

SOUTHERNMOST YOUTH REGATTA

Hosted by Key West Community Sailing Center

January 16-18, 2026



1.1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. While afloat, all racers, coaches, and support persons shall wear US Coast Guard- approved PFDs.
- 1.3. ALL powerboat operators (coaches & support persons) shall wear USCG-approved life jackets and shall adhere to Federal and Florida State laws and shall use an ECOS (Emergency Cut-Off Switch) that shall be 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 (with spinnaker), C420 (without spinnaker), ILCA 4, ILCA 6, and Optimist classes (Green & RWB).
- 2.2. To be considered a class, a minimum of 5 registered entries is required.
- 2.3. Eligibility is limited to youth ages 8-19 at the time of competition. Students over 18 must still be in high school.
- 2.4. Optimist competitors are eligible to compete through December 31st of the year in which he/she attains the age of 15 years.
- 2.5. Please reserve Green Fleet for sailors with two years or less of experience.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Competitors, shall enter by completing the online registration:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30153>
- 3.2. All sailors must check in on-site before 0859 Saturday, January 17, 2026.
- 3.3. 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 on the water at the event.

4. FEES & REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Fees must be paid at the time of registration and before noon, Monday, January 12, 2026
- 4.2. Entry Fees are \$89 for single-handed; \$138 for double-handed
- 4.3. No registrations will be accepted after noon, Monday, January 12, 2026.
- 4.4. Registrations entered after January 1, 2025, are not guaranteed a t-shirt. Sizes will be subject to availability for those registering after January 1, 2026.
- 4.5. Fees do NOT include meals or beverages.
- 4.6. Coaches accompanying their competitors and spectators MUST register via email (see section 10) on or before noon, Wednesday, January 14, 2026. No ID 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).

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4.7. Competitors' t-shirts will be given to club coaches at check-in for distribution to their competitors.



5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, January 16, 2026

1630 Onsite check-in opens for competitors, representatives, and coaches.

1700 Deadline for sail number on entry form.

1830 Check-in closes for the day.

SATURDAY, January 17, 2026

0745 On-site check-in opens for Club Representatives, Coaches, and sailors

0859 On-site check-in closes for the event.

0900 Skippers Meeting hosted at the pavillion

1030 Intended first warning signal for Race Area B, (Opti Red-White-Blue) and Race Area C (C420, ILCA 4, ILCA 6)

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.

SUNDAY, January 18, 2026

0900 Intended first warning signal for all Race Areas

1300 No first warning will be made after this time

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

6. EVENT DOCUMENTS

6.1. 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/30153>

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

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

7. VENUE

7.1. The Regatta venue will be Truman Waterfront Park/Navy Basin, Southard St, Key West, FL 33040

7.2. Races will be held on designated areas of the Navy Basin & Hawks Channel as identified by the Sailing Instructions.

8. COURSES

8.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

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9. SCORING

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

9.2. 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 racescores, excluding her worst excludable score.



10. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

10.1. In support of safety for all participants, all support boats and coaches shall register by email with the Key West Community Sailing Center prior to the event and be identified by clearly displaying the flag provided at check-in. [Registration email is executivedirector@kwcsc.org](mailto:executivedirector@kwcsc.org)

10.2. Any boat not competing or displaying a coach or RC flag shall remain anchored in the designated spectator area.

10.3. Support persons and coaches are to monitor their course VHF channel and assist if requested by the Race Committee.

10.4. Launching facility locations and directions/and parking information will be emailed to the address provided while registering.

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1. 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.

11.2. 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.

11.3. Parents and guardians not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make the decisions to compete for their sailor(s) and that person is on the water at all times with the competitors.

12. DISCLAIMER The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta. AN ONLINE WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL COMPETITORS AND THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN.

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13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1. Everyone must provide their own food & beverages for both days of the event.

13.2. All sailors, coaches & families are asked to bring reusable water bottles to reduce waste.



14. REGATTA CONTACT:

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