



RIVER ROMP 2020

a US SAILING Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Regatta
Where the Corinthian Spirit is Part of its “DNA”
October 17 & 18, 2020

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)
Edison Sailing Center
www.edisonsailingcenter.org

River Romp supports Clean Regatta practices under Sailors for the Sea

NOTICE of RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and *the prescriptions of US Sailing*
- 1.2 The notation “[DP]” in a rule in this Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The notation “[NP]” in a rule in this Notice of Race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 Under RRS 87, the one-design class rules for all boats shall apply except as follows:
 - 1.4.1 [DP] The C420 Class has authorized that the C420 class rules 5 and 6, dealing with C420 sails need not apply. The use of “Non-Class Sails” (NCS) for the C420 class shall not be allowed. The sail number and hull number need not match. Sail numbers shall be clearly visible, easy to read and non-overlapping. The numbers on the starboard side shall be higher. Numbers are not required on spinnakers.
 - 1.4.2 [DP] The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) has authorized that class rule 29(e) (sail number/hull number) need not apply: The sail number and hull number need not match. All sails must be class approved sails with the class “button”.
 - 1.4.3 [DP][NP] Class membership shall not be required.
- 1.5 [DP] Masks, as recommended by CDC, are required at all times on the premises.
- 1.6 Appendix P and Appendix V will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 This event will be using an expedited hearing process (“Three-Minute Hearing”) for protests and redress hearings. The US Sailing Redress Prescription stated in RRS 63.2 will not apply. This changes RRS 63.2 and 63.3. See details on this protest posted on the official notice board.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Regatta is open to boats of the C420, Laser, Radial, 4.7 and Optimist classes with a minimum of six boats registered in each fleet.
- 2.2 Eligibility is limited to youth ages 8-18.
- 2.3 Optimist eligibility to compete is until the 31st of December of the year in which he/she attains the age of 15 years.
- 2.4 *Please reserve Green Fleet for sailors with two years or less experience.*
- 2.5 Individual or family membership to US Sailing Association is required. Memberships may be paid on site or paid online at www.ussailing.org

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Competitors shall enter by completing the online registration (www.edsonsailingcenter.org).
- 3.2 The size of this regatta is limited to be compliant with COVID-19 guidelines that pertain to the host venue (Lee County Parks Dept.) and local health restrictions.
- 3.3 All sailors must be checked in on site prior to 0859 Saturday, October 17, 2020.
- 3.4 No registrations without a sail number and contact information for the responsible parent/guardian/coach will be accepted.
- 3.5 [DP][NP] Boats shall race with the sail number that was entered on their registration. A boat wishing to change that number shall submit a written request to the Race Committee prior to 0900 hours on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Revised sail numbers may only be used upon written permission granted by the Race Committee or the OA and as posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 0945 on Saturday, October 17, 2020, and prior to 0800 on Sunday, October 18, 2020.
- 3.6 A boat failing to comply with NOR 3.4 shall be subject to a protest hearing which may result in a DSQ.
- 3.7 Entries for the Optimist Green Fleet will be limited to 50 entrants.
- 3.8 Entries for the Red, White & Blue Fleets will be limited to a combined total of 50 entrants.
- 3.9 Entries for the Laser/C420 Fleets will be limited to a combined total of 50 entrants.

4. CLASS STREAMERS

- 4.1 Colored class streamers, as provided by the OA at time of shore check-in, shall be displayed from the top of each boat's rig for the following fleets:
 - 4.1.1 Laser Radial-Blue
 - 4.1.2 Laser 4.7-White

5. FEES & REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Fees must be paid at the time of registration.
- 5.2 Fees are \$100 for single-hand; \$150 for double-hand if paid by October 3.
- 5.3 Registrations entered after 12:00 midnight October 3 are \$125 for single-hand or \$175 for double-hand, if fleet limits have not been reached.
- 5.4 No registrations will be accepted after 12:00 Noon, Thursday, October 15, 2020.
- 5.5 Registrations entered after October 3 are **not** guaranteed a t-shirt; sizes will be subject to availability for those registering after October 3, 2020.
- 5.6 Fees do NOT include food or beverages.
- 5.7 Coaches accompanying their competitors who plan to be on the water MUST register on or before 12:00 NOON, Thursday, October 15, 2020. No flags will be assigned to coaches who do not register.

