



**AMERICAN Y-FLYER SAILING ASSOCIATION  
2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
June 16-20, 2025  
CAROLINA YACHT CLUB  
Charleston, SC**



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028, (“RRS”), including the US Sailing prescriptions, and  
1.2 The By-Laws of the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions for this regatta  
1.3 Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will be in effect.  
1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions rule 63.1(b) is deleted

**2. ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The event is open to members of the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association  
2.2 All Skippers and Crews must be current Active, Life, Junior, or Crewmember of the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association or the Canadian Y-Flyer Yacht Racing Association. Association memberships may be obtained online at [www.yflyerclass.org] or at the regatta.  
2.3 All Skippers and Crews in the Junior National Championship Regatta must not have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before June 18, 2025.  
2.4 Competitors sailing in the Senior National Championship Regatta shall register for the Senior Fleet or the Challenger Fleet and may change fleet designation with notice to the Race Committee at any time until the First Warning Signal of the Senior National Championship series.  
2.5 Boats must display an AYFSA measurement plate and all equipment must be presented for inspection during the scheduled weighing and measuring times set forth in Section 4. If you require measuring outside the allotted times it must be arranged with the Regatta Chairman.  
2.6 No more than two (2) suits of sails per boat are permitted.  
2.7 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration online at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/4QSLPyTNax> or by registering in person at the regatta. Participants intending to register at the time of the event, or unable to do so online, are asked to provide advance notice to the Regatta Chairman (contact info below) and their entry fee will be based upon the time of such notice for purposes of determining regular or late registration fee.  
2.8 Registration Fees are as follows:

|                               | Registration Fee | Late Registration Fee<br>(on or after June 1, 2025) |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Junior National Championship: |                  |   |
| Junior Fleet Skipper          | \$75             | \$100   |
| Senior National Championship: |                  |   |
| Senior Fleet Skipper          | \$415            | \$485   |
| Challenger Fleet Skipper      | \$415            | \$485   |

## 2.9 Registration Fee includes:

### Junior Championship Registrants:

Bag lunch each racing day (Mon 6/16 – Tue 6/17)

Awards Banquet Dinner (Fri 6/20)

### Senior Championship Registrants (incl. Challenger Fleet):

Welcome Aboard Party (Tue 6/17)

Breakfast before Class meeting (Wed 6/18)

Bag lunch each racing day (Wed 6/18 – Fri 6/20)

Awards Banquet Dinner (Fri 6/20)

2.10 Additional tickets for lunches each day (\$15) and the Banquet Dinner (\$20) are available for purchase at the time of registration

## **3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration and posted online prior to the event at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/4QSLPyTNax/#notice-board>

## **4. SCHEDULE**

4.1 All entrants are encouraged to arrive early and participate in the James Island Yacht Club Regatta with racing held Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see the James Island Yacht Club website for more details. Please contact the Regatta Chairman if you would like to rig and launch from the Carolina Yacht Club for that event to simplify logistics.

### 4.2 National Championships Schedule:

|           |   |                                   |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Mon. 6/16 |   |                                   |
|           | Registration, Weighing, Measuring                           | 0900 – 1200hrs;<br>1500 – 1800hrs |
|           | Jr. Fleet Skippers Meeting                                  | 1130                              |
|           | Jr. Fleet 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning                           | 1230                              |
| Tue. 6/17 |   |                                   |
|           | Registration, Weighing, Measuring                           | 0900 – 1200hrs;<br>1500 – 1700hrs |
|           | Jr. Fleet 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning                           | 1230                              |
|           | No Jr. Fleet Races to Start after:                          | 1530                              |
|           | Sr. & Challenger Fleet Practice Race                        | 1530                              |
|           | Welcome Aboard Party - Under Boathouse                      | 1830                              |
| Wed. 6/18 |   |                                   |
|           | Breakfast – Bastion Ball Room                               | 0830 – 1000hrs                    |
|           | Racing the Tide – Sailing in Charleston Harbor Presentation | 0900 – 0945hrs                    |
|           | Skippers Meeting, followed by                               | 1000hrs                           |
|           | AYFSA – Class Meeting                                       |                                   |
|           | Sr. & Challenger Fleets 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning             | 1300hrs                           |
| Thu. 6/19 |   |                                   |

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|          | <b>Morning Left Open for Touring City</b>        |         |
|          | Sr. & Challenger Fleets 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning  | 1300hrs |
| Fri 6/20 |  |         |
|          | <b>Morning Left Open for Touring City</b>        |         |
|          | Sr. & Challenger Fleets 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning  | 1300hrs |
|          | No Sr. or Challenger Fleet Races to start after: | 1500hrs |
|          | Awards Ceremony and Dinner – Ft Sumter Ballroom  | 1900hrs |
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#### 4.3 Locations:

