



RIVER ROMP 2021

a US SAILING Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Regatta
Where the Corinthian Spirit is Part of its “DNA”
October 16 & 17, 2021

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*, except for The US Sailing Redress Prescription stated in RRS 63.2.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, the one-design class rules for all boats shall apply except as follows:
 - 1.3.1 [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.
 - 1.3.2 [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”.
 - 1.3.3 [DP][NP] Class membership shall not be required.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Regatta is open to boats of the C420, Laser Radial (ILCA 6), 4.7 (ILCA 4) 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 competitors are eligible to compete through December 31st 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 First year Green Fleet sailors are eligible to participate in the Emerald Fleet: a one-day clinic on Saturday with short races on Sunday. Participation is limited and restricted to beginning sailors.
- 2.6 Individual or family membership to US Sailing Association is required. Memberships should be paid online at www.ussailing.org

3. ELIGIBILITY AND DETAILS FOR OPTI EMERALD CLINIC and RACING

- 3.1 Eligibility is limited to youth ages 8-13 who have little or no racing experience.
- 3.2 The format will be a clinic on the first day (Saturday) and short races on Sunday.
- 3.3 A professional coach will be running this program.
- 3.4 Clubs are not required to provide a representative on this course. Area instructors interested in participating with the head coach on this new program for beginning sailors should contact the OA for more information.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Competitors shall enter by completing the online registration (www.edsonsailingcenter.org).
- 4.2 All sailors must be checked in on site prior to 0859 Saturday, October 16, 2021.

- 4.3 No registrations without a sail number and contact information for the responsible parent/guardian/coach will be accepted.
- 4.4 [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 16, 2021. 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 16, 2021, and prior to 0800 on Sunday, October 17, 2021.
- 4.5 A boat failing to comply with NOR 3.4 shall be subject to a protest hearing which may result in a DSQ.
- 4.6 Entries for the regatta will be limited to 175 entrants (25 in Emerald and 150 in other fleets).

5. CLASS STREAMERS

- 5.1 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:
 - 5.1.1 Laser Radial-Blue (ILCA 6)
 - 5.1.2 Laser 4.7-White (ILCA 4)

6. FEES & REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Fees must be paid at the time of registration.
- 6.2 Fees are \$100 for single-hand; \$175 for double-hand if paid by October 2.
- 6.3 Registrations entered after 12:00 midnight October 2 are \$150 for single-hand or \$225 for double-hand, if fleet limits have not been reached.
- 6.4 No registrations will be accepted after 12:00 Noon, Monday, October 11, 2021.
- 6.5 Registrations entered after October 2 are **not** guaranteed a t-shirt; sizes will be subject to availability for those registering on or after October 2, 2021.
- 6.6 Fees do NOT include food or beverages.
- 6.7 Coaches accompanying their competitors who plan to be on the water MUST register on or before 12:00 NOON, Monday, October 11, 2021. No flags will be assigned to coaches who do not register.

7. COVID-19 Regatta Limitations and Adjustments

- 7.1 Due to Lee County Parks Department and local health restrictions, the size of this regatta is limited and must be compliant with COVID-19 guidelines.
- 7.2 The number of competitors is limited by race area as follows:
 - 7.2.1 Race Area A (Opti Green): 50 competitors
 - 7.2.2 Race Area B and C (Opti Red-White-Blue): 50 competitors
 - 7.2.3 Race Area C: 50 competitors, skippers and crew.
 - 7.2.4 Emerald Fleet: 25 competitors with a wait list of 15.
- 7.3 In addition to limiting the number of competitors, the venue is also required by local authorities to restrict the total number of persons (coaches &/or chaperones) in any one location while on land.
- 7.4 Everyone must bring their own food & beverages for both days of the event.
- 7.5 Clubs will be placed in cohorts and separated by signage. Clubs/Competitors & Coaches should observe any COVID precautions they have put in place to support health and well-being.
- 7.6 Competitors will be checked-in by their coach &/or designated chaperone no later than 0859 Saturday, October 16, 2021.
- 7.7 Competitors' t-shirts will be given to the designated/registered coach/chaperone for distribution.
- 7.8 Awards will be given to the winners' coaches to distribute.
- 7.9 No printed copies of Sailing Instructions or this NoR will be available except on the electronic Official Notice Board. (Regatta Network). One copy per club will be provided in club materials.
- 7.10 Competitors/clubs/coaches will be assigned to locations by the OA.
- 7.11 [DP] Social distancing and masks, as recommended by CDC, are required at all times on the premises
- 7.12 Cancellation information and refund policy will be posted on ESC website.

