



# RIVER ROMP 2023

a US SAILING Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Regatta  
*Where the Corinthian Spirit is Part of its "DNA"*  
October 21 & 22, 2023



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)  
Edison Sailing Center  
[www.edisonsailingcenter.org](http://www.edisonsailingcenter.org)

*Edison Sailing Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year*

## 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. Under RRS 87, the one-design class rules for all boats shall apply except as follows:
  - 1.3.1. [DP] The sail number and hull number need not match. Sail numbers shall be clearly visible on the mainsail, easy to read and non-overlapping. The numbers on the starboard side shall be higher. Numbers are not required on spinnakers or headsails.
  - 1.3.2. [NP] Class membership shall not be required.
- 1.4. The competitor ensures by their entry that their boat and equipment comply with applicable class rules.
- 1.5. [DP] While afloat, all racers, Emerald Fleet sailors, coaches and support persons shall wear US Coast Guard approved PFDs.
- 1.6. [DP] Support Persons shall have the ECOS (Emergency Cut-Off Switch) attached to their person at all times when the engine is running.

### 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 in advance online at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)

### 3. OPTI EMERALD FLEET CLINIC

- 3.1. Eligibility is strongly recommended for ages 8-11 who have little or no racing experience.
- 3.2. The format will be a blend of clinic and informal short races provided by a US Sailing Certified Instructor/Coach.
- 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: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26901>
- 4.2. All sailors must be checked in on site prior to 0859 Saturday, October 21, 2023
- 4.3. 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 her number may go into Regatta Network and make the sail change prior to 1700 hours on Friday, October 20, 2023.
- 4.5. Entries for this regatta shall not exceed 250 boats.
  - 4.5.1. Entries for the Green Fleet are limited to 50 boats.
  - 4.5.2. Entries for Red/White /Blue are limited to 108 boats.
  - 4.5.3. Entries for ILCA 4&6 and C420 are limited to 67 boats.
  - 4.5.4. Entries for the Emerald Fleet Clinic are limited to 25 entrants
- 4.6. The OA will maintain a waiting list and may increase the limits for each class.

## 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 1, 2023.
- 5.3. Registrations entered after 12:00 midnight October 1 are \$125 for single-hand or \$175 for double-hand,
- 5.4. Cancellation information and refund policy will be posted on the ESC website
- 5.5. No registrations will be accepted after 12:00 Noon, Monday, October 16, 2023
- 5.6. Registrations entered after October 1 are *not* guaranteed a t-shirt; sizes will be subject to availability for those registering after October 1, 2023.
- 5.7. Fees do NOT include food or beverages.
- 5.8. Coaches accompanying their competitors MUST register on or before 12:00 NOON, Monday, October 16, 2023. No flags will be available to coaches who do not pre-register. Coaches and spectators without flags will be required to anchor in the restricted area as shown in the Sailing Instructions Addendum (Courses).
- 5.9. Competitors' t-shirts will be given to the designated/registered coach/representative at club check-in for distribution to their competitors.

## 6. 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. Notices of these virtual meetings will be sent to entries the week prior to the following scheduled meetings.

- 7:00 PM Sunday, October 8, 2023: ESC Volunteers
- 7:00 PM Monday, October 9, 2023: Coach and Support Persons, OA and RC Reps
- 7:00 PM Tuesday, October 10, 2023: Green Opti Fleet Competitors, OA and RC Reps
- 8:00 PM Tuesday, October 10, 2023: Emerald Fleet and Emerald Volunteers.
- 8:30 PM Tuesday, October 10, 2023: Race Committee
- 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 11, 2023: Opti Red-White-Blue Competitors, RC Rep
- 8:00 PM Wednesday, October 11, 2023: Club 420 and Laser Competitors, RC Rep
- 7:00 PM Thursday, October 12, 2023: Point of Contact (These are the runners for any paperwork going back and forth between a club and ESC and the jury).

## 7. REGATTA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 20, 2023:

- 1630 Club and Coach check-in opens on-site
- 1700 Sail Number change deadline.
- 1830 Club and Coach check-in closes for the day.

SATURDAY October 21, 2023:

- 0745 Club and Coach on-site check-in opens
- 0859 Club and Coach on-site 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.
- 1100-1430 Emerald Fleet Clinic

SUNDAY October 22, 2023:

- 0900 Intended first warning signal for all Race Areas.
- 1300 No First warning will be made after this time.

