



Alfonso Jr. Regatta & Sutter Cup

April 13-14, 2024

***ILCA D14 Championship**
***GYA Optimist Circuit Regatta**
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800 East Pier
Gulfport, MS 39501
Organizing Authority (OA): Gulfport Yacht Club

All times are US Central Daylight time. All fees are in US dollars.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the US Sailing Prescriptions, Optimist Class Rules, and the International Laser Class Association Class (ILCA) Rules.
- 1.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) and Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 US Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 do not apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted on the online notice board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled race. Printed copies will be available at the venue.
- 2.2 For an on-the-water change to the sailing instructions: "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced from the signal boat. (This changes RRS Race Signals).
- 2.3 Rules 62.2 and 66 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to shorten the time limit for a request for redress and for reopening of protest hearings on the last scheduled day of racing.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online notice board is located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27953>
- 3.2 Prior to the event, all notices will be posted on the online notice board.
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 The Race Committee will monitor a designated VHF channel for emergency transmissions. The channel for emergency transmissions will be published in the SIs.
- 3.6 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." (This changes RRS Race Signals)

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Laser Class Association Class & Optimist Class that comply with their Class Association Rules. Classes to be sailed: ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4, Optimist RWB, & Optimist Green Fleet. All competitors in the ILCA classes must be current members of ILCA North America or their equivalent national Laser Class Association. Non-members can join the class by completing registration online at <https://www.laserinternational.org/about-ilca/membership/>
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form on RegattaNetwork.com, <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27953>
- 4.3 Entry and payment can be completed online until 1600 on April 12, 2024. Any entry requests after

April 12, 2024 shall be at the discretion of the OA and pay a Late Fee.

5. FEES

5.1 Early Entry Fee: \$45 (payments must be paid before April 13, 2024), Late Entry Fee: \$55 (on April 13, 2024).

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Saturday April 13	1100	Skipper & Competitor Meeting
	1230	First Warning Signal, additional races to follow
Sunday, April 14	1030	First Warning Signal, additional races to follow
	1530	No Warning Signal after this time
	As soon as possible after racing.	Awards

7.2 The OA is targeting 3 to 4 races per day, dependent on weather conditions and best judgement of the Race Committee.

7.3 A social event schedule will be published separately.

8. VENUE

8.1 The racing area will be approximately 1 mile to the southeast of the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor and/or approximately 1.5 miles to the southwest of the Gulfport Small Harbor in the Mississippi Sound. Further details will be contained in the SI's

9. COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply.

10.2 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification, for a violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2.

10.3 Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored a Did Not Start.

11. SCORING

11.1 RRS A5.3 will apply.

11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1

11.4 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). (This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10).

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

12.1 Support person vessels shall register at the Race Office during the check in period. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations.

12.2 Support person vessels shall display flags provided by the OA.

12.3 Support person vessels shall carry a VHF radio, monitor Race Committee communications, and, if called upon, be available for safety assistance.

13. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 13.1 In accordance with RRS G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the Race Committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. This changes RRS G3.

14. BERTHING AND PARKING

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept on GYC property. No fees.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first through third place finishers overall in each class.
16.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
16.3 The Alfonso Jr. Regatta Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the ILCA 6 Class.
16.4 The Sutter Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Optimist (R,B,W) Fleet.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information please contact:
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