8. COMPETITOR AND COACHES PRE-REGATTA ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom Meetings are scheduled as indicated below. The Organizing Authority will email the link for each Zoom meeting to the emails registered in each stated group below:

- 7:00 PM Sunday, October 10, 2021: ESC Volunteers
- 7:00 PM Monday, October 11, 2021: Coach and Support Persons
- 7:00 PM Tuesday, October 12, 2021: Green Opti Fleet Competitors
- 8:00 PM Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Emerald Fleet and Emerald Volunteers.
- 8:30 PM Tuesday, October 12, 2021: Race Committee
- 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 13, 2021: Opti Red-White-Blue Competitors
- 8:00 PM Wednesday, October 13, 2021: Club 420 and Laser
- 7:00 PM Thursday, October 14, 2021: Point of Contact (These are the designated club representatives for all paperwork related to regattas/racing)

9. REGATTA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY October 15, 2021

1700-1900 Check-in available for each club's Point of Contact. Bring the confirmed roster to your assigned check-in station. Sailors participating without club representation will be assigned to a check-in station.

SATURDAY October 16, 2021

0900 Check-in closes for the event.

1030 Intended first warning signal for Race Area B, (Opti Red-White-Blue) and Race Area C (C420, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7).

1100 Intended first warning signal for Race Area A for Opti Green Fleet.

1700 No warning will be made after this time.

SUNDAY October 17, 2021:

0900 Intended first warning signal for all Race Areas.

1300 No warning will be made after this time.

Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the completion of Sunday races and the completion protest/redress hearings that might have a bearing on the outcome of the top finishers.

Note: There will be a special Race for Ice Cream for the Green Fleet with day & time determined by the Race Officer.

10. 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.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online by 1200, Saturday, October 9. Sailing Instructions and Amendments will be posted on the electronic Official Bulletin Board (Regatta Network).

12. VENUE

- 12.1 The regatta venue will be at 13001 N. Cleveland Avenue (US 41), North Ft Myers, in **North Shore Park**.
- 12.2 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).
- 12.3 The Emerald Fleet will have a special course for Sunday mini-races.
- 12.4 A chart showing the three main race areas will be posted on the Official Notice Board. An additional chart indicating the location of the Emerald Fleet will also be posted on the ONB.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The intended course for Race Area A will be a triangle with the start/finish line in the middle of the windward leg.
- 13.2 The intended course for Area B and Area C will be windward/leeward courses with or without a windward offset and leeward gates or a single leeward mark.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 In compliance with USODA, for the Green Fleet, scores will be recorded and posted in sail number order.
- 14.2 The low point scoring system as described in RRS A1 will apply.
- 14.3 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
- 14.4 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
- 14.5 One race shall constitute a series.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendix P and Appendix V will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
- 15.2 This event will be using an expedited hearing process for protests and redress hearings. This changes RRS 63.2 and 63.3.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1 [DP] All competitors must comply with RRS 40.1 with the additional requirement that all PFDs must meet US Coast Guard requirements.
- 16.2 [DP] All coach and support power boats shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-off switch ("kill switch") which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may result in removal from the event.

17. SUPPORT BOATS AND COACH BOATS

- 17.1 [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.
- 17.2 Any boat not displaying a flag is asked to remain at least 200 yards from the racing area.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 Launching facility locations will be posted on the ESC website and directions/parking information will be provided. Registration is critical for coordination of all parties!
- 17.5 **[DP] Life jackets must be worn on all support and coach power boats.**

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 No (competitor) boats shall carry any communication devices such as VHF or cell phones.
- 18.2 [DP] Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radio and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA. The channels to be used are Area C Ch 69; Area B Ch 72; Area At Ch 70.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Awards will be given to the following fleets that meet the minimum required fleet size of six boats.
 - 19.1.1.1 Red-White-Blue Opti Fleets
 - 19.1.1.2 C420
 - 19.1.1.3 Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 Fleets
- 19.2 US Sailing Green Fleet medals will be given to Green Fleet competitors, including Emerald Fleet.

20. 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

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 As one of the Clean Regatta policies all sailors, coaches & families are asked to bring reusable water bottles to reduce waste.
- 21.2 **Service Dogs in "uniform" always welcome; NO pets at venue.**
- 21.3 Please observe the No Alcohol, Vaping or Tobacco products or weapons policy (County regulation.)

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

23. Edison Sailing Center has teamed up with a local non-profit, Lee County Sports Housing, to offer discounted hotel accommodations for this event. A team of local reservation specialists will share their knowledge of each property's amenities; also the best beaches, attractions, shopping, and restaurants.

Reservation specialists are available Monday through Friday, 9AM – 5PM Eastern Time by calling 239-541-1800. Discounted rates are only available by calling the above numbers or reserving DIRECTLY through the event's website link. Please click the link below to view accommodation choices/rates and reserve your lodging.

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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