6. COVID-19 Regatta Adjustments

- 6.1 As stated in **3.0 Entries**, regatta size is limited. In addition to limiting the number of competitors, the venue is also required (by local authorities) to restrict the total number of persons in any one location while on land (coaches &/or chaperones).
- 6.2 Everyone must bring their own food & beverages for both days of the event.
- 6.3 Social distancing and masks while on land are required. Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue.
- 6.4 Competitors will be checked-in by their coach &/or designated chaperone no later than 0859 Saturday, October 17, 2020.
- 6.5 Competitors' t-shirts will be given to the designated/registered coach/chaperone for distribution.
- 6.6 Awards will be given to the winners' coaches to distribute.
- 6.7 Sail number changes must be made online no later than 0830 Saturday, October 17, 2020.
- 6.8 No printed copies of Sailing Instructions or this NoR will be available except on the electronic Official Notice Board. (Regatta Network)
- 6.9 Competitors/clubs/coaches will be assigned to one of three possible locations by the OA.
- 6.10 Cancellation information and refund policy will be posted on ESC website.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 1630 Friday, October 16, 2020 Check-in opens.
- 7.2 1830 Friday, October 16, 2020 Check-in closes for the day.
- 7.3 0745 Saturday, October 17, 2020 Check-in opens.
- 7.4 0900 October 17, 2020 Check-in closes.
- 7.5 1900 Friday, October 16, 2020 ZOOM Competitors' Meeting.

- 7.6 1945 Friday, October 16, 2020 ZOOM Green Fleet Rules Session.
- 7.7 1030 Saturday, October 17, 2020 Scheduled time first warning of the day **except** for Green Fleet.
- 7.8 1100 Saturday, October 17, 2020 Scheduled time for first warning for Green Fleet.
- 7.9 1700 No first warning after this time on Saturday, October 17, 2020.
- 7.10 0900 Sunday, October 18, 2020 Scheduled time for first warning of the day for all classes.
- 7.11 1300 No first warning after this time on Sunday, October 18, 2020.

8. MEASUREMENT

The only measurement requirement is that the competitor ensures by their entry that their boat and equipment comply with applicable class measurement rules. The 2019 Club 420s manufactured by Sturgis Boat Works may not meet the measurement requirements for the class.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online by 1200, Saturday, October 10. **It is recommended that families print their SIs at home.** A limited number of printed copies will be available at check-in. Sailing Instructions and Amendments will be posted on the electronic Official Bulletin Board (Regatta Network). River Romp strives to adhere to less waste/Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 The regatta venue will be at 13001 N. Cleveland Avenue (US 41), North Ft Myers.
- 10.2 All races will be on the Caloosahatchee River on three separate race areas: Race Area A (Optimist Green Fleet), Race Area B (R/W/B Fleets), and Race Area C (Laser/C420 Fleets).
- 10.3 A chart showing the three race areas will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 In compliance with USODA , for the Green Fleet, scores will be recorded and posted in sail number order.
- 11.2 The low point scoring system as described in RRS A1 will apply.
- 11.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her races. This changes A2.1
- 11.4 When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS.A2.1
- 11.5 One race shall constitute a series.

12. SUPPORT BOATS AND COACH BOATS

- 12.1 [DP] In support of safety for all competitors, coaches shall register on-line (www.edsonsailingcenter.org) and be identified by a clearly displayed numbered flags provided by the OA volunteer assigned to the coach's club/organization.
- 12.2 Any boat not displaying a flag is asked to remain at least 200 yards from the racing area.
- 12.3 Support persons and coaches are to monitor their course VHF channel and assist if requested by the Race Committee. U.S. approved life jackets shall be worn by all coaches, safety & support boat personnel.
- 12.4 Launching facility locations will be posted on the ESC website and directions/parking information will be provided. Coaches, support person and competitors will be assigned one of three locations. Registration is critical for coordination of all parties!

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 No (competitor) boats shall carry any communication devices such as VHF or cell phones.
- 13.2 [DP] Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radio and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Awards will be given to the following fleets that meet the minimum required fleet size of six boats.
 - 14.1.1.1 Red-White-Blue Opti Fleets,
 - 14.1.1.2 C420,
 - 14.1.1.3 Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 Fleets
- 14.2 USODA medals will be given to Green Fleet competitors.

15. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 DECISION TO RACE. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. An online waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 As one of the Clean Regatta policies all sailors, coaches & families are asked to bring reusable water bottles to reduce waste.

16.2 **Service Dogs in “uniform” always welcome; NO pets at venue.**

16.3 Please observe the No Alcohol, Vaping or Tobacco products or weapons policy (County regulation.)

17. **REGATTA CONTACT:** Stephanie Webb (239) 454-5114; email:edisonsailing.webb@outlook.com.

18. **HOTEL HOTLINE: Best Western Waterfront is our preferred hotel partner.** Please call (239) 997-5511 and mention the regatta to receive special event rates. Once the block has been reserved, prices may vary.

If additional hotel space is needed, call Lee County Sports Housing 239-541-1800 or reserve rooms online <https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=41649> .Indicate your participation in the Edison Sailing Center River Romp/J.O.

Junior Olympic Program Goals (from US Sailing website)

- ✓ **Engage young people in the excitement of sailing**
- ✓ **Encourage young people to enjoy racing**
- ✓ **Increase participation locally, regionally and nationally through USA Junior Olympic Festivals**
- ✓ **Improve skills of young sailors through training**