



2023 Pluff Mud Junior Regatta

September 9-10, 2023

Organizing Authority: The Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club (BYSC)

Co-Sponsor: Beaufort Community Sailing & Boating (BCSB)

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted July 20, 2023

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor and shoes shall be worn not only while sailing but also while launching or retrieving your boat due to oyster shells.
- 1.3 All boats shall have sail numbers on both sides of the sail.
- 1.4 All boats shall give way to commercial traffic, such as: barges, law enforcement.
- 1.5 ICW marker 242 (across from club) shall not be passed on the western side due to obstructions.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The event is open to the following classes of Juniors:
 - 2.1.1 ILCA 7 (Under 21), ILCA 6 (Under 19), ILCA 4 (Under 18)
 - 2.1.2 420 (Under 19); Club (no Spin or Trap permitted) and Collegiate style will race together.
 - 2.1.3 Sunfish Junior (Under 19)
 - 2.1.4 O'Pen Skiff (Under 13), O'Pen Skiff (13+)
 - 2.1.5 Optimist RWB (White 10 or under, Blue 11-12, Red 13-15)
 - 2.1.6 Optimist Green (novice and under 15)
 - 2.1.7 All age requirements are through 2023 with the exception of Opti White and Blue, whose skippers change fleets on their birthdays.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 **THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION OR PAYMENT.**
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration for the regatta ONLINE **prior to the cutoff date/time of Friday, September 8, 12:00pm at:** <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26785>. Registration and/or payment after the cutoff time will be charged a \$10 late fee.
- 3.3 Registrations are not complete until paid for on Regatta Network.
- 3.4 All sailors are required to visit the check in table in the BYSC clubhouse prior to 10:30am, September 9 to verify registration information, confirm sail number and pick up meal tickets.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Registration is \$50 per boat skipper and \$35 per crew, includes breakfast and lunch each day.
- 4.2 Guests will become temporary members of BYSC upon registration.
- 4.3 Regatta Cotton T Shirts and Long-Sleeved Hooded Sun Shirts ordered with a paid registration by Aug 19 are available at a discount on Regatta Network. After that date the price will increase to cover shipping expenses to the purchaser's home address. Additional Shirts may be purchased on the Regatta Network Online Storefront.

5. MEALS

- 5.1 Continental breakfast will be provided each day.
- 5.2 Box lunches will be provided for registrants on Saturday and Sunday.
- 5.3 Saturday evening BCSB will hold an "Old Fashioned Cookout" featuring Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Breasts and all the fixings. There is a \$12 fee payable at registration on Regatta Network. Additional meals may be purchased on the Regatta Network Online Storefront.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Saturday, September 9, 2023
 - 9:00-10:30am: Verify registration and sail number information at check in table in clubhouse. Pick up meal tickets and preordered T-shirts.
 - 9:00-10:30am: Continental breakfast
 - 10:30am: Regatta Network late registration closed.
 - 10:45am: Welcome & Competitor's Meeting. Competitors pick up lunch.
 - 12:30pm: Warnings for 1st race. Other races to follow.
 - 4:00pm-Sunset: Bar open for adults.
 - 6:00-8:00pm: BCSB Old Fashioned Cookout.
- 6.2 Sunday, September 10, 2023.
 - 8:30-10:00am: Continental breakfast and lunch pick up
 - 11:00am: Warning for 1st race. Other races to follow.
 - No race warning signal will be given after 3:00pm.
 - Awards will be given after racing and any protest resolution.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 One race completed for each class will constitute a regatta.
- 7.2 The regatta will be scored with the low point system as described in RRS, Appendix A as amended to read that if 6 or more races are scored, each boat will exclude her worst score.
- 7.3 There is no maximum number of races.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Available online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26785> prior to September 7, 2023, and located at the Official Notice Board on the BYSC riverside porch. Print your own copy prior to arrival.

9. COURSES. There will be two race circles with the following possible classes.

- 9.1 Circle 1 will be the Optimist RWB, Optimist Green and O'Pen Skiff course. Courses will be a trapezoid with mid leg start and finish line and a short weather mark for Optimist Green Fleet.
- 9.2 Circle 2 will be the ILCA 4 & ILCA 6, ILCA 7, Sunfish and 420 course. Courses will be windward/leeward or, a triangle course may be used.
- 9.3 Courses will be described in more detail in the Sailing Instructions.

- 10. SAILBOATS FOR RENT.** BCSB has 420s, O'Pen Skiffs and Sunfish which may be available for rent. All boats are in "summer camp" condition, cosmetically rough, but in good sailing condition. The 420s do not have spinnakers or traps. Contact Noah Kipar, our sailing director, for further information. A Rental Agreement is required to be signed by a parent or guardian on behalf of the sailor. There is a rental fee of \$50 for 420s and \$25 for O'Pen Skiffs and Sunfish which must be paid immediately upon reservation at the Regatta Network Storefront.

- 11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS Rule 4. Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority and Co-Sponsor 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.** There will be prizes presented to the top three boats in each class except for Opti Green sailors who will all receive Participation Awards.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

14. RAMP LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING FOR ROAD TRAILERS

- 14.1 Safe launching for road trailers is usually 3 hours before or after high tide.
- 14.2 Tides for Beaufort/BYSC
 - Friday: high tide at 5:04pm.
 - Saturday: high tide 5:24am, low tide at 11:17am, high tide at 6:07pm.
 - Sunday: high tide 6:28am, low tide at 12:12pm, high tide at 7:06pm.
- 14.3 Other information.
 - Dollies are not to be left at the water's edge after launching due to congestion and the tide.

15. COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 15.1 Coach boats and spectator boats shall be restricted to certain areas by the PRO of the respective courses.
- 15.2 All coach boats shall be issued and fly an identification flag, available at the check-in desk.
- 15.3 All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall always remain attached to the operator while the engine is running.

16. VHF RADIOS

- 16.1 Functioning 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.
- 16.2 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. No other electronic devices other than time pieces are allowed.
- 16.3 As a courtesy, the Race Committee may announce relevant information or call OCS's. Failure to hear transmissions from the Race Committee, the timing, or the sequence of calling of OCS's shall not be a cause for redress.
- 16.4 VHF channels to be used will be detailed in the Sailing instructions.

16. CLUB AMENITIES.

- 17.1 The pool and tennis/pickleball courts are open to regatta guests during regular club hours.
- 17.2 Limited electrical hookups are available upon request. A bathhouse (with showers) near the pool is available.
- 17.3 **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON CLUB GROUNDS.**
- 17.4 Camping is available on club grounds but please check in with the General Manager for preplanned camping locations.
- 17.5 Most hotel chains are represented in the Beaufort area.

18. DIRECTIONS TO BYSC.

- 18.1 From the north: follow Rt 21 south, follow Bus. 21 through downtown Beaufort and over the Wood's swing bridge. Take the first right onto Meridian Rd., across from boat ramp. In approximately 1 mile turn right on Yacht Club Drive.
- 18.2 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 at the first stoplight turn right onto Rt. 21. Go to the third stoplight with Hardees', CVS, Advance Auto Parts, and a gas station on the corners. Turn right and proceed over McTeer Bridge. In ½ mile turn left onto Meridian Dr. and in approximately 1 mile turn left onto Yacht Club Drive.

19. CONTACTS.

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