



**USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival
Beverly Yacht Club
58th Annual Invitational Junior Regatta**

August 15-16, 2023

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Junior Olympic Festival is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) listed below will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. In accordance with RRS 40.2, Rule 40.1 applies and all competitors shall wear properly fastened USCG-approved personal flotation devices at all times.
 - 1.2.2. Rule 61.1 (a) is changed so that "A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, without consultation with instructors, coaches or support persons, including (if possible) the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested."

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 2400 on August 11, 2023 on the BYC Junior Regatta page on Regatta Network.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at the BYC Junior Regatta page on Regatta Network. A courtesy notice board may be posted at Silvershell Beach.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Opti Skippers shall be 15 or younger as of December 31, 2023. 420 Skippers and crew shall be 18 or younger as of December 31, 2023.
- 4.2. Skippers shall be members of a SMSA member organization and shall be invited by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3. Skippers and crew shall be members of US Sailing or their other National Authority and provide a valid membership number at time of registration.
- 4.4. The regatta is open to boats of the Optimist Dinghy and Club 420 classes. Competitors who are first year Opti sailors may register for the Opti Green class. The organizing authority may require a minimum of six boats to constitute a class.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may register in advance online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/>. The entry fee is \$125 for Optis and \$250 for 420s. Registration requires payment of the entry fee by Visa or MasterCard.
- 4.6. Advance registration ends at 2400h on Tuesday, August 8th. Facsimile registrations will not be accepted.
- 4.7. Late entries will be accepted through 1700h August 14, 2023 with a \$50 late fee.
- 4.8. Entry fees are non-refundable unless the class does not have sufficient entries to participate. See NOR 4.4.
- 4.9. All competitors shall check in on-site.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
August 8, 2023	2400	Deadline for payment without late fee.
August 14, 2023	1700	Deadline for registration with late fee.
	1700 - 1900	Check- in and registration at BYC. BYC grill will be open. Dinner may be purchased until 1900.
	1600 – 1900	Unloading and storage at Silvershell Beach
August 15, 2023	0800 - 0845	Check-in and registration at Silvershell Beach
	0800 - 0900	Light breakfast
	0845	Competitors' meeting at Silvershell Beach
	1000	Beach Launch (by class- please wait to be called)
	1100	1 st Warning Signal
	Between Races	Snack on water provided by BYC (competitors are encouraged to bring their own lunches)
	After Racing	Dinner (included for all competitors) and Entertainment held at BYC
August 16, 2023	0800 - 0900	Light breakfast
	0900	Beach Launch (by class - please wait to be called)
	1000	1 st Warning signal
	Between races	Snack on water provided by BYC (competitors are encouraged to bring their own lunches)
	1400	No 1 st Warning
	After racing	Dinner (included for competitors)
	After racing	Award ceremony at BYC
	2000	All sailors depart

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100 on August 15 and 1000 on August 16, 2023.

6. VENUE

- 6.1. Attachment A shows the location of the regatta harbor and the location of the racing areas.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.
- 8.2. The Race Committee will conduct as many races as possible.

9. SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

- 9.1. Any program entering three or more boats shall supply a support vessel equipped with a working VHF radio, an anchor and a first aid kit. An instructor, coach and/or other support personnel shall drive the support vessel and shall register with the organizing authority at registration to receive safety patrol assignments. Any program with eight or more boats should bring a second support vessel.
- 9.2. **Support Team Vessel use of ECOS Link (AKA Kill Cord):** Individuals operating vessels less than 26 feet in length are required to use ECOS links (aka Kill Cords) except when docking, launching, and loading on a trailer. When assisting person(s) in the water, the operator shall shutoff their motor. Noncompliance will result in exclusion from the racing area for the day without a hearing. Flagrant and/or repeated noncompliance will result in a hearing to consider whether a support person has broken this rule under RRS 60.3(d). This changes RRS 63.1.
- 9.3. Spectator and support vessels shall stay well clear of the racecourse area while boats are racing and shall monitor the VHF radio for updates and directives coming from the race committee.
- 9.4. Instructors and support vessels shall register with the OA and check-in their sailors.
- 9.5. If a program is not sending a support vessel (e.g., a program is sending fewer than three boats), arrangements shall be made with another program to allow the instructor supervising those sailors to go out on the water. In no circumstances will competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the racecourse. Opti Green competitors must have an associated coach boat and coach in attendance on the racecourse.
- 9.6. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course.
- 9.7. An adult (parent, guardian, or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. Parents not personally attending the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event.

10. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor 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.** The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after racing.

11. MEDIA

11.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published in BYC publications and/or on its website and social media pages.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to each member of the crews placing first with 6 or more boats registered, second with 8 or more boats registered, third with 10 or more boats registered and up to fifth with 14 or more boats registered.
- 12.2. USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in divisions with 10 or more boats.
- 12.3. Prizes may be awarded for outstanding perseverance and for outstanding sportsmanship.
- 12.4. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 13.1. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, results, and other information will be available on the website of the BYC Junior Regatta on Regatta Network:
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