

Sailing Instructions for Junior Sweeps Regatta 2025

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Entries

Competitors may enter by completing an online entry form and paying the entry fee online by 0800am on August 4 for South River (SSYC) and by 0800am of August 6 for North River (MBC) racing.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the main club house.

4. Signals

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the main club house. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the harbor start signal will be made no less than 15 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. Schedule

A competitors' meeting will be held at 9:30 am on August 4 (SSYC) and Wednesday August 6 (MBC). The harbor gun will be at 10:00 am each day for all fleets except Opti Green which will be at 10:15 (so they may launch last). First warning will be at 10:30 for all fleets. The total number of races is not to exceed 10 overall for both rivers.

6. Racing Area

The racing area will be announced for each fleet at the competitors' meeting.

7. Courses and Marks

The marks will be designated at the competitors meeting. The C420 and Laser divisions will race on one course, the Opti RWB on a separate course, and Opti Green on a third course. The courses sailed will be Triangle (T), Windward/Leeward (W) or Olympic (O) and will be posted and announced by the RC prior to the start of each race. A mid-weather start/finish may be used, and if used, the gate will be closed.

8. Starting and Finishing Lines

The starting and finishing lines will be between the Race Committee Boat and an orange flag. The Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix S of the racing rules will be used. There will be 3 minute starting sequences.

9. Time Limit

The time limit for each race will be one hour for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). Boats starting later than 5 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

10. Protests

Good Sportsmanship is a key value of the Junior Sweeps Regatta, and we encourage all sailors to follow the Race Rules of Sailing. We hope there are very few fouls and that sailors can

resolve protests kindly on the water. In the event a protest must be filed, the Race Committee reserves the right to hold protests classroom style for educational purposes. Protesting Boats will notify the Race Committee of the protested boat's sail number as soon as reasonably possible, following the finish of that race. Written Protests shall be delivered to the PRO within 30 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after racing each day.

11. Scoring

The Low Point System will apply.

11.1. 5 races are scheduled for the South River and for the North River (10 total).

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

(a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores on each river.

(b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores excluding his/her worst score on each river.

(c) For sailors racing both rivers, when fewer than five (5) races have been completed in total, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her scores. When five (5) or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores excluding his/her worst score. When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.

12. Prizes

Daily ribbons will be awarded to the top 5 finishers in all fleets for each race except Lasers with respect to which ribbons will only be awarded for the top finish. Prizes will be awarded at SSYC on Tuesday afternoon for the top finishers of the South River, at MBC on Thursday afternoon for the top finishers on the North River, and the top Overall finishers of both rivers.

13. Coach and Spectator Boats

Coaching and support are allowed and encouraged for those sailors who need help on the Opti Green racecourse. For all other fleets, coach boats shall stay outside the racing area and coaching is not allowed from the time of the preparatory signal until the last boat finishes. Coaching is permitted after a boat has finished until the next prep signal provided it occurs outside the racing area. Spectator boats shall always stay outside the racing area. All motorboats will operate at low speeds and will avoid creating any wake in the racing area.

14. Address of South River (SSYC) and North River (MBC) Locations:

SSYC Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club – 51 Seawaneka Ave, Oceanport, NJ

MBC Monmouth Boat Club – 31 Union St, Red Bank, NJ