

The 67th Midlands Regatta

Nov 7-8, 2026

292 Shuler Road, Columbia, SC 29212

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes rule 60.1.

1 Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. For youth sailors competing in the 2026 South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association Junior Grand Prix Championship, the [Notice of Series](#) and the [Code of Ethics](#) apply.
- 1.3. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it 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, or"
- 1.4. Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of Incident and V2, Post Race Penalties will be in effect.
- 1.5. For ILCA classes: Appendix P applies, with the following changes:
 - 1.5.1. Delete the word "first" in P2.1.
 - 1.5.2. Delete P2.2 and P2.3.
 - 1.5.3. P3 is replaced with: "If a boat has been protested under P1 and the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled."
 - 1.5.4. P4 is replaced with: "A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a member of the Protest Committee or its designated observer under Rule P1."
 - 1.5.5. Delete P5.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than October 27, 2026 on the Official Notice Board.

3 Communication

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located online at the Midlands Regatta ClubSpot page <https://columbiasailingclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/zJvzR9d82c/#notice-board>
- 3.2. Times of hearings for protests or requests for redress may also be sent via email or phone text messages using the contact information supplied with online registration.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors as follows:
 - 3.3.1. Melges 15, Vanguard 15, MC Scow, on VHF channel 71.
 - 3.3.2. All other classes: Orally or by loud hailer, after hoisting code flag L.
- 3.4. [DP][NP] Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the race committee concerning safety, notice of OCS starting and general information to assist in the management of the event. No other electronic communication device shall be used to obtain information to benefit or influence a boat's racing. Communication in any form is

permitted to request or provide assistance in an emergency or to inform the race committee that a boat is retiring.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The following one-design classes are invited: Optimist (Red/Blue/White/Green), O'Pen Skiff, C420 (spin and non-spin), Sunfish(ISCA), Laser (ILCA) 7, 6, and 4, Melges 15, Vanguard 15, MC scow.
- 4.2. Other one-design dinghy classes that can identify at least five committed competitors can nominate their class for competition by emailing to MidlandsRegatta@ColumbiaSailingClub.org no later than the one week prior to the end of Early Registration. If accepted, the class will be added to the online registration process and must meet the minimum number of registrations
- 4.3. Early Registration is a qualification period for all classes: Any class that does not register at least five competitors during Early Registration may be eliminated, and prior registrations will be refunded.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration and paying fees at Registration Section located at the Official Notice Board prior to the close of registration.
- 4.5. Registration limits will be in effect on a class-by-class basis. After the limit for a class is reached, new registrants will automatically be placed on a waiting list. Persons on the waiting list will be offered registration opportunities in chronological order if or when openings become available. After the close of regular registration, registration slots may be reallocated between over- and under-enrolled classes while preserving a target total registration limit of approximately 175.

5 Fees

- 5.1. Entry Fees (includes breakfasts but does not include lunches, dinners, beverages or t-shirts):

Class	Early Registration (through Oct 9)	Registration Oct 10-Oct 30
Opti, O'Pen skiff	\$60	\$80
ILCA, ISCA, C420	\$75	\$95
Melges 15, Vanguard 15, MC scow	\$85	\$105

- 5.2. No refunds will be issued after October 23, 2026.
- 5.3. Lunch and dinner tickets, beer bracelets and t shirts are available for purchase through the ClubSpot regatta link.

6 Schedule

- 6.1. Check-In

Date	From	To	
11/6/2026	1800	2000	Inside Clubhouse
11/7/2026	0800	1045	Inside Clubhouse

- 6.2. Competitors' Meeting

11/7/2026	1100	Clubhouse front porch
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- 6.3. Racing

Date	1 st Warning Signal	
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11/7/2026	1230	Additional races to immediately follow
11/8/2026	1000	Additional races to immediately follow

6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1300.

7 Venue

7.1. On the waters of Lake Murray south of the Columbia Sailing Club, with up to four separate racing areas.

8 Courses

8.1. The courses will be windward-leeward and/or modified Olympic.

9 Scoring

9.1. The low-point scoring system, RRS A2, shall apply with the following additions.

9.2. Unlimited races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute an event.

9.3. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.4. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

10 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.

11 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is recommended to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

12 Prizes

12.1. Awards will be given to the top competitors in each class or division. The number of awards in a class or division will be approximately one for every four boats registered in that class or division at the close of the early registration period. Opti Green Fleet sailors will receive participation awards instead of finishing place awards.

13 Coach and Support Team Requirements

13.1. Each coach and support team vessel shall be equipped with a functioning engine cut-off switch which shall remain attached to the driver at all times the engine is running.

13.2. A Coaches Meeting will be held each morning prior to racing, the time of which will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

13.3. All Coach and Support vessels shall

13.3.1. carry and monitor a marine band VHF radio tuned to the course frequency,

13.3.2. enroll at least one mobile phone on the vessel as a Coach or Support Vessel, in the BuoyZone app

13.3.3. carry and display a yellow numbered flag which will be provided at the Coaches Meeting immediately following the Competitors meeting.

13.4. Traveling teams are strongly encouraged to minimize the number of vehicles and trailers on site by using multivessel trailers and cartopping of small boats.

13.5. Coach and support vessels may be required to use nearby public launching ramps.

14 Regatta Contacts

14.1. Regatta co-Chairs: Robert Key, Sarah Weiss, and Stephanie Copple.
MidlandsRegatta@ColumbiaSailingClub.org

14.2. Chief Judge: Stephanie Taylor wetagirl937@yahoo.com

15 Revision Record

Version	date	Original release
1.0	8/27/26	8/27/26

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONLINE DURING REGISTRATION

None of these items are included with regatta registration:

Regatta shirt Must be ordered by October 12. **Note the early deadline!**

Saturday bag lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday hamburger lunch, Beer bracelet. Must be ordered before the close of late registration.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity and Location
Friday, November 6	1200	Club gate opens for early arrivals
	1800-2000	Check in, packet pick up
	1800-2000	Happy Hour on the Club House porch. Light snacks provided.
Saturday, November 7	0800-1000	Continental Breakfast
	0800-1045	Check in, packet pick up, CSC Clubhouse
	1030-1130	Bag lunch pickup (Not included, must be preordered)
	1100	Welcome and Skippers Meeting
	1230	First Warning Signal
	1800	Happy Hour, CSC Clubhouse Porch
	1830	Regatta Dinner (Not included, must be preordered)
	1900-2100	Activities for juniors at the CSC Beach House
	1930	Party with live music on CSC Clubhouse Porch
Sunday, November 8	0800-0900	Continental Breakfast
	1000	First Warning Signal
	1300	No races started after 1300
	After Sailing	Burger Lunch (Not included, must be preordered)
		Awards to follow

LODGING / CAMPING

Hotels: Several chain hotels are located near exit 102 on Interstate 26, less than five miles from the club.

Camping: Camping on the club grounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Shower and restroom facilities are provided, but there are **no RV hook-ups**.

PETS are **NOT ALLOWED** on the club grounds on regatta weekends.

OPEN FIRES are **NOT ALLOWED** on the club grounds on regatta weekends.