



2026 Club Open & Women's SAYRA Championship



Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association

Hosted by: South Carolina Yacht Club (SCYC)
10 Yacht Club Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

August 21-23, 2026

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a protest or request for redress related to that rule is invalid. This changes RRS 60.4 and 61.3 as stated in NOR 1.2.2 & 1.2.3. The notation '[DP]' is a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be more or less than a single disqualification

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The rules are changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Rules 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 are amended to add: Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window.
 - 1.2.2. 60.4(a)(4) is added: If it alleges a breach of a rule with the notation [NP].
 - 1.2.3. RRS 61.3 adds "or cites as the reason a rule with the notation [NP].
 - 1.2.4. The following is added to rule 62.1: "If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number orally and via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request."
 - 1.2.5. The US Sailing prescription to rule 63.1 is deleted.
 - 1.2.6. Appendices A5.1 and A5.2 are amended to add: "A boat that has not met the definition of start 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
 - 1.2.7. Appendix V will be in effect.
 - 1.2.8. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, **and did not see the incident.**
- 1.3. Teams shall remain consistent for every race.
- 1.4. **Sailors shall each bring their own lifejacket.**

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available online at:
<https://lakenormany.org/regatta/sDs23SDmR7/#notice-board> one week prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board will be located online at:
<https://lakenormany.org/regatta/sDs23SDmR7/#notice-board> (further information will be available in SI).
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel **72**, including courtesy broadcasts.
- 3.3. [DP][NP] The Race Committee may make VHF radio broadcasts regarding Race Committee intentions, courses to be sailed, starting sequence timing information, postponement updates,

safety information, etc.

- 3.4. These broadcasts are a courtesy only and in no way relieve the competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to Race Signals. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of the broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.5. Competitors must provide their own VHF radio.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The SAYRA Open and Women's Club Championship is open to all clubs in good standing within SAYRA. Each club is limited to submitting one Women's team and one Open team, selected by criteria developed within the respective club.
- 4.2. Women's teams will be composed of all women, typically a team of 2 in the Harbor 20.
- 4.3. Open teams may be composed of any combination of genders, typically a team of 2 in the Harbor 20.
- 4.4. Each team shall be made up of the following: club members, family of club members, club employees, or other individuals who have a strong connection to the club. Exceptions to this rule shall be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and shall only be made if the exception will benefit the event.
- 4.5. As this event is limited to the use of 12 Harbor 20 yachts (under the stewardship of SCYC), each club will be required to apply for the respective division(s) they wish to race in (Open or Women's). Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.
- 4.6. Eligible teams may register online at <https://sayra-sailing.membershiptoolkit.com/2026clubchamps>.
- 4.7. The Entry Fee for the regatta is to be paid at the time of online registration and the individual registering SAYRA membership must be valid for the current calendar year.
- 4.8. All registrations and fees shall be submitted no later than **Friday July 31, 2026**.
- 4.9. Applications will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis due to the limited number of boats for each fleet.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry fee for each team shall be **\$250.00** which includes borrowed boats, Friday evening welcome reception, Saturday evening competitors' banquet and Sunday awards reception.
- 5.2. Registration and entry fee shall be entered here at the SAYRA website <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://sayra-sailing.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/384521&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1782229394695091&usg=AOvVaw3U1GFRpOqymtOEzh6BAmn9>
- 5.3. Entry fee is due no later than July 15th, 2026, and is fully refundable until August 1st, 2026, after which time teams are only eligible for a \$200.00 refund.
- 5.4. Skippers or team organizers will be required to provide a refundable damage deposit via check to **South Carolina Yacht Club** in the amount of \$500.00. Damage deposit will be collected at check-in.
- 5.5. Each skipper or team organizer is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the Judge. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. If a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.6. Any remaining damage deposit will be refunded within thirty (30) days after the event.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Date	Time	
Friday	August 21	1800 - 2000	Competitors Welcome Reception: Sliders, chips, dips, beer and wine SCYC Chart Room
Saturday	August 22	0900 - 1000	Competitors Check In + Damage Deposit (1 attendee per team required) SCYC back deck
Saturday	August 22	1100	Daily Competitors Brief / Skippers Meeting (1 attendee per team required) SCYC back deck
Saturday	August 22	1130	Harbor 20 Rigging and boat handling demo (1 attendee per team required) SCYC basin
Saturday	August 22	1300	1 st Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow
Saturday	August 22	1830	Competitor Banquet: Buffet Dinner and Desert with Mt. Gay Signature Cocktail SCYC Banquet Room <i>**Spouses and guests welcome with guest banquet ticket purchase, more info coming with S/s</i>
Sunday	August 23	1100	Daily Competitors Brief / Skippers meeting (1 attendee per team required) SCYC back deck
Sunday	August 23	1200	1 st Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	August 23	1600	No Warning Signal after this time
Sunday	August 23	TBD	Awards Reception: chicken wings, fruit, cheese, beer, wine to follow racing SCYC Pool Bar

7. VENUE

7.1. The racecourse will be established within May River\Mackay Creek.

8. COURSES

8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward using dropped marks at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.

9. SCORING

9.1. Unlimited races are scheduled. One race per division is required to be scored to constitute an event. A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if one boat starts, sails the course and finishes within the race time limit, if any, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified.

9.2. The regatta will be scored with the low point system as described in the RRS. No score will be excluded.

10. RISK STATEMENT AND BORROWED BOAT DAMAGE

10.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, Decision to Race).

10.2. The Organizing Authority, [SAYRA, has the Burgee Program by Gowrie coverage.](#)

10.3. 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'
By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden

changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

- 10.4. The South Carolina Yacht Club and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to the event.
- 10.5. The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of their crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Official, the Skipper/Club will be responsible for all damages, and the team may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. The winner of the regatta will be awarded the perpetual SAYRA Women's Club Championship Trophy and the SAYRA Open Club Championship Trophy for the respective fleets.
- 11.2. The combined club champion award will be given to the club that has the best combined Open and Women's finish, to encourage full participation by all clubs.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1. [South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association 2026 Club Champs](#)
- 12.2. For all other questions, contact Sarah Schaihl Colarusso shschaihl@gmail.com (843) 513-3196 or Jason Rucker jchristopherrucker@gmail.com (843) 696-9808.