

# BUCCANEER BLAST REGATTA

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## NOTICE OF RACE at Rowell's Waterfront Marina, Key Largo, FL

January 31, and February 1, 2026



Abbreviations: OA - Organizing Authority | RC - Race Committee | RRS - Racing Rules of Sailing | NOR - Notice of Race  
| SIs - Sailing Instructions | ONB - Official Notice Board | MSYSP – Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program

### 1. RULES

- The OA and Host of the Regatta is the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program.
- The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules.
- Class rules regarding qualifying events and championships will not apply.
- Competitors must wear a properly secured personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing and equipment.
- The following US Prescriptions shall apply: RRS60.3, 61.4, 67, and 6.1.

### 2. VENUE

The regatta will be held at Rowell's Waterfront Park for all classes. Rowell's Waterfront Park is located at 104550 Overseas Highway in Key Largo.

- Cars, motorhomes and campers may not remain on the Rowell's Waterfront Park premises overnight. The park gates will be closed each day by 7pm.
- Boats, equipment and trailers may remain on the premises overnight with the understanding that the gates close by 7pm.
- Both the OA and Monroe County bear no responsibility for death, injury, loss or damage suffered during the event.

### 3. ADVERTISING

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

### 4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- The regatta is open to boats in the following classes: Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, Youth ILCA, Club 420s, and windsurfers. Competitors must be 8 years old, not to exceed 18 years of age by January 31, 2026.
- Eligible boats must enter by completing the online registration through Regatta Network:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=30545](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=30545)
- To be accepted, each registration must have completed online waivers.
- Entries will be accepted until 6 pm January 30, 2026.

### 5. COMPETITORS' REGISTRATION FEES & REFUND POLICY

- Entry fee until January 12th is \$175 for Opti classes; \$225 per C420, and windsurfers. Youth ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 rigs are welcome.
- Late entry fee as of January 13th is \$200 for Opti classes; \$250 for all other classes.
- Registration for this event will close at 6 pm Friday, January 30, 2026.

- d. To receive a full refund less a \$15 processing fee, all refund requests must be submitted via email to [MSYSPdirector@gmail.com](mailto:MSYSPdirector@gmail.com) prior to midnight January 19, 2026. No refunds will be issued after this date.

## 6. COACH/SPECTATOR VESSELS

- a. All coach/spectator boats must register online or at the registration desk to receive a coach/spectator flag. Coach flags are free and are returned to the Registration Desk at the end of the Regatta. Spectator flags are \$20 and can be kept as souvenirs.

### Coach/Spectator Boat Registration Form

- b. Overnight rafting-up of coach boats may be available, weather permitting, at the Amoray Resort Dock.
- c. Competitor boats may be launched and retrieved at Rowell's Waterfront Park throughout the weekend.
- d. Coach and spectator boats shall carry VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA and shall monitor their course by VHF channel as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- e. All spectator vessels shall remain 100 yards from the racecourse and any racing sailors.

## 7. EVENT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, January 30, 2026

- a. 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Trailer drop-off and boat unloading Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- b. 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Competitors, coach and support vessel check-in at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- c. 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Welcome reception at the (TBD).

### SATURDAY, January 31, 2026

- a. 7:30 am – 9:00 am Competitors' check-in, coach and support vessel registration/check-in at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- b. 9:05 am: Opening Ceremonies.
- c. 9:30 am: All Coaches' Meeting beach area facing basin for all coaches.
- d. 9:45 am: Skippers' Meeting, beach area facing basin.
- e. 10:30 am: First scheduled warning for Opti RWB, C420s and Youth ILCA, and windsurfers.
- f. 10:45 am: First scheduled warning Optimist Green Fleet at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- g. 3:30 pm: No warning after this time.
- h. 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Post Race Dinner at Rowell's.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

- a. 9:30 am: First scheduled warning Optimist RWB, C420s and Youth ILCA at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- b. 10:00 am: First scheduled warning Optimist Green Fleet.
- c. 2:00 pm: No warning after this time.
- d. 3:00 pm: Awards Ceremony at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- e. Regatta Desk closes one hour after the protest time limit.
- f. Coach flags should be returned before closing of the Regatta Desk

## 8. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (ONB) AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The ONB is on the Regatta Network website.

- b. All Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than January 30<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am on the ONB.
- c. Addendum identifying division splits will be published no later than 9:00 am on Friday, January 30<sup>st</sup> and 8:00 pm on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 9. BERTHING

- a. All boats will be launched, hauled and stored at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- b. Each boat shall have a marked dolly with name and fleet.
- c. All skippers and crews must properly dispose of trash while ashore at Rowell's Waterfront Park . Trash bags will be made available to all participants at the Regatta Desk. Trash left on the ground will not be tolerated.

## 10. COURSES

- a. All races will be sailed at Rowell's Waterfront Park in Blackwater Sound.

## 11. SCORING

- a. The low point system as described in RRS Appendix A4 shall apply.
- b. When five or more races have been scored, a boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1
- c. When less than five races have been scored, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- d. One race shall constitute a series; the total number of races shall be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.

## 12. PRIZES

- a. Optimist Green Fleet: First through Fifth place and Participation Medals.
- b. Optimist RWB Fleet: First through third place within each group and top finish overall.
- c. Club 420s: First through third place.
- d. Youth ILCA awards will be provided at the discretion of the OA
- e. Windsurfers award will be provided at the discretion of the OA
- f. Additional awards may be provided at the discretion of the OA.

## 13. SAFETY

- a. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) must be responsible for the safety of the sailor both on water and ashore. Please be prepared with sailor's dolly upon completion of sailing each day.
- b. All coach, support and RC vessels shall be equipped with functioning engine safety cut-off switch, which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race and RRS 4 Acceptance of the Rules. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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