



**Cinco de Mayo Junior Regatta
Atlanta Yacht Club
May 2nd & 3rd, 2026
Acworth, GA**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Atlanta Yacht Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The AYC Junior Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 SAYRA Jr. Grand Prix Series
Participants who meet the requirements outlined in the [SAYRA Jr. Grand Prix NOR](#) will qualify to be scored in the 2026 series.
- 1.3 SAYRA Jr. Code of Ethics
[Code of Ethics](#): All competitors, parents, coaches, or other parties of interest are expected to comply with all rules of sportsmanship (RRS) and the “Code of Ethics”. Violation on their part may result in the competitor’s disqualification from the race, regatta, or Series and reporting to their member club.
- 1.4 For the purposes of the definition of *rule*, the class rules shall be the rules of the Optimist, O’pen Skiff, Sunfish, ILCA/Laser, Club and Collegiate 420 class.
- 1.5 The following rules will be changed: Rule 40. This change will also appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. Additional rules may also be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 AGE

Competitors in the Optimist classes must have been born on, or after, January 1st, 2011. The Red (13-15 years old), Blue (11-12 years old) and White Fleet (10 and under) assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the Regatta. Green Fleet is not assigned by age. Competitors in Club and Collegiate 420 and Sunfish class must have not met their 19th birthday in 2026. Competitors in the ILCA 7 class must have not met their 21st birthday in 2026. Competitors in the ILCA 6 class must have not met their 19th birthday in 2026. Competitors in the ILCA 4 class must have not met their 18th birthday in 2026. The O'pen Skiff class competitors must have not met their 21st birthday in 2026. Fleets may be condensed based on participation.

2.2 COVID-19 POLICY

Participants should not attend if they have a fever, are feeling sick, have been in contact with someone who may have COVID-19, or have displayed any illness symptoms within the last 14 days.

2.3 CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

US Sailing recommends that competitors are members of their respective class associations (i.e., Optimist, Laser, 420, Sunfish, O'pen Skiff, etc.).

2.4 GREEN REGATTA

This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." As such, all competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of Rule 47 which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

3. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

3.1 The following boat classes will be used: Opti, O'pen Skiff, Sunfish, ILCA 7/Laser Full, ILCA 6/Laser Radial, ILCA 4/Laser 4.7, Club and Collegiate 420 with one helmsman and one crew.

3.2 Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. A limited number of Optis and 420s are available for charter on a first come, first serve basis. Please reach out to David at snipemon@yahoo.com for charter information.

3.3 All boats must have a floating bowline of appropriate length. Each Optimist must have a secure loop in the end of its bowline.

3.4 Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.

- 3.5 For both collegiate and club 420 fleets, there will be no sail measurement, nor protests or redress for sail measurement violations. The AYC charter fleet will not have 420 class approved sails, but use a variation of the standard sail.

4. FEES

The entry fee for all classes is \$55 per boat or competitor in Optis, \$65 O'pen Skiff, Sunfish, ILCA/Lasers, and \$85 for both 420 skipper and crew. **All meals are included in registration for all jr. competitors (Sat/Sun lunch & Sat dinner).** Extra meal tickets (until Tuesday April 28, 2026) and T-shirts (until Sunday April 19, 2026) are available for purchase online via the [Regatta Network](#) website. Extra meal tickets after the deadline might be available for purchase at registration.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 2, 2026

8:30 am – 10:00 am
Sailor Check-In – outdoor patio, Clubhouse

10:00 am
Competitors meeting for all competitors (*Parents and coaches must also attend.*) - outdoor patio, Clubhouse

Pick up sack lunch at Clubhouse (following Competitors meeting)

11:00 am
First Warning – Championship Fleet

11:00 am
Green Fleet meet up in Junior Room

Additional races &/or clinic to follow

6:00 pm
Dinner - Clubhouse

6:30 pm
Ice Cream Bar - Clubhouse

7:00 pm
Messy de Mayo Games, Beach (please wear clothing you don't mind getting stained)

Sunday, May 3, 2026

9:30 am

First Warning - Championship Fleet

9:30 am

Green Fleet Competitors Meeting

Additional races &/or clinic to follow.

1:00 pm

NO Warning Signal after this time.

After Racing - Awards ceremony with lunch at the Clubhouse

6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Competitors shall register in advance by registering online by going to www.atlantayachtclub.org under the Junior Tab for the AYC Junior Regatta to find the link for registration to the [Regatta Network](#). Entry deadline is midnight April 26, 2026.

7. LATE REGISTRATION

Late Registration will be available Saturday May 2, 2026, at the AYC Clubhouse between 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM. A late registration fee of \$20 will be charged after midnight Sunday April 26, 2026.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the web at: www.atlantayachtclub.org.

9. SCORING

A maximum of seven races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If six or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

10. COACHES AND SUPPORT PERSONS

- 10.1 Individuals operating vessels less than 26 feet in length are required to use ECOS links (aka engine shutoff lanyard system) except when docking, launching and loading on a trailer. Noncompliance will result in exclusion from the racing area for the day without a hearing. Flagrant and/or repeated noncompliance will result in a hearing to consider whether a support person has broken this rule under RRS 64.1(b). This changes RRS 60.5(b). While providing assistance to others, shut down the engine while next to them.
- 10.2 Coaches and Support Persons should be included in the online registration. Coaches and Support Persons who are able to bring proof of US Sailing certification will be given appropriate access to participants and recognition. All coach / support boats shall register with the Race Committee. Each coach / support boat shall have a working VHF radio. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats shall be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore. Each competitor must have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 11.2 An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor 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.
- 11.3 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and

each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

- 11.4 The designated adult will 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.

12. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

13. DISCIPLINE

- 13.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03 no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1) marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2) any alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the venue.
- 13.2 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source believes that a competitor or support person may have committed a breach of a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.
- 13.3 Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and the event chair.

14. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions of 6 or more boats, and a first place trophy will be awarded in all divisions of 5 or less boats. Green Fleet trophies will be awarded to all Green Fleet participants.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Host Club:

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Regatta Co-Chairs:

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Disclaimer of Liability

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- **THE ATLANTA YACHT CLUB PROHIBITS FIREARMS, PETS AND MOTORCYCLES ON CLUB PREMISES.**
- **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AYC MEMBERS/GUESTS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHILE ON CLUB PREMISES.**