



USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL
Atlanta Yacht Club
May 1, 2021
Acworth, GA
National JO Sponsors: Sperry & New England
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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Atlanta Yacht Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Junior Olympic Festival will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. For the purposes of the definition of *rule*, the class rules shall be the rules of the Optimist, O'pen Bic, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Club and Collegiate 420 class.
- 1.3 The following rules will be changed: rule 40 and A2. These changes will also appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. Additional rules may also be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 AGE

Competitors in the Optimist classes must have been born on, or after, January 1st, 2006. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the Regatta. Green Fleet is not assigned by age.

Competitors in Club and Collegiate 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and O'pen Bic classes must not be 19 and are not high school graduates. Collegiate Laser Standard and Laser Radial competitors will be allowed to compete and must not be 21. Collegiate sailors will be scored separately.

2.2 COVID-19 Policy

Participants should not attend if they have a fever, are feeling sick, have been in contact with someone who may have COVID-19, or have displayed any illness symptoms within the last 14 days. All sailors will need to fill out the three (3) question COVID-19 form and bring it with them to Check-in.

2.3 US SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in US Sailing is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for doublehanded classes). Competitors may sign up at registration. If you are already a member, bring your membership card to registration - **it will be checked**. Sailors can join online at <http://membership.ussailing.org/>.

2.4 CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

US Sailing recommends that competitors are members of their respective class associations (i.e., Optimist, Laser, 420, O'pen Bic, etc.).

2.5 GREEN REGATTA

This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." As such, all competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of rule 55 which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

3 BOATS/MEASUREMENT

3.1 Boat class Optimist will be used. Boat class Laser Full, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 will be used. Boat class O'pen Bic will be used. Boat class Club and Collegiate 420 with crew of helmsman and one crew.

3.2 Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. A limited number of Optis and 420s are available for charter. Please reach out to Katrina.blauvelt@gmail.com for charter information.

3.3 All boats must have a floating bowline of appropriate length. Each Optimist must have a secure loop in the end of its bowline.

3.4 Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules. The use of "Non-Class Sails" (NCS) for the racing shall not be subject to a protest or a request for redress by a boat or the race committee. The NCS when measured shall meet the sail dimensions provided by the Class Rules.

4 FEES - The entry fee for all classes is \$25 per boat or competitor in Optis, O'pen Bic and Lasers and \$40 for both 420 skipper and crew.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday April 28, 2021

7:00 pm
Online Skippers Meeting via Zoom

Saturday May 1, 2021

8:00 – 9:00 am
Sailor Check-in – outdoor patio

Clubhouse

9:30 am

First Warning – Championship Fleet

Green Fleet

Additional races &/or clinic to follow.

- 6 **ADVANCE REGISTRATION - Competitors** shall register in advance by registering online by going to Atlantayachtclub.org under the Junior Tab for the Junior Olympic Sailing Festival to find the link for registration and submitting it with proof of US Sailing membership. Entry deadline is April 28, 2020.
- 7 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the web at: atlantayachtclub.org.
- 8 **SCORING** - A maximum of seven races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If six or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.
- 9 **COACHES AND SUPPORT PERSONS** – Coaches and Support Persons should be included in the online registration. Coaches and Support Persons who are able to bring proof of US Sailing certification will be given appropriate access to participants and recognition. All coach / support boats shall register with the Race Committee. Each coach / support boat shall have a working VHF radio. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats shall be governed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 10 **SAFETY** - A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore. Each competitor must have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the Regatta.

11 MEDIA RIGHTS - By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

12 DISCIPLINE

12.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03 no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1) marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2) any alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the venue.

12.2 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source believes that a competitor or support person may have committed a breach of a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

12.3 Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and the event chair.

13 PRIZES

USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions. Green Fleet medals will be awarded to all Green Fleet participants.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

Host Club:

***Atlanta Yacht Club
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Atlantayachtclub.org***

Regatta Chairs:

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Kate Hodges Rose, 478-951-6076, kahodges9@gmail.com***

Disclaimer of Liability

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.