



Sandy Bay Day 2026

The Sandy Bay Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Annisquam Yacht Club

August 6th, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Sandy Bay Yacht Club Sailing Program & Scholarship Fund, Inc.
- 1.2. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), and this Notice of Race (NOR), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.3. [NP][DP] Coaching is allowed and encouraged in the rearward half of the Optimist Green Fleet. All other support vessels must remain outside of the field of play during racing. This changes RRS 41.
- 1.4. [NP] Personal Flotation Devices:
 - 1.4.1. RRS 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear a USCG-approved lifejacket (PFD) which relies solely on foam for flotation, providing a minimum buoyancy of 70N. PFDs shall be of Type I, II, III, or IV (sailing specific) or Level 70+ performance designations. Competitors shall wear a PFD, with all zippers and closures fastened, while afloat or on docks, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing."
 - 1.4.2. All PFDs must have a whistle attached with cordage or other captive tether. This further changes RRS 40.
- 1.5. Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be made available after 5:00 pm, on or before August 4th, at the online Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online Notice Board is located at:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/7bmgCdp5GC/#notice-board>.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist and Club 420 classes.
- 4.2. All sailors must have reached their seventh (7th) birthday by the event date and shall not have reached their nineteenth (19th) birthday within the calendar year. Optimist class rules regarding age eligibility shall apply.
- 4.3. Sailors registering for the Optimist Green fleet shall be in their first year of racing and must not have placed in the top three in a regatta. Questions and exceptions regarding this policy should be directed to juniorsailing@sandybay.org.
- 4.4. Boats may enter the event by registering online at:
<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/7bmgCdp5GC/class>.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry into the event, a boat shall complete all registration details, pay all fees, and complete an electronic waiver.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee for all fleets will be \$35 per competitor before August 3rd at 5:00 PM EST. The fee includes racing, a regatta tech-shirt, dinner post-racing, and trophies.
- 5.2. After August 3rd at 5:00 PM EST, the entry fee for all fleets will be \$45 per competitor.
- 5.3. In-person entries (on the day of the regatta) will be accepted, as able.

6. SCORING

- 6.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 6.2. One (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 6.3. When fewer than five (5) races are completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 6.4. When five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1. Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews finishing first through third in C420s, Optimist Championship Fleet, and Optimist Green Fleet.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 5th, 2026

1615 - 1800 Early Drop-Off (contact OA prior to arrival)

August 6th, 2026

0730 - 0930 Arrival, Check-In, Rigging

0945 Competitor's Meeting

1015 Harbor Start

1045 First Warning Signal

1600 No Warning Signal After This Time

1700 Awards and Cookout

1800* Tow to Annisquam Yacht Club (optional)

9. LOGISTICS

9.1. Boats

9.1.1. No boats shall be dropped off prior to 4:15 pm on August 5th.

9.1.2. Sailing dinghies arriving on August 5th may unload and step, but will remain on the pier until August 6th.

9.1.3. Sailing dinghies shall be launched and retrieved via the SBYC crane

9.1.4. Coach boats may be launched at the Granite Pier Ramp in Rockport.

9.1.5. Coach boats arriving on August 5th may launch via the SBYC crane, provided the vessel has lifting eyes.

9.2. Parking

9.2.1. Parking on and around T Wharf is limited, especially later in the day. Paid parking is available throughout Rockport, denoted by white paint. Free parking is available past School St, marked by yellow paint.

9.3. Squam Day Transiting and Storage:

9.3.1. Sandy Bay Yacht Club will be providing guidance for clubs towing between Sandy Bay Yacht Club and Annisquam Yacht Club.

9.3.2. Boats participating in Sandy Bay Day and Squam Day shall be provided berthing and/or trailer storage at Annisquam Yacht Club on August 6th, 2026.

9.4. Food

9.4.1. The SBYC Snack Bar will have breakfast pastries and boxed lunches available for purchase in addition to their standard menu.

9.4.2. A cookout will be held post-racing with dinner and soft drinks for competitors.

10. VESSEL REQUIREMENTS AND ON-WATER SAFETY

- 10.1. [NP][DP] Each vessel must carry a floating bowline at least 25ft in length. While afloat, the bowline must be immediately accessible from within a 5-inch radius inscribed upon the forwardmost point of the centerline of the hull.
- 10.2. Coach boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF CH71 and CH16. Coaches shall monitor VHF CH71 for information.
- 10.3. Engine Cut-Off Switches (ECOS)
 - 10.3.1. [DP] All coaches operating a powerboat shall wear an Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) link or lanyard (kill cords) while in the vicinity of the racing area, competing sailboats, or the docks and floats of Sandy Bay Yacht Club.
 - 10.3.2. [DP] All spectators operating a powerboat shall wear an Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) link or lanyard while operating near the racing area, competing sailboats, or the docks and floats of The Sandy Bay Yacht Club. This is federal law while operating an open-cockpit vessel, under 26 ft in length, above displacement speed.
- 10.4. All coaches have a duty to respond to sailors or other vessels in need of assistance.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. 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 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.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1. Questions, concerns, or requests for further information may be directed to:

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