Registration: 6/16 – 6/17 – Bastion Ball Room (South Property, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Measuring: 6/15 – 6/17 – Bastion Ball Room (South Property, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Weighing: 6/15 – 6/17 – Boatyard Location - TBD

## **5. LODGING AND SIGHTSEEING**

5.1 Charleston is a tourist destination with a broad range of options for Hotels, Air BnB, and VRBO rentals in and around the city and surrounding areas (Downtown, Mt. Pleasant, West Ashley, James Island). Mt Pleasant additionally has highly rated KOA campground. Some Suggested Hotels (West Ashley):

Springhill Suites Charleston Riverview – 98 Ripley Point Dr.

Cambria Hotel Charleston Riverview – 84 Ripley Point Dr.

5.2 Thursday and Friday mornings are left unscheduled with the dual purpose of providing time for our typical summertime sea breeze to arrive as well as allowing participants to sightsee. The downtown area is quite walkable with Whitepoint Gardens to the left as you exit the Yacht Club and Waterfront Park to the right. There are numerous art and history museums, as well as an aquarium, all within 1.5 miles of the Yacht Club. The Charleston Area Convention & Visitor Bureau website is an excellent resource if you are looking for suggestions (<https://www.charlestoncvb.com/plan-your-trip>)

## **6. SCORING**

6.1 The official AIFYRA Low Point System as outlined in the By-laws will apply.

6.2 Skippers registered in the Senior and Challenger Fleets will be scored together and will be eligible for Senior Fleet prizes. Skippers registered in the Senior Fleet are not eligible for the Challenger Fleet prizes.

6.3 Skippers registered in the Challenger Fleet that do not receive a Senior Fleet trophy will be scored separately and will be eligible for Challenger Fleet prizes.

6.4 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a Junior National Regatta. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a Junior Skipper's regatta score will be the total of all the races scored. When four (4) races have been completed, a

Junior Skippers regatta score will be the total of all the races scored excluding the worst score. If twelve (12) races are completed a second worst score will be excluded.

6.5 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a Senior National and Challenger Regatta. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a Senior or Challenger Skipper's regatta score will be the total of all the races scored. When six (6) races have been completed, a Senior or Challenger Skipper's regatta score will be the total of all the races scored excluding the worst score. If twelve (12) races are completed a second worst score will be excluded.

## **7. PRIZES**

7.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the Senior Championship series.

7.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through third in the Challenger Fleet.

7.3 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through third in the Junior Championship.

## **8. CLUB AMENITIES**

8.1 The Boathouse has recently undergone renovation and is available for use to all registrants and their families.

8.2 The Yacht Club's food & drink service in the Boathouse will be available Wed, Thurs, Fri 5-9PM and Sat & Sun 11:30-9PM for cash or card sales to all registrants and their families

## **9. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

9.1 From the time a boat leaves the dock until she has finished the last race of the day, returned to shore, or been instructed to return to shore by the Race Committee, no electronic or electric device shall be used to gather information about conditions, monitor performance, communicate between boats, communicate sailing related information, or in any other way benefit or influence a boat's racing. Communication in any form is permitted to request or provide assistance in an emergency. Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the Race Committee, on a designated competitor's channel, concerning safety, notice of On Course Side (OCS) starting, and general information to assist in the management of the event.

## **10. CAR & TRAILER PARKING**

10.1 One (1) parking pass will be issued for each boat registered.

10.2 There is no camping or RV parking availability, please see Section 5

10.3 Trailer parking will be provided from June 14<sup>th</sup> - June 21<sup>st</sup>. Boats wishing to arrive earlier or leave later should contact the Sailing Director directly.

## **11. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Sailing Director, Jason Rucker:

(843) 696-9808 or [sailingdirector@carolinayachtclubsc.org](mailto:sailingdirector@carolinayachtclubsc.org)

Waterfront Director, Nate Sucher:

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Regatta Chairman, Will Hanckel:  
(843) 696-4844 or [willhanckel@yahoo.com](mailto:willhanckel@yahoo.com)  
Regatta Chairman, Craig Bennett:  
(843) 330-3932 or [cmbennett3@gmail.com](mailto:cmbennett3@gmail.com)

## **12. CLUB ADDRESS**

Carolina Yacht Club  
50 East Bay Street  
Charleston, SC 29401

## **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

13.1 Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. See RRS-3, decision to race. The organizing authority or the Carolina Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after