



Paul Risseuw Pettipaug Junior Sailing Regatta
Optimist (RWB and Green), O'Pen Skiff, ILCA 6 and C420
(Spinnaker/Trapeze and Non-Spinnaker/Non-Trapeze)
August 1, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules:
 - 1.1. This Regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing: 2025-2028, and the individual class rules unless modified by this Notice or the Sailing Instructions.
2. Eligibility:
 - 2.1. Registration for this Regatta is open for members of Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association Junior (ECSA Junior) only. More information about ECSA Junior and sign-up can be found via the following link: <https://www.juniors.ecsa.net/ecsa juniorsignup>
 - 2.2. International Optimist Dinghies (Red, White and Blue or RWB), Opti Green, Opti Pram Green, O'Pen Skiff, ILCA 6 (formerly known as Laser Radial) and C420 (spinnaker/trapeze and non-spinnaker/non-trapeze) may enter.
 - 2.3. For Optimists Red, White and Blue, the fleet is divided based on the skipper's age on the day of the regatta (August 1, 2026) Red division: Ages 13, 14, 15; Blue division: Ages 11 & 12; White division: Ages 10 & under; Green Fleet: Beginner racers, 15 & under.
 - 2.4. The registered sailor cannot reach the age of 19 years in the current calendar year.
 - 2.5. A minimum of 5 registered boats per class applies. If this minimum has not been reached on July 31, 2026 at 6:00pm, the regatta for that class may be cancelled. In that case, the registered sailors may participate in another class without any additional costs. If the sailor decides not to participate in another class, the full entry fee will be reimbursed.
3. Entry Fee:
 - 3.1. Entry fee for all sailors is \$40 per person.
 - 3.2. Entry fee includes racing and "give-away" to the first 70 entrants.
 - 3.3. Entry fee includes cookout post racing.

- 3.4. Entry fees are payable by registered boat, which means that the registration fee for the C420 is \$80.
- 3.5. Online registration via Clubspot (<https://theclubspot.com/events>) through August 1, 11:00am.
4. Schedule:
 - 4.1. Time schedule:

9:30-11:00am	Registration and launching.
11:00	Skippers meeting for all.
11:15	Additional skippers meeting for Optimist Green fleet.
11:30	Harbor start for Opti RBW, O'Pen Skiff, ILCA 6 and C420.
11:45	Harbor start for Green Fleet.
 - 4.2. The warning signal for the first race will be at 12:00pm. No races will start after 3:30pm.
 - 4.3. Awards will be presented as soon as possible after finishing of the last race.
5. Venue:
 - 5.1. The regatta is organized by Pettipaug Yacht Club in partnership with Pettipaug Junior Sailing Academy
 - 5.2. The regatta venue is: Pettipaug Yacht Club, Great Meadows Rd, Essex CT. The entrance to Great Meadows Rd is between 143 and 145 River Rd, Essex CT.
 - 5.3. Boat storage space at Pettipaug YC is very limited and therefore, unless individually agreed otherwise, boats cannot be dropped off prior to and picked up after the day of the regatta.
 - 5.4. Coach and spectator boats can be launched at the regatta venue.
6. Scoring:
 - 6.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
 - 6.2. One race constitutes a series.
 - 6.3. Opti RWB will be scored together. Awards will be given per division (Red, White and Blue)
 - 6.4. C420's will be scored together. Awards will be given per division (spinnaker/trapeze division and non-spinnaker/non-trapeze).
 - 6.5. If 6 or more races are completed there will be one throw out.
7. Notice to Competitors, sailing instructions and changes to the sailing instructions:
 - 7.1. Any notices to competitors will be posted on the noticeboard of the clubhouse of Pettipaug YC.
 - 7.2. The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Clubspot event page (<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/EsFSGtPtfd>) prior to July 31, 2026, 8:00pm and as a courtesy, they may also be posted on the noticeboard of the clubhouse of Pettipaug YC on the day of the event.
 - 7.3. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the noticeboard of the clubhouse of Pettipaug YC on the day of the event.

Except that changes that affect the Schedule will be posted on the Clubspot event page (<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/EsFSGtPtfd>) or before 1800 on the day before they will take effect.

8. Food, drinks and snacks:

8.1. For during the regatta, sailors should bring their own lunch, snacks and water bottle. There will be a lunch break between the races on the water. Drinking water will be available for sailors prior to launching.

8.2. After the regatta during the cook-out, food and drinks will be available for all sailors and coaches.

9. Prizes:

9.1. Prizes for RBW Optimist Class, O'Pen Skiff, ILCA 6 and C420 Class will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each division.

9.2. Participation awards will be given to all Green fleet sailors.

10. Safety Requirements:

10.1. RRS 40.1 applies: a properly fitting USCG approved PFD, must be worn by each competitor while on the docks or on the water. Inflatable vests are prohibited.

10.2. All class-required safety equipment is mandatory.

10.3. All coach/support boats must have a working VHF radio and be prepared to help any sailor in need.

11. Responsibility for Safety:

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Pettipaug Yacht Club or Pettipaug Junior Sailing Academy (PYC/PJSA): the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility, and each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the PYC/PJSA, and any of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, other support boats and from personnel manning them, or the abundance thereof, is at the risk of the participant.

12. By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority 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 or other productions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

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