



GIBSON ISLAND YACHT SQUADRON

Gibson Island, Maryland

Junior Regatta

CBYRA High Point Event

July 10, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028.

1.2. As this is an amateur regatta held in the Corinthian spirit of competition, sailors may not compete as skipper or crew if they are or will be paid or otherwise compensated for participating in the regatta. By registering for the regatta, each sailor affirms that neither he/she nor his/her crew is being paid or otherwise compensated for competing.

1.3. For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the following one-design classes: Optimist, O'pen Skiff, ILCA, Club 420, 29er.

1.4. The following rules will be changed: Rule 40.1 applies. PFDs are required. Additional rules may also be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

2. CONTACT INFORMATION

2.1. The Organizing Authority is The Gibson Island Yacht Squadron (GIYS).

2.2. Junior Fleet Committee Chair, Will Herbert, 617-448-1182, wherbert@gmail.com
Junior Fleet Sailing Director, Scott Williamson, 703-395-9654, jrsail@gibsonisland.com

3. ELIGIBILITY / ENTRY

3.1. Optimist Class [age rules](#) apply. Sailors for all other classes may only compete if (a) they will not be older than nineteen (19) years of age at any time during 2026 (*i.e.*, their twentieth (20th) birthday occurs no earlier than January 1, 2027 *AND* (b) they have not competed in any collegiate sailing event prior to the regatta.

3.2. GREEN REGATTA - This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." All competitors are encouraged to use non-single-use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of rule 47 which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

3.3. All competitors must be CBYRA members to compete in the [High Point Series](#) ([check your CBYRA Membership status](#)). One-design class membership is encouraged, but not required: [Optimist Class Membership](#), [O'pen Skiff Class Membership](#), [ILCA Membership](#), [Club 420 Class Membership](#), and [29er Class Membership](#).

3.4. REGISTRATION - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/LEJMGUwIjt>. A \$15 late fee applies to registrations completed after Friday, July 3, 2026. Registration closes Friday, July 10, 2026 at 10 AM.

4. BOATS / MEASUREMENT

4.1. All boats must have a floating bowline of appropriate length. ILCA Dinghies may use the mainsheet.

4.2. Each competitor will be responsible for their boat being in compliance with the class rules of their respective fleet.

5. FEES - The entry fee for all classes is \$80 per competitor. The entry fee includes an after-sailing meal from Chipotle and other fun giveaways from regatta sponsors.

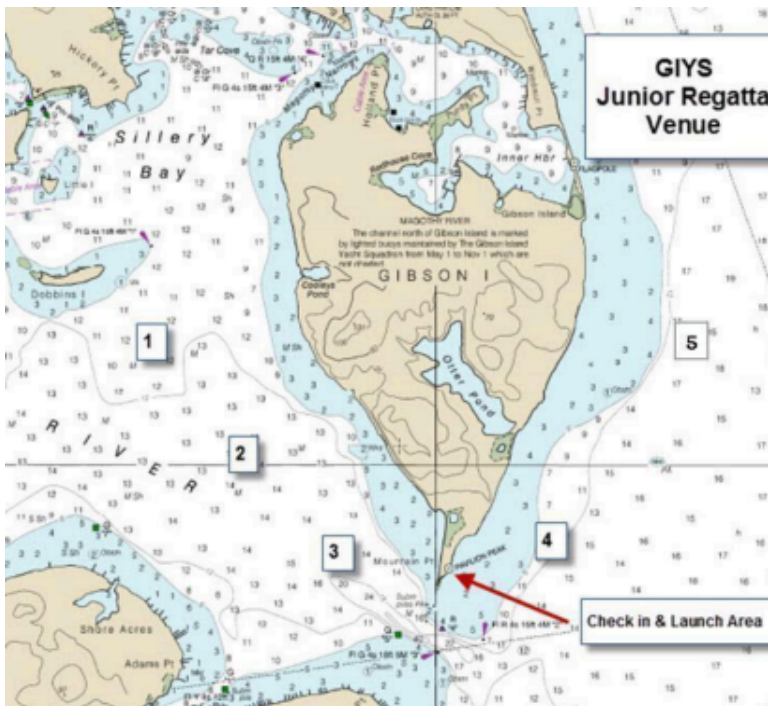
6. BOAT DROP-OFF

6.1. Early arrival and practice on Thursday afternoon, July 9, at “The Point”. Arriving early will help alleviate traffic problems on the day of the regatta.

6.2. SAFETY BOAT LAUNCHING - Ramp launching at GIYS Boathouse or Lighthouse Dock.

6.3. TRAILER STORAGE - Very limited storage available at “The Point”.

7. VENUE



8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 10, 2026

- 0900 Check In at “The Point”
- 1000 Competitors’ Meeting
- 1030 Harbor Start
- 1100 First Warning
- 1500 No Start After
- Awards to follow racing

The Green Fleet and O’pen Skiff schedule will be the same through the Competitors’ Meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for competitors in these two classes will be conducted, with the remainder of the schedule announced.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted to the online Notice Board on or before July 9, 2026: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/LEJMGUwIjt/#notice-board>

10. SCORING - One race shall be completed to constitute a series. There will be no drop. This changes RRS A2.1.

11. COACHES / SPECTATORS - Coach and spectator boats shall have a working VHF radio to monitor a channel for the racing area they are near. They shall remain clear of the racecourse. If hailed by the Race Committee, a coach or spectator boat shall respond and follow instructions. The conduct of coach / spectator boats shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions. VHF channels for each course will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting.

12. SAFETY

12.1. A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing, except briefly when adding or removing clothing. Each competitor must have a whistle attached to their PFD. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. This changes RRS 1.2.

12.2. A boat retiring (or a coach of a boat retiring) from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course.

12.3. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

12.4. Parents not personally attending the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the Regatta.

13. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA and their 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 and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

14. DISCIPLINE

All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source, believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of good manners, a breach of good sportsmanship, unethical behavior or conduct that may bring the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

15. PRIZES

Awards will be given to competitors placing first through third in all divisions, with the number of prizes adjusted to suit the number of competitors registered in each division (i.e., one award for 1-5 entries, 2 awards for 6-10 entries, 3 awards for 11 or more entries). Green Fleet Competitors will be celebrated for their participation.

16. DIRECTIONS TO GIBSON ISLAND

From I-97 Baltimore or Annapolis, take Route 100 EAST, continue after the merge on MD-177 (Mountain Road), follow the signs to Gibson Island. At the security gate, inform the Gate attendant that you are going to the Junior Regatta, receive a pass, and proceed to the "The Point".

17. SPECIAL NOTES

Traffic is congested. Roads are narrow and turn-around areas are very small. Please be patient; kindly observe speed limits and parking instructions issued upon arrival. Gibson Island is a private gated community, please enjoy the island and respect the privacy of its residents.