



The 81st Lauderdale Yacht Club Boomerang Regatta

Notice of Race

When February 27-March 1, 2026

Where Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
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1.0 Authority

This regatta is organized under the authority of the Lauderdale Yacht Club, governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the class rules of each class invited to compete, the Sailing Instructions, and any other applicable rules. In case of a conflict of any of the above the Sailing Instructions will prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).

2.0 Classes & Entry

- 2.1 The regatta is open to the following classes: International Optimist Dinghy (all fleets), ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4. A minimum of five boats per class required.
- 2.2 Each boat racing on an ocean course must be accompanied to, at, and from the racing area by a RHIB powerboat between 16' and 24' LOA capable of serving as a safety boat. The safety boat will be required to carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF 69, 71, and 72, and to follow the instructions of the Race Committee.
 - 2.2.1 Up to eight Optimists may share one safety boat with a maximum 8:1 ratio.
- 2.3 On-line Registration and entry fee payment is available via Regatta Network on the Lauderdale Yacht Club sailing website, www.lycsailing.com. Discounted registration ends **February 18, 2026**. On-line registration will end **February 28, 2026**. Boats entering the event must check in on-site to complete registration to be eligible to compete.
- 2.4 It is the intent of the Race Committee to race Optis from the Red, Blue, and White fleets in the ocean, south or north of Port Everglades Inlet. In case of inclement wind, sea, or inlet conditions, the Ocean Course PRO, in his sole discretion, may implement Launch Condition Protocols which limit some categories of Opti sailors to the inside course. See "Launch Conditions Protocols" document, posted on the event web site.

3.0 Schedule

Friday, February 27, 2026	1700 – 1900	Early arrival registration and check in
Saturday, February 28, 2026	0730 – 0845 0915 1100	Check-In Skipper's Meeting - LYC Pavilion First Warning
Sunday, March 1, 2025	0915 TBA 1500 1530	Skipper's Meeting First Warning No Ocean Course warning after this time No Inside Course warning after this time

The number of races for each class, courses to be sailed, and the scoring system will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

4.0 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be online only, with separate SIs for the Boomerang Course and the Ocean Course. The Sailing Instructions will describe the scoring system to be used, the number of scheduled races, the courses and restrictions and requirements for coach, support and spectator boats.

5.0 Awards

Awards will include first through fifth place for classes with ten or more boats and first through third for classes with fewer than ten. The Race Committee may award additional awards, including the following:

Gar Wright Award – Opti Red Fleet Champion

Clyde W. Wright II Award – Top Junior sailor on the Ocean Course.

Special Boomerang Participation Awards - for all Green fleet Sailors

6.0 Safety

6.1 All Ocean classes must carry a tow line per Class rules.

6.2 The route from the Lauderdale Yacht Club to the Ocean Course transits an active commercial and recreational port subject to a variety of unique maritime regulations and safety conditions. Care must be taken by all sailors, coach boats, and spectator boats to abide by all state and federal laws and to obey the instructions of the Race Committee.