



# RIVER ROMP 2022

a US SAILING Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Regatta  
Where the Corinthian Spirit is Part of its “DNA”  
October 15 &16, 2022



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)  
Edison Sailing Center  
[www.edisonsailingcenter.org](http://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)*
- 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. The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4. Under RRS 87, the one-design class rules for all boats shall apply except as follows:
  - 1.4.1. [DP]. 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][NP] Class membership shall not be required.
- 1.5. The competitor ensures by their entry that their boat and equipment comply with applicable class measurement rules.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR RACING

- 2.1. The regatta is open to boats of the C420, ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7), ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 at check-in or paid in advance online at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)

### 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR OPTI EMERALD FLEET CLINIC

- 3.1. Eligibility is strongly suggested for ages 8-11 who have little or no racing experience.
- 3.2. The format will be a blend of clinic and short races.
- 3.3. Clubs are not required to provide a representative on the water for those in the Emerald Fleet.

### 4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Competitors, including Emerald Fleet Clinic sailors, shall enter by completing the online registration ([www.edsonsailingcenter.org](http://www.edsonsailingcenter.org)).
- 4.2. All sailors must be checked in on site prior to 0859 Saturday, October 15, 2022.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in this event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. This includes having input the boat’s sail number and contact information for the support person(s)[parent, guardian, coach] who will be at the event.
- 4.4. [DP][NP] Boats shall race with the sail number that was entered on their registration. A boat wishing to change that number may go into Regatta Network and make their sail change prior to 1700 hours on Friday, October 14, 2022.
- 4.5. A boat failing to comply with NOR 4.4 shall be subject to a protest hearing which may result in a discretionary penalty or DSQ.
- 4.6. Entries for this regatta shall not exceed 225 boats.
- 4.7. Entrants for the Emerald Fleet program is limited to 25 entrants.

### 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 7.
- 5.3. Registrations entered after 12:00 midnight October 7 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, Monday, October 10, 2022.

- 5.5. Registrations entered after October 1 are *not* guaranteed a t-shirt; sizes will be subject to availability for those registering after October 1, 2022.
- 5.6. Fees do NOT include food or beverages.
- 5.7. Coaches accompanying their competitors MUST register on or before 12:00 NOON, Monday, October 10, 2022. No flags will be assigned to coaches who do not pre-register. Coaches without flags will be restricted.
6. REGATTA ADJUSTMENTS
  - 6.1. Everyone must bring their own food & beverages for both days of the event.
  - 6.2. Competitors will be checked-in by their coach &/or designated chaperone no later than 0859 Saturday, October 15, 2022.
  - 6.3. Competitors' t-shirts will be given to the designated/registered coach/chaperone at club check-in for distribution.
  - 6.4. Awards will be given to the winners' coaches to distribute.
  - 6.5. Sail number changes – refer to ENTRIES.
  - 6.6. Cancellation information and refund policy will be posted on ESC website.
7. COMPETITOR AND COACHES PRE-REGATTA ZOOM MEETINGS  
 Zoom Meetings are scheduled as indicated below. The Organizing Authority will use the following Meeting ID for each Zoom meeting: 806 406 0603 no password required.:
  - 7:00 PM Sunday, October 9, 2022: ESC Volunteers
  - 7:00 PM Monday, October 10, 2022: Coach and Support Persons, OA and RC Reps
  - 7:00 PM Tuesday, October 11, 2022: Green Opti Fleet Competitors
  - 8:00 PM Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Emerald Fleet and Emerald Volunteers.
  - 8:30 PM Tuesday, October 11, 2022: Race Committee
  - 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 12, 2021: Opti Red-White-Blue Competitors, RC Rep
  - 8:00 PM Wednesday, October 12, 2021: Club 420 and Laser, RC Rep
  - 7:00 PM Thursday, October 13, 2021: Point of Contact (These are the runners for any paperwork going back and forth between a clubs and ESC and the jury).
8. REGATTA SCHEDULE
  - FRIDAY, October 14, 2022:
    - 1630 Club and Coach check-in opens on-site
    - 1700 Sail Number changes deadline.
    - 1830 Club and Coach check-in closes for the day.
  - SATURDAY October 15, 2022:
    - 0745 Club and Coach check-in opens on-site.
    - 0900 Club and Coach 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 First warning for a race will be made after this time.
  - SUNDAY October 16, 2022:
    - 0900 Intended first warning signal for all Race Areas.
    - 1300 No First warning will be made after this time.

*Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the completion of Sunday races and the completion of protest/redress hearings that might have a bearing on the outcome of the top finishers.*
9. CLASS AND CLASS STREAMERS
  - 9.1. 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:
  - 9.2. ILCA 4; BLUE
  - 9.3. ILCA 6: WHITE
  - 9.4. Opti Red, White and Blue may be divided into divisions at the discretion of the OA and will receive streamer colors accordingly. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 9.5. Opti Green and boats registered for the Emerald Fleet Clinic will not be provided streamers
10. ICE CREAM RACE  
 There will be a special "Race for Ice Cream" for the Opti Green Fleet. The day and time will be determined by the Principal Race Officer of Race Area A. An ice cream cone flag will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat for this race to the shore. For CDC compliance, the ice cream will be delivered to the designated representative of each club to distribute to its Green Fleet Racers.
11. PRINTED EVENT DOCUMENTS
  - 11.1. This Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any Amendments will be posted on the electronic Official Bulletin Board (Regatta Network).
  - 11.2. One printed copy of the Sailing Instructions and this NoR will be available for each club at check-in.
  - 11.3. It is recommended that families print their own NoR and SIs at home.
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 held on three separate designated areas of the Caloosahatchee River:: Race Area A (Optimist Green Fleet), Race Area B (R/W/B Fleets), and Race Area C (Laser/C420 Fleets).
- 12.3. The Emerald Opti Fleet Clinic will be held nearest to the venue, close to the beach..
- 12.4. A chart showing the race areas will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
13. SCORING
- 13.1. In compliance with USODA, the Green Fleet, scores will be recorded and posted in sail number order.
- 13.2. The low point scoring system as described in RRS A1 will apply.
- 13.3. 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
- 13.4. When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst excludable score. This changes RRS.A2.1
- 13.5. One race shall constitute a series.
14. PENALTY SYSTEMS.
- 14.1. RRS Appendix P, as revised below, shall apply on Race Areas B and C.
- 14.1.1. P2.2, "Second Penalty" title is changed to: "Second and Subsequent Penalties."
- 14.1.2. The first sentence of P2.2 is changed to; When a boat is penalized a second time and subsequent times, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2, unless the penalty is signaled after the boat finishes, in which case the boat shall promptly notify the race committee that she is retiring.
- 14.1.3. P2.3 is deleted.
- 14.2. RRS Appendix V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT shall apply.
15. SUPPORT BOATS AND COACH BOATS
- 15.1.[DP] In support of safety for all competitors, coaches shall register on-line ([www.edsonsailingcenter.org](http://www.edsonsailingcenter.org)) and be identified by a clearly displayed numbered flags provided by the OA volunteer assigned to the coach's club/organization.
- 15.2. Any support or spectator boat not displaying a flag shall remain at least 200 yards from the racing area in the designated area.
- 15.3. Support persons and coaches are to monitor their course VHF channel and assist if requested by the Race Committee.
- 15.4. U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by all coaches, safety & support boat personnel. Under Florida and Federal law, operators of recreational boats under 26' shall have the ECOS (Emergency Cut-Off Switch) attached to their person while under power.
- 15.5. Launching facility locations will be posted on the ESC website and directions/parking information will be provided
- 15.6. There will be no Coach registration on site.
16. COMMUNICATION DEVICES
- 16.1. No (competitor) boats shall carry any communication devices such as VHF or cell phones.
- 16.2.[DP] Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radio and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA.
17. PRIZES
- Awards will be given to the following fleets that meet the minimum required fleet size of six boats.
- Red-White-Blue Opti Fleets: Gold, silver, and bronze in each fleet; awards may be adjusted to reflect fleet size
  - C420: Gold, silver, and bronze; awards may be adjusted to reflect class size
  - ICLA 4 and ICLA 6: Gold, silver, and bronze; awards may be adjusted to reflect fleet size
  - Green Fleet competitors will receive participation medals.
  - An award in recognition of good sportsmanship will be given to one sailor/boat in each class. See criteria in Addendum Three of the Sailing Instructions.
18. RISK STATEMENT
- 18.1. All coaches, parents, guardians, and 'designated adults' are defined as support persons under the Racing Rules of Sailing. Support Persons are obliged under RRS 1.1 to 'give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.' Support Persons are obliged under rule 37 to monitor the Race Committee communication channel for search and rescue instructions when code flag V (white with red X) is displayed.
- 18.2. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' Since the competitors in this event are minors, an adult (parent, guardian, or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor(s). It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor(s) should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. By allowing minor sailors to be participating in this event, each support person/designated adult agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes
- 18.3. The support persons supervising their competitors are ultimately responsible for these risks.
- 18.4. Parents and guardians not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor(s).

19. **DISCLAIMER** *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.*
20. **FURTHER INFORMATION**
  - 20.1. As one of the Clean Regatta policies, all sailors, coaches & families are asked to bring reusable water bottles to reduce waste.
  - 20.2. Service Dogs in “uniform” always welcome; pets must be leashed or restrained at all times.
  - 20.3. Please observe the No Alcohol, Vaping or Tobacco products or weapons policy (County regulation.)
21. **REGATTA CONTACT:** Stephanie Webb (239) 454-5114; email: edisonsailing.webb@outlook.com.
22. **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=58960>. 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.