

# Notice of Race

## 38th Annual SAILFEST Regatta

### March 28-29, 2026

### Sarasota Youth Sailing

#### 1. Organizing Authority & Host

The regatta is organized under the authority of Sarasota Youth Sailing. The event will be hosted at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

#### 2. Rules

The 2026 Sailfest Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

#### 3. Eligibility & Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to the following classes: Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, C420, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7.
- 3.2. US Sailing membership is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew).
- 3.3. This regatta will be a "Clean Regatta." Competitors are reminded of rule 47 which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

#### 4. Registration & Fees

- 4.1. Registration is available online only via Regatta Network.
- 4.2. All Optimists, ILCA, : \$135 if registered and paid by March 23, 2026. C420s registrations will be \$250 with a \$25 late fee after March 23rd 2026.
- 4.3. All registrations received after March 23, 2026 will be charged a \$25 late fee. Online registration will **close on March 27th, 2026** and no on-site registration will be available. Caps on registration and waitlists may apply.
- 4.4. Registration includes 1 event shirt and 1 dinner ticket per Opti and ILCA registration. C420s will receive 2 event shirts and 2 dinner tickets. Registrations received after March 14th, will not be guaranteed to receive a t-shirt.

#### 5. Schedule of Events

##### **Friday, March 27th**

1600-1800      Check-In

##### **Saturday, March 28th**

0800-0900      Check-In

0930              Competitors' Briefing; Green Fleet Briefing to follow

1030              First Signal for all classes except Optimist Green Fleet

1045              First Signal for Optimist Green Fleet

There will be dinner after racing. Purchase extra dinner tickets through registration or here.

##### **Sunday, March 29th**

0930              First Signal for All classes except Optimist Green Fleet

1000              First Signal for Optimist Green Fleet

1400              No Warning Signal After this Time

Awards to follow as soon practicable after racing.

#### 6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on Regatta Network.

## **7. Venue**

- 7.1. Boats will launch from the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and Ken Thompson Park.
- 7.2. The racing area will be the Sarasota Bay.

## **8. Courses**

Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9. Scoring**

- 9.1. One race constitutes a regatta.
- 9.2. If six (6) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

## **10. Safety**

- 10.1. All competitors are required to wear US Coast Guard Approved Life Jackets at all times while afloat, except when temporarily adding or removing clothing.
- 10.2. Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of all sailors under 18.

## **11. Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **12. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to each fleet with 5 boats or more.

## **13. Photographers and TV Rights**

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of them or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

## **14. Parking**

Ample parking is available outside the main gate. Inside parking is reserved for regatta volunteers. Vehicles parked inside, blocking members' boats or trailers will be towed.

## **15. Adult Responsibility and support with the operation of coach and spectator vessels**

**15.1. All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running. [DP] Failure to do so will result in penalty or disqualification.**

- 15.2. Coach boats must use the public boat ramp which is located SW of SSS.
- 15.3. All coaches, parents, guardians and 'designated adults' are support persons (See RRS definition Support Person).
- 15.4. In addition to the requirements of RRS 3 Decision to Race, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately

responsible for the risks.

- 15.5. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
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- 15.7. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 15.8. The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 15.9. Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.

## **16. Further Information**

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