



NOTICE OF RACE

SYC FIRECRACKER REGATTA

Julv 10th – 11th

CLASSES INVITED:



Optimist

22 boats in 2009



Laser

16 boats in 2009



Sunfish



420 Class

RULES:

The Firecracker Regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at check in. Courses will be detailed in the SIs. Competition will take place on Wilmington River and/or Skidaway rivers. Any changes to class rules will be posted in the SIs.

AWARDS:

Awards will be given to each of the 4 Opti Classes, Green, White, Blue and Red. Awards will be given in the Laser Class for Full, Radial, 4.7 rigs, Top Female and Junior Performance as well. Sunfish overall and Junior awards will be given. 420 will honor overall awards. 1 race will constitute a regatta. Up to 12 races may be attempted.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is available online at: www.RegattaNetwork.com
\$50 per boat prior to July 1st includes entry fee, 1 dinner ticket, and 1 T-shirt. \$60 after July 1st or at the event also includes entry fee, 1 dinner ticket, and 1 T-shirt. Registration closes at 1000 hrs. on July 10th.

While Registering: you will need to order t-shirts, dinners, and, if interested, you will also need to sign up for the optional **Optimist Racing 2-day Clinic** – details below. We will have a course set up for informal practice Friday afternoon for the other classes.

SYC Advanced Sail Week Kids: DO NOT sign up/pay for the **Optimist Racing Clinic** through the RegattaNetwork while registering, it is included for free if you are taking the **SYC Advanced Sail Week** during the week of July 5th-9th. See 2nd page.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY – July 9th

1300 - 1600 hrs

Club Open for practice for all classes.

1700 – 2000 hrs

Check In, Burgers, Beer, and Clinic Video Reviews

SATURDAY – July 10th

0800 – 1000 hrs

Late Check In

1000 – 1100 hrs

Junior Pre-Race Briefing on Expected Conditions

1100 hrs

Competitors Meeting immediately followed by lunch & launch

1200 hrs

First Warning Signal, followed by racing.

1800 hrs

Dinner and presentation of On-Board Video Clinic

Followed by debriefing on Days Racing for Juniors

SUNDAY – July 11th

0900-1000 hrs

Junior Pre-Race Briefing on Expected Conditions

1100 hrs

First Warning Signal – no starts later than 1430 hrs.

Award Presentation to follow Racing.

OPTIMIST RACING CLINIC

July 8th – 9th

REGISTRATION: Registration is accomplished while registering for the Firecracker Regatta Register for one day or both (\$50/day).

GOALS: Our most simple goal is to provide targeted instruction to help each Opti kid improved their boathandling, tactics, and strategy.

NEW TOOLS: We will use several new training tools including an “on board camera” to capture each sailor's body position and coordination through all sailing maneuvers. Our goal is to film Thursday and review mistakes Thursday night. Then film again Friday and review improvements Friday night. This is a dynamic and easy way for each Opti sailor to “see” themselves and what they are doing during each maneuver.

Additionally, we will discuss and perform drills to improve starting, acceleration, tacking jibing, fleet strategy, boat set-up and most importantly sail trim over a wide range of conditions.

COST: Cost is \$50/day. Price includes instruction, video and uploads for review to www.SailSavannah.net. Cost for this clinic is FREE if you are taking the **SYC Advanced Racing Camp** during the week of July 5th-9th. If interested in this SYC Advanced Racing Camp, Contact John Porter, info below.

SCHEDULE: THURSDAY – July 8th
1200 hrs. Arrival and Rigging in SYC parking lot
1300 hrs. Briefing for days drills and schedule
1400 hrs. On Water Training with “on board camera”
1700 hrs. Debriefing & Video Review

FRIDAY – July 9th
1200 hrs. Arrival and Rigging in SYC parking lot
1300 hrs. Briefing for days drills and schedule
1400 hrs. On Water Training
1700 hrs. Debriefing & Video Review

CONTACT: For further info contact John Porter, 912.308.6308, or J.Porter@mssb.com

INSTRUCTORS: **John Porter** mobile **912.308.6308**

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