

Dear Sailors, Coaches and Parents,

The Lauderdale Yacht Club is excited to have you for our Boomerang Regatta! ***Please read everything below*** as there is a lot of information regarding Safety that could affect your sailor's ability to participate in the regatta. We want to provide this opportunity and our staff and volunteers are looking forward to a great regatta!

Registration and Coaches Meeting

All coaches must register -

[BOOMERANG COACH REGISTRATION LINK](#)

- There will be a mandatory coaches meeting after the Skipper's Meeting Saturday morning.
- Coach boats can dock between pilings 11 and 19 on the south dock of LYC.

Safety

To ensure a safe event for all, please read carefully the items below. In addition to the bolded items to ensure a safe regatta, Boomerang will utilize a "Launch Conditions Protocol".

- **All coaches, sailors and support vessels will abide by the [LYC Mandatory Safety Notice](#)**
- **All sailors will wear a USCG approved life jacket**
- **Coaches will be limited to an 8:1 coaching ratio**
- **Kill switch cords/devices will be worn during any on the water activity for the regatta or practice prior to the start of the regatta**
- **Sailors will be subject to Boomerang Launch Conditions below**
- **All coaches must have a radio and monitor channel 69**
- **All Optis will be towed by their coach in and out of Port Everglades.**
- **ILCAs may sail in or out of Port Everglades if wind conditions are detrimental for towing.**
- **No sailors or coaches may enter Port Everglades after racing without permission hailed by Safety 1 on channel 69.**

Boomerang Launch Conditions Protocol

The OA shall have the right to limit boats launching due to conditions as deemed by the following "Launch Committee".

Boomerang Launch Committee

PRO – Bobby Noonan

Fleet Captain – Denny St. Romain
Sailing Director - John Casey

The busy Fort Lauderdale Inlet with ship and pleasure boat traffic becomes often impassible to coaches and sailors in tow due to wave height and interval at the entrance, as well as general sea conditions over the reef in certain wind/wave conditions.

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This will apply to Lasers and Optimist RWB. Green Fleet will be sailing inside the basin at the discretion of the Inside Course PRO.

A daily announcement will be made for the day’s launch condition 2 hours prior to the scheduled start via the official notice board. If there is a delay or postponement onshore, or a change in conditions, the “Launch Committee” may update the launch condition.

Launch Conditions

Condition 0 – No sailors are able to launch

Condition 1 – Only sailors designated for category “A”

Condition 2 – All Fleets - Launch category “A” and “B”

Protocol

All competitors must have a registered coach and Boomerang will utilize a maximum 8:1 sailor/coach ratio at all times for towing and coaching per the NOR. The OA shall have the final say on any sailor launch classification. Coaches are responsible for determining the classification of their sailors.

Please email any concerns or questions to

john.casey@lyc1938.org and bobbynoon@gmail.com

Category “A”

These are very experienced sailors who have the requisite experience in towing/sailing in adverse conditions on a frequent basis. These are not sailors new to their class/boat. They should be in excellent physical shape, training frequently with a coach and regularly competing at events.

The sailor should be proficient or have experience in the following;

- Sailed multiple times in 18knts and above with proficiency on upwind, downwind and reaching
- Towing on a tow line in heavy sea state and in 18 Knots plus of wind
- Ability to self-recover in heavy sea state without help and right their boat
- Physically fit to tow sail and tow back in over a regatta day of 6-8 hours on the water in above wind conditions
- Sailor regularly finishes in the top third of the fleet
- Sailor qualifies for class specific or high-level teams, events and clinics.
examples below;
 - Youth Champs – invite
 - Laser Grand Prix Points that qualify for international championship events
 - Brooke E. Gonzalez Advanced Racing Clinic/Neill/CISA Attendees
 - OPD Team members
 - Opti
 - National team
 - OPD2 Program
 - TTQ
 - USODA International Team Qualified

Category “B”

These are mid-level to inexperienced sailors ***who do not*** have the requisite experience in towing/sailing in adverse conditions on a frequent basis. These are sailors ***who are newer to their class/boat or are not yet proficient due to skill level.*** These are sailors who do not attend or qualify from the category “A” examples list.

Thank you and your teams for being flexible in this difficult time, asking over 100 volunteers and staff to pull this off on short notice has been a testament to the LYC and the sailing community! If you have questions, we are here to help! Please call me directly.

Bobby Noonan

Ocean Course PRO

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