1000-1330 Emerald Fleet Clinic

*Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the completion of Sunday races and the completion of protest/redress hearings that might affect the outcome of the top finishers.*

## 8. OPTI RED/WHITE/BLUE DIVISIONS

- 8.1. The Opti R/W/B Fleet will race in four divisions.
- 8.2. The Opti R/W/B Fleet competitors will be assigned to a division based on the results from recent Optimist events, as determined by the OA and the Race Committee in their sole discretion, seeded 1-2-3-4-4-3-2-1, etc. plus random assignment determined for those who have not competed in a recent event
- 8.3. A boat's assignment to a division will remain the same for the entire regatta.
- 8.4. The allocation to divisions will not be grounds for redress.
- 8.5. Colored streamers identifying each Division will be provided by the OA at Check-in and shall be displayed from the top sprit of each Opti R/W/B boat.

## 9. ICE CREAM/POPSICLE RACES

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.

There will be a special *Race for Popsicles* for the Opti Emerald Fleet. The day and time will be determined by the Emerald Fleet Coach/PRO. A popsicle flag will be displayed on the PRO's boat. Sailors will sail to the PRO's boat for distribution of the popsicles.

## 10. EVENT DOCUMENTS

10.1. This Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any Amendments will be posted on the electronic Official Bulletin Board (Regatta Network): <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26901>

10.2. One printed copy of this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Amendments will be provided to each Team Representative at check-in.

10.3. It is recommended that families print their own NoR and SIs at home.

## 11. VENUE

11.1. The Regatta venue will be at 13001 N. Cleveland Avenue (US 41), North Ft Myers, in North Shore Park.

11.2. Races will be held on designated areas of the Caloosahatchee River in the general vicinity of North Shore Park and to the south as identified by Addenda II in the Sailing Instructions: The Emerald Opti Fleet Clinic will be held near North Shore Park Beach.

## 12. COURSES

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

## 13. SCORING

13.1. In compliance with USODA, the Green Fleet scores will be recorded and posted in sail number order.

13.2. For Opti Green, Lasers and C420s, one race shall constitute a series. When six or more races have been completed by a boat, the boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

13.3. For Opti R/W/B, one "Set" of races shall constitute a boat's series. A boat's series score will be the total of a boat's race scores from completed "Sets" of races.

13.4. For Opti R/W/B a "Set" is a group of three scored races in which each division has raced against each of the other divisions.

## 14. OPTI, R/W/B, LASER, & C420 PENALTY SYSTEMS.

14.1. RRS Appendix P, as revised below, shall apply.

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 AND COACH BOATS

15.1. [DP] In support of safety for all competitors, coaches shall register on-line

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26940> and be identified by a clearly displayed numbered flags provided by the OA volunteer assigned to the coach's club/organization.

15.2. For the Opti R/W/B, Laser and C420 Fleets, a, boat not displaying a coach or RC flag shall remain anchored 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. Launching facility locations will be posted on the ESC website and directions/parking information will be provided

## 16. **There will be no Coach registration on site.**

## 17. COMMUNICATION DEVICES

17.1. No (competitor) boats shall carry any communication devices whatsoever. This includes VHF radio, pagers and cell phones.

17.2.[DP] Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radio and cell phones and maintain a radio watch for communications with the RC and OA.

## 18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Awards will be given to the winners' coaches/team representatives for distribution to the sailors.
- 18.2. Awards will be given to the following fleets that meet the minimum required fleet size of six boats with a possible adjustment to the number of awards based on the class size:
  - 18.2.1. Red-White-Blue Opti Fleets: gold, silver, and bronze in each fleet;
  - 18.2.2. C420: Gold, silver, and bronze
  - 18.2.3. ICLA 4 and ICLA 6: gold, silver, and bronze
- 18.3. Green Fleet competitors will receive participation medals.
- 18.4. An award in recognition of good sportsmanship will be given to one sailor/boat in each class. See criteria in the Sailing Instructions.

## 19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. All coaches, parents, guardians, and 'designated adults' are defined as support persons and are subject to 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.
  - 19.2. 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 participate 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.
  - 19.3. 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).
20. **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.*

## 21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1. Everyone must provide their own food & beverages for both days of the event.
  - 21.2. As one of the Clean Regatta policies, all sailors, coaches & families are asked to bring reusable water bottles to reduce waste.
  - 21.3. Service Dogs in "uniform" are always welcome; pets must be leashed or restrained at all times.
  - 21.4. Please observe the No Alcohol, Vaping, Tobacco Products, or Weapons Policy (County regulation.)
22. REGATTA CONTACT: Stephanie Webb (239) 454-5114; email: [edisonsailing.webb@outlook.com](mailto:edisonsailing.webb@outlook.com).
23. HOTEL HOTLINE: Reservation specialists are available Monday through Friday, 9AM – 5PM Eastern Time.  
Call: 239-541-1800 or reserve rooms online: River Romp Regatta – October 20-22, 2023  
Housing Link: <https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=67769>  
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.

***River Romp supports Clean Regatta practices under  
Sailors for the Sea***