



**2026 South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA)
Invitational Regatta
August 1-2, 2026**

Organizing Authority (OA): Carolina Yacht Club

401 South Lumina Avenue, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

NOTICE OF RACE

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Amended July 13, 2026

Amended July 27, 2026

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the rule is subject to a discretionary penalty, which can be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. This event is part of the [SAYRA Junior Grand Prix Championship Series](#) and follows the [SAYRA Junior Sailor Code of Ethics](#).
- 1.3. The following Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Appendix R and the prescription to: preamble to Part 5, and rules RRS 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1, and 88.2, plus US Sailing prescriptions Appendix V1 will apply.
- 1.4. [DP] [NP] All coach and spectator vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-off switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and result in expulsion from the event.
- 1.5. [DP] [NP] ILCA, ISCA/Sunfish®, Optimist, O'pen Skiff, Melges 15, **Lightning**, VX One, and C420 competitors shall wear a Coast Guard-approved PFD from the time they leave the dock until they return, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. All other classes shall comply with RRS 40.
- 1.6. All competitors shall carry at least a 24' in 3/16"-1/4" diameter towline. This line should be attached to the mast and ready to use at all times.
- 1.7. A Safety Check of Opti class boats will be conducted before leaving the dock using the "Opti Boat Safety Checklist." This checklist can be found on the official Notice board. This Checklist should be completed by the close of Check-in on Saturday morning.
- 1.8. Rule 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

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available after 1200 on July 30, 2026, on [the event's notice board on Clubspot](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located on Clubspot [here](#).
- 3.2. [DP] All coaches and support vessels shall carry a working VHF capable of communicating on standard channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] 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.
- 3.5. For the Lightning, Melges 15, and VX One Classes only, the RC may hail the sail number of any boat that is OCS via VHF radio. Failure to hail any/all OCS boats by the RC will not be grounds for redress. This is added to RRS 61.1(a).
- 3.6. Judges may fly a "Judge" or a "J" Flag.
- 3.7. The OA will use WhatsApp to provide courtesy communication with competitors. WhatsApp may also be used to draw attention to racing-related information posted on the notice board. The primary method of communicating racing-related information will be via Clubspot, the event's official noticeboard. [The Competitors WhatsApp link can be found here.](#)

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to the following one-design classes: Lightning, Melges 15, VX One, C420 (*spin and non-spin C420 will start together*), ISCA/Sunfish®, Opti Green, Opti RWB, O'pen Skiff, and ILCA 4, 6, and 7. Boats shall display sail numbers on both sides of the main sail in accordance with RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G.
- 4.2. Classes with 3 or more boats entered may compete as a class and have a separate start.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the registration form, signing the waiver, and paying all fees. [Registration can be found here](#)
- 4.4. Registration ends on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 1900. There is no on-site registration.
- 4.5. The OA reserves the right to cap the event at a total of 130 boats.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Competitor registration includes the following:
Welcome social on Friday evening,
Light breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings,
Soundside Gazebo Beverages & cold treat after racing on Saturday, and
Hamburger Cookout after racing on Sunday.
- 5.2. Entry Fees are the following:
 - 5.2.1. Triplehanded sailboat (Lightning, VXOne): \$145.00
 - 5.2.2. Doublehanded sailboat (M15, C420): \$105.00
 - 5.2.3. Singlehanded sailboat (ISCA/Sunfish®, Opti Green, Opti RWB, O'pen Skiff, and ILCA 4, 6, 7): \$65.00
- 5.3. Sailors who register after Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 1900 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee.
- 5.4. No refunds will be issued after Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 1900.
- 5.5. Optional storefront items, like meal tickets and merchandise, [may be purchased through Clubspot](#) through Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 1900. Shirts may be purchased without a deadline, subject to availability. Available items include:
 - 5.5.1. Make Your Own Lunch Saturday and/or Sunday: Sandwich ingredients, granola bar, fruit, water or Gatorade, zip-top bag. (\$10.00 per lunch per day)
 - 5.5.2. Saturday Dinner/Social: Shrimparoo, Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork BBQ, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad, Lemon Bar, and Key Lime Pie. (\$25.00)
 - 5.5.3. Sunday Hamburger Cookout: Hamburger, dessert, and a drink. (included for sailors): (\$17.00)

5.5.4. CYC1853 Annual Regatta Shirts: \$33.00 Long sleeve, with hood, microfiber performance fabric. Limited supply may be available during check-in.

5.6. All registered competitors will also be given CYC1853 proximity bands that provide entry to the restrooms and locker rooms with shower facilities. These must be returned at the end of the event.

5.7. Competitors and regatta guests may set up a club charge account for the weekend to order items from the club store, grille, and bar.

6. SCHEDULE

Thursday - July 23	1900	Registration late fee starts, an additional \$25 for all boats. No refunds after this date.
Tuesday - July 28	1900	Registration ends, no on-site registration
Thursday - July 30	1800	Live Google Meet Competitors Meeting. Link here. If available, a recording of the meeting will be shared with registered competitors after the meeting.
Friday - July 31	1200-1900	Regatta check-in, Ballroom
	1200	Club Grill open for regatta visitors to order
	1700	Club upstairs bar open (21+ only allowed upstairs)
	1800-2000	Welcome Party: Heavy Appetizers, pizza, garden salad, lemonade/water, and desserts
Saturday, August 1	0800-0900	Regatta check-in, CYC 1853 Room
	0800-0900	Competitors Breakfast, Dining Porch
	0800-0900	Make Your Own Lunch, Dining Porch **Ticket Required. See NOR 5.5 to purchase**
	0845	Coaches Meeting: Soundside Gazebo
	0900	Competitors Meeting: Soundside Gazebo
	0930	Harbor Start: Launch order directed by OA.
	1100	Grill opens for lunch, closes at 2100 (The kitchen will close to members at 1400.)
	1130	First warning signal
	1200	Club upstairs bar open (21+ only allowed upstairs)

	Immediately after sailing 1830-2130	CYC1853 Soundside Gazebo Social - post sailing cool off (sailor wristbands required) Saturday Dinner and Social – **Ticket Required. See NOR 5.5 to purchase**
Sunday, August 2	0800-0900 0800-0900 0845 0900 0930 1100 1130 1430 After racing	Competitors Breakfast, Dining Porch Make Your Own Lunch, Dining Porch – **Ticket Required. See NOR 5.5 to purchase** Coaches Meeting: Soundside Gazebo Competitors Meeting: Soundside Gazebo Harbor Start: Launch order directed by OA. Grill opens for lunch, closes at 2100 First warning signal No warning signal after this time Awards plus Hamburger Cookout & Social – **Ticket Required. See NOR 5.5 to purchase**

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. Boats and equipment shall comply with all One-Design Class Rules for all competing classes.
- 7.2. Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time.
- 7.3. All Lightning class boats shall have a properly installed and functional centerboard preventer. The preventer shall be engaged at all times while the boat is afloat. A boat that does not comply shall not launch or race. The RC or OA may inