



55th ANNUAL LOWCOUNTRY REGATTA

June 25-26, 2022

Organizing Authority: The Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor and shoes shall be worn while launching or retrieving your boat to due oyster shells.
- 1.3 All boats shall have sail numbers.
- 1.4 All boats shall give way to commercial traffic, such as: barges, law enforcement.
- 1.5 ICW 242 (across from the club) shall not be passed toward western shore.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 (NP, DP) If there are any covid protocols in place at the time of the regatta they shall be honored throughout the event.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to one-design dinghy sailboats.
- 3.2 Expected classes: Highlander, Melges 15, MC Scow, Lightning, SIOD, Y Flyer, Snipe, Laser (full rig, radial, 4.7), Evo, 420, Sunfish, Optimists and O'Pen skiff. Additional classes are welcome on a case-to- case basis. Three class boats are required to constitute a class and be able to start.
- 3.3 Junior age eligibility during all of 2022: 420 skipper and crew-under 19. Sunfish age: Midget-under 15, Junior-under 19.

O'Pen Skiff age eligibility during all of 2022: Under 13 and under 17.
Junior age eligibility on the first day of the regatta: Lasers-all rigs- 18 & under.
Optimist age: Green: novice including those under 15, White-10 or under, Blue-11-12, Red-13-15.

4. ENTRY:

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration for the regatta as well as reservations for all meals and T shirts **ONLINE , prior to the cutoff date/time of Saturday, June 25, 9:00am, at:** <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24424> or at bysnet.com (which will connect you to Regatta Network.).
- 4.2 If you know that you are attending we ask that you register **asap**. This makes it so much easier to order trophies, meals and t-shirts. Thank you.
- 4.3 Meals are to be reserved and paid for in conjunction with this online registration. Note: Meals will not be available for purchase at the regatta.
- 4.4 T-shirts need to be ordered by the advance registration date of June 10, 2022 to assure delivery by the regatta. Shirts ordered later will be back ordered.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Adults \$75, Juniors \$40.
- 5.3 **Advance registration credit of \$15 on the entry fee if registration is received by June 10, 2022.**
- 5.4 Deduct \$5 if you are a current member of US Sailing.
- 5.5 One (1) T shirt is included in the registration. Additional T-shirts may be ordered in the registration process.
- 5.6 Guests will become temporary members of BYSC upon registration.

6. MEALS

- 6.1 Continental breakfast will be provided.
- 6.2 Beaufort Community Sailing & Boating will prepare the Saturday night Lowcountry Boil (or chicken) dinner as a fundraiser. Cost for adults is \$22 and for children (13 and under) is \$11, which need to be prepaid during registration. **NO ONSITE CASH TRANSACTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SITE.**
- 6.3 Pre-packaged lunches will be available for \$8 each, RESERVED DURING REGISTRATION.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Friday, June 24, 2022.
 - 6:00pm Commodore's Welcome Reception.
- 7.2 Saturday, June 25, 2022
 - 10.00am. Competitor's Meeting. This meeting will be conducted separately for each race circle. Further instructions upon arrival.

- 11:15am. Lunches available to be picked up on the deck.
- 12:00noon-1:30pm. Warning for 1st races. See Sailing Instructions for Warning times on each course. Other races to follow.
- 6:00pm. Social time with self-distancing.
- **7:00 pm. OUR FAMOUS LOWCOUNTRY BOIL IS BACK.**
- Band is Cluster Shucks

7.3 Sunday, June 26, 2022

- 9:00am. Lunches will be available to be picked up on the deck before or after the races.
- 10:00am-11:00am. Warning for 1st race. See Sailing Instructions for Warning times for each course. Other races to follow.
- No race signal will be given after 2:00pm.

8. **SCORING**

- 8.1 One race completed for each class will constitute a regatta.
- 8.2 A boat's event score shall be the total of all her races scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 8.3 A maximum of seven (7) races will be considered for the North and South Circles.
- 8.4 There is no maximum number of races for the Opti/O'Pen Skiff Circle.

9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1 Available online prior to June 10, 2022 and located at the Official Notice Board on the riverside porch.
- 9.2 Note that there are separate SI's for the North/South circles and for the Opti/O'Pen Skiff circle.

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

- 10.1 North Circle: classes designated for this course: Laser, Sunfish, 420, JY15. Courses will be windward/leeward with downwind finishes.
- 10.2 South Circle: classes designated for this course: Highlander, Melges 15, MC Scow, Lightning, Y Flyer, SIOD, Snipe, Evo. Courses will be windward/leeward with downwind finishes.
- 10.3 Opti/O'Pen Skiff Circle: courses will be trapezoid with mid leg start and finish lines and short weather mark for Green Fleet Opti's.
- 10.4 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.** Number of awards in each class will be based on the pre-registration entries by June 10, 2022, but not less than: (1) for 3 boats; (2) for 5 boats; (3) for 8 boats.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

13. RAMP LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING FOR ROAD TRAILERS

- 13.1 Safe launching for road trailers is usually 3 hrs before or after high tide.
- 13.2 Launching from the jib boom on the dock is available anytime after 9am on Sat. and 8am on Sun.
- 13.3 Tides for Beaufort/BYSC
 - Saturday: high tide at 6:50am and 7:29pm, low tide at 12:56pm. Safe launching on the ramp with a vehicle until about 10:00am. Retrieving on the ramp Sat. ok with a vehicle after 4:00pm.
 - Sunday: high tide at 7:46am and 8:34pm, low tide at 1:51pm. Safe launching at ramp with vehicle until about 11:00am. Retrieving at the ramp with a vehicle after 5:00pm.
- 13.4 Other information.
 - Limited temporary docks will be available. Shuttles will be available.
 - 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] Boat operators are to register with the Motorboat Registration desk in the clubhouse, receive and fly the appropriate designation flag and follow written guidelines.
- 14.3 [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.
- 14.4 [DP] You are responsible for the safe operation of your boat, which includes installation of a prop guard. Prop guards are highly recommended by our insurance company and your insurance may not cover you if you have an incident.

15. VHF RADIOS

- 15.1 VHF radios are necessary for safety communication as well as other information from the Principal Race Officer (PRO). Code Flag V (red X on a white background), when flown, requires all regatta support boats and competitors (if they have a radio) to monitor their circle communication channel for further instructions. This is usually a safety issue.
- 15.2 Competitor's on the South Circle (MC's, Highlanders, SIOD's, Snipes, etc.) are specifically requested to have VHF radios.

- 15.3 [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.
- 15.4 [DP] Except in an emergency a competitor shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. No other electronic devices are allowed.
- 15.5 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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