



27 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, South Carolina 29413-0474
<http://charlestonyachtclub.com>

Charleston Yacht Club Open Regatta July 18-19th, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI) will be available online by 2000 hours EDT on July 17, 2026

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located online only at the event website
<https://charlestonyachtclub.com/regatta/AHulvEUpop>

3.2 All boats with the exception of the junior classes, shall carry a VHF radio capable of communications on RC working channels. The working channels for each circle will be published in the SIs.

3.3 On the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The VHF channel for each circle will be listed in the SIs

3.4 While racing- From the first warning signal until the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all one-design classes (36' or less) with 3 or more boats registered. Eligible classes include (but are not limited to) Opti, 420, ILCA, Snipe, Sunfish, Y-Flyer, MC Scow, Melges 15, VX One, Sea Island One Design, Lightning, Thistle, E Scow, J24, and J105
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the entry form online at the event website, <https://charlestonyachtclub.com/regatta/AHulvEUpop>, or submit a paper copy to the ChYC office at 27 Lockwood Dr. Charleston, SC 29413, along with the required fee by July 18th 2026 at 0830
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees

5 FEES

- 5.1 Opti sailors \$ 45
- 5.2 Single-handed \$ 50

5.3 Double-handed (including MC) \$60

5.4 Triple-handed \$65

5.5 J24 \$75

5.6 J105 \$100

6 SCHEDULE (All times in EDT)

Friday, July 17. 1600 ChYC adjacent lot open for rigging
Burgee Bar Open

Saturday, July 18 1030 Skippers Meeting, ChYC Flag Room
1300 First warning signal
1800 Cocktail Party, ChYC Flag Room

Sunday, July 19 1100 First warning signal
1430 No warning signal will be made after this time
Awards to follow after the Protest Time Limit, ChYC Flag Room

7 VENUE

7.1 There will be multiple race circles inside Charleston Harbor to which classes will be assigned as further detailed in the SIs.

7.2 Launch and recovery of boats are available at Charleston Yacht Club: a parking area will be allocated as well as a hoist operator to launch and recover boats each day. A powerboat tow will also be made available to participants desiring to launch from ChYC.

7.3 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward-leeward and/or triangle courses which will be further detailed in the SIs.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall apply.

9 SCORING

9.1 An unlimited number of races are planned. If six or more races are completed in a class, each boat will have one score excluded for that class.

9.2 One race in a class is required to be completed to constitute a series for that class.

9.3 The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.

10. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

10.1 All coach and parent boats shall register online with Clubspot

<https://charlestonyachtclub.com/regatta/AHulvEUpop>

10.2 Each coach or parent boat shall have a working VHF radio and abide by the directions and instructions of the race committee

10.3 Individuals operating vessels less than 26 feet in length are required to use ECOS links (aka Kill Cords) 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 60.3(d). This changes RRS 63.1.

11 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules. See RRS Appendix G3.

12 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: '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.**

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given per class as follows:

1st place awarded for 3 boats

1st & 2nd for 4-6 boats

1st, 2nd & 3rd for 7 or more boats

13.2 Trophies for Masters, Senior and Junior classes may be awarded for the Sunfish class based on numbers of boats participating.

13.3 An overall trophy will be awarded for the Optimist class, along with a trophy for each Optimist Fleet.

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15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Additional information concerning **items available during the regatta:**

- ChYC regatta tech shirts and other items will be available for purchase.