Dollies are not to be left at water’s edge due to the tide

COACH AND-SPECTATOR BOATS

NOTE: There will be no limit on Coach Boats in 2020. Both the coach boats and spectator boats shall be restricted to certain areas. Each Team is required to provide at least one coach boat or spectator boat and be responsible for your team members while on the water to assist with social distancing. In the event of a safety event, the regatta hosts may provide assistance when needed.

Coaches are expected to be good role models for young sailors and conduct themselves accordingly onshore and on the water. Parents (spectators) who are on the water either in support or coach vessels are considered “Coaches” for the purpose of this regatta. Optimist Green Fleet is the ONLY fleet that may receive coaching while *Racing*. Coaches that repeatedly and/or intentionally break

COURSES

There will be two race circles: Circle One will be the Optimist RWB and Optimist Green. Circle Two will be the Laser Radial & Laser 4.7. Course descriptions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING

An unlimited number of races are scheduled.
One completed race is required to constitute a regatta.

Scoring based on number of races completed:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
- When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

AWARDS

Awards will be provided based on the number of eligible boats in each class.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. In addition, the attached WAIVER Must be signed prior to registration acceptance.

CLUB AMENI- TIES AND LODGING

The pool, pickle ball and tennis courts are open to regatta guests during regular club hours. Bathhouse (with showers) near pool is available. **No pets are allowed.** Most hotel chains are represented in the Beaufort area. **Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Camping must be approved by the regatta organizers and may be limited.**

DIRECTIONS TO BYSC

From the North: take Rt. US 21 south. Follow Bus. 21 through downtown Beaufort and over the Woods swing bridge. Take the second right, Meridian Rd. Turn right in approximately 1 mile on Yacht Club Drive.

From the South: from SC 170 turn east (right) on SC 128 1/4 mile after the Broad River Bridge. At the stop light turn right on Rt 21 through Port Royal. Turn right at Truck Route 21, which is the stoplight with an Advance Auto Parts, CVS, Hardees and a gas station on the corners and continue over the McTeer Bridge. Take the next left at Meridian Rd. Turn left in .6 mile on Yacht Club Drive.

CONTACTS

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BYSC

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WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

For and in consideration of Beaufort Community Sailing & Boating and Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club (the "Organization") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity in a Organization sanctioned, licensed, or approved event or activity ("Event" or "Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Organization, including any and all COVID-19 related safety measures required by the Organization.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of sailing, and that participation in any Organization involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants or natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me or any agents under my direction and control at any Event.

D. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY: In consideration of my participation in any Event, I hereby release from liability and waive any claims against the owner or organizer of the Event, its licensees, competition managers, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, beneficiaries, venue providers, and supporting organizations, together with the officers, directors, employees, volunteers and contractors of them (the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties. Further, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties and Event Organizers against and from any and all Liability imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against any Released Party or Event Organizer resulting from, arising out of, in connection with, or relating to my breach of this Agreement.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AND INDEMNIFICATION.

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified above) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any Event.

Legal Guardians Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Sailors Name _____