



56th ANNUAL LOWCOUNTRY REGATTA

June 24-25, 2023

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 due to 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to one-design dinghy sailboats with sailors of all ages.
- 3.2 Invited classes: Highlander, Melges 15, MC Scow, Lightning, SIOD, Y Flyer, Snipe, ILCA (Laser) 4,6 & 7, VX Evo, Flying Scot, Thistle, C420, JY15, Sunfish, Optimists and O'Pen Skiff. Additional dinghy classes are welcome. Three class boats are required to constitute a class and be able to start.
- 3.3 Junior age eligibility - skipper and crew may not reach the following birthdays in 2023:
 - C420: 19
 - Sunfish: 19
 - ILCA 4: 18
 - ILCA 6: 19
 - ILCA 7: 21
 - O'Pen Skiff U13: 13
 - O'Pen Skiff 13+: 21
 - Opti: Green Novice: 16
 - White, age 10 and under: 11
 - Blue, age 11 & 12: 13
 - Red, age 13 to 15: 16

4. ENTRY:

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing a registration for the regatta as well as reservations for all meals and T shirts **ONLINE, prior to the cutoff date/time of Saturday, June 24, 10:00am, at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26279>** or at byscnet.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 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. Additional meals may be purchased by editing your online registration.
- 4.4 T-shirts need to be ordered by the advance registration date of June 9, 2023 to assure delivery at the regatta. Shirts ordered after that date will be back ordered.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Adults \$80, Juniors \$45.
- 5.2 There is a discount of \$15 on the entry fee if the registration is received by June 9, 2023. Early registration is encouraged.
- 5.3 One (1) T-shirt is included in each registration. Additional T-shirts may be ordered on the Regatta Network online storefront.
- 5.4 Guests will become temporary members of BYSC upon registration.

6. MEALS

- 6.1 Continental breakfast will be provided on Saturday and Sunday.
- 6.2 Beaufort Community Sailing & Boating will prepare the Saturday night Lowcountry Boil (or chicken) dinner as a fundraiser. The fee for adults is \$25 and for children (13 and under) the fee is \$12. **RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE PREPAID ON THE REGATTA NETWORK REGISTRATION SITE no later than June 24, 2023 at 10:00am. NO ONSITE CASH TRANSACTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE.**
- 6.3 Pre-packaged lunches will be available for \$9 each, **RESERVED DURING ONLINE REGISTRATION.**

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Friday, June 23, 2023.
 - 6:00pm Commodore's Welcome Reception.
- 7.2 Saturday, June 24, 2023.
 - 9:00 – 10:30am. Pick up your welcome package in the clubhouse. Verify registration information and sail numbers.
 - 11:00am. Competitor's Meetings. These meetings will be conducted separately for each race circle. Further instructions upon arrival.
 - 11:15am. Lunches are available to be picked up on the deck.
 - 12:30 - 1:00pm. Warning for 1st races. See Sailing Instructions for Warning times on each course. Other races to follow.
 - 6:00pm. Social time.
 - **7:00 pm. OUR FAMOUS LOWCOUNTRY BOIL IS BACK.**
 - Dancing to the local band "*Cluster Shucks*"

7.3 Sunday, June 25, 2023.

- 9:00am. Lunches will be available to be picked up on the deck before or after the races.
- 10:30am - 11:00am. Warning for 1st race. See Sailing Instructions for warning times for each course. Other races to follow.
- No warning signal will be given after 2:00pm on Sunday.

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 race scores excluding her worst score if six (6) races or more are sailed. 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 Sailing Instructions will be available no later than June 17, 2023: online, at the Registration check in and on 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.

9.3 Upon publication of the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail in any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

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

10.1 North Circle: classes designated for this course: ILCA, 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, VX Evo, Flying Scot, Thistle. 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.

10.5 At the discretion of the PRO, classes may be combined for the start but scored separately.

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.** The number of awards in each class will be based on the pre-registration entries by June 9, 2023, but not less than: (1) for 3 or more boats; (2) for 5 or more boats; (3) for 8 or more boats.

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 Launching from the jib boom on the dock is available any time after 9am on Sat. and 8am on Sun.
- 13.3 Tides for Beaufort/BYSC
 - Saturday: Low tide is at 8:07am and high tide is 2:02pm. Safe launching at the ramp with a vehicle is after 11:00am. Retrieving at the ramp with a vehicle is safe prior to 5:00pm. For those arriving on Friday you might want to put in on Friday and dock or moor overnight to avoid launch congestion. Remember that the jib boom is available anytime. You will need to bring your own lifting bridle.
 - Sunday Low tide is 8:56am and high tide is 2:53pm. Safe launching at the ramp with a vehicle is after 12:00 noon but with larger boat race warnings at 11am this is a concern. You are encouraged to use the jib crane early, or raft overnight at the dock or designated moorings. Retrieving until 6:00pm on Sunday is not a problem.
- 13.4 Other information.
 - Limited docking spaces will be available so you may be required to raft up at the dock or designated moorings. Bring fenders and lines.
 - Water shuttles will be available to service designated moorings or floats.
 - Dollies must be returned to their assigned parking area after launching due to tide and interference concerns.

14. COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 14.1 Coach boats and spectator boats shall be restricted to certain areas by the PRO of the respective courses.
- 14.2 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 All support and spectator 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 You are responsible for the safe operation of your boat, which includes the 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 that a prop guard could have prevented.

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 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 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 hookups are available upon request. A bathhouse (with showers) is available near the pool.
- 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 or his representative for preplanned camping locations.
- 16.5 Most hotel chains are 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 first right, across from the launch ramp, onto Meridian Rd. In approximately 1 mile turn right onto Yacht Club Dr.
- 17.2 From the south: follow SC 170 over the Broad River Bridge and in ¼ mile turn right onto SC 128 at the Circle K. In a couple of miles turn right at the first stoplight onto Rt. 21. Go to the third stoplight with Hardees', CVS, Advance Auto Parts, gas station on the corners. Turn right and proceed over the McTeer Bridge. In ½ mile turn left onto Meridian Dr. and in approximately 1 mile turn left onto Yacht Club Dr.
- 17.3 Address: 30 Yacht Club Dr, Beaufort SC, 29907

18. CONTACTS.

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