

2021 Pluff Mud Championship

September 11-12, 2021

Organizing Authority: The Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] means that the penalty may be less than disqualification.

Rev 1.0 Due to increases in Covid 19 cases in South Carolina, this revision deletes the offer of a lunch buffet. We MAY still be able to provide pre-wrapped food as a continental breakfast. This may be changed as time progresses without an additional change to the NOR.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 The event is a stop on the SAYRA Junior Grand Prix Championship Series
 - 1.2.1 SAYRA Jr Grand Prix Notice of Series is located at: https://sayra-sailing.membershiptoolkit.com/assets/01040/Documents/Juniors/2021_Junior_Series_NOR_draft_v4.pdf
- 1.3 Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor and shoes shall be worn while launching or retrieving your boat to due oyster shells.
- 1.4 All boats shall have sail numbers.
- 1.5 All boats shall give way to commercial traffic, such as: barges, law enforcement.

2. COVID PROTOCOL.

- 2.1 [NP] At this writing Covid 19 safety precautions have been limited by the State of South Carolina and Beaufort County. If precautions are placed back in effect, competitors and spectators are expected to follow the Beaufort County Face Mask Ordinance as well as CDC recommendations. Everyone is responsible for his or her safety, including self distancing. If you are not comfortable with the social arrangements it is your responsibility to avoid any social gatherings.
Bring your own masks.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to the following classes of Juniors:
 - 3.2.1 ILCA 7 (Under 21), ILCA 6 (Under 19), ILCA 4 (Under 18)
 - 3.2.2 Club 420 – Spin & Trapeze and collegiate style (will start together)
 - 3.2.3 O’Pen Skiff (U13), O’Pen Skiff (13+)
 - 3.2.4 Optimist RWB (White 10 or under, Blue 11-12, Red 13-15)
 - 3.2.5 Optimist Green (novice and under 15)

4. **ENTRY:**

- 4.1 **THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION TABLE.**
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration for the regatta ONLINE as well as reservations for all meals, **prior to the cutoff date/time of Friday, September 10, 12:00pm at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22845>**

5. **FEES**

- 5.1 Registration is \$45 per boat.
- 5.2 Deduct \$5 if you are a current member of US Sailing.
- 5.3 Guests will become temporary members of BYSC upon registration.

6. **MEALS**

- 6.1 Continental breakfast **may** be provided each day.
- 6.2 ~~Lunches will be provided on a “make your own sandwich” buffet~~
- 6.3 Saturday evening Local Pie will be onsite with their mobile wood fired pizza oven for purchase of pizza, salads & drinks <https://localpie.com>

7. **SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 Saturday, September 11, 2021
 - 9:00-10:30am Check-in, continental breakfast **and lunch table**
 - 10:45am: Welcome & Competitor’s Meeting
 - 12:00am: Warnings for 1st race. Other races to follow
 - 5:00-8:00pm: Local Pie on-site for dinner purchase
- 7.3 Sunday, September 12, 2021.
 - 9:00-10:00am. Continental breakfast **and lunch table**
 - 11:00am. Warning for 1st race. Other races to follow
 - No race signal will be given after 3:00pm
 - Awards after racing

8. **SCORING**

- 8.1 One race completed for each class will constitute a regatta.
- 8.2 RRS A2.1 is changed as follows:
 - 8.2.1 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of all of her race scores.

8.2.2 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.

8.3 There is no maximum number of races.

9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

9.1 Available online prior to September 10, 2021 and located at the Official Notice Board on the riverside porch.

10. **COURSES.** There will be two race circles with the following possible classes.

10.1 Circle 1 will be the Optimist RWB, Optimist Green and O'Pen Skiff course.

Courses will be a trapezoid with mid leg start and finish line and a short weather mark for Optimist Green Fleet. The O'Pen Skiffs *may* utilize the Bridge of Doom.

10.2 Circle 2 will be the ILCA 4 & ILCA 6 and 420 course. Courses will be windward/leeward.

10.3 Courses will be described in more detail in the Sailing Instructions.

11. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Competitors participate in this 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.

12. **AWARDS.** There will be awards presented based on number of eligible boats in each class.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

13. **RAMP LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING FOR ROAD TRAILERS**

13.1 Safe launching for road trailers is usually 3 hours before or after high tide.

13.2 Tides for Beaufort/BYSC

- Saturday: high tide at 1:18pm, low tide at 7:29pm.
- Sunday: high tide at 2:18pm, low tide at 8:27pm.

13.3 Other information.

- Dollies are not to be left at waters edge upon launching due to the tide.

14. **COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS**

14.1 [DP] Coach boats and spectator boats shall be restricted to certain areas by PRO of the respective courses.

14.2 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.

15. **VHF RADIOS**

- 15.1 [DP] VHF radios are required for all RC boats, coach boats, spectator boats and other visitors on the water. Please monitor the signal boat channel on the circle you are following.
- 15.2 [DP] Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. No other electronic devices are allowed.
- 15.3 As a courtesy, the Race Committee may announce relevant information or to call OCS's. Failure to hear transmissions from the Race Committee, the timing or the sequence of calling of OCS's on VHF shall not be a cause for redress.
- 15.4 VHF channels to be used will be detailed in the Sailing instructions.

16. **CLUB AMENITIES.**

- 16.1 The pool and tennis/pickleball courts are open to regatta guests during regular club hours.
- 16.2 Limited electrical hookup are available upon request. Bathhouse (with showers) near pool is available.
- 16.3 **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON CLUB GROUNDS.**
- 16.4 Camping is available on club grounds but please check in with the General Manager for preplanned camping locations.
- 16.5 Most hotel chains represented in the Beaufort area.

17. **DIRCTIONS TO BYSC.**

- 17.1 From the north: follow Rt 21 south, follow Bus. 21 through downtown Beaufort and over the Wood's swing bridge. Take the second right onto Meridian Rd. In approximately 1 mile turn right on Yacht Club Drive.
- 17.2 From the south: follow SC 170 over the Broad River Bridge and in ¼ mile turn right onto SC 128. In a couple of miles to the first stoplight and turn right onto Rt. 21. Go to the third stoplight with Hardees', CVS, Advance Auto Parts, gas station on the corners. Turn right and over the McTeer Bridge. In ½ mile turn left onto Meridian Dr. and in approximately 1 mile turn left onto Yacht Club Drive.

18. **CONTACTS.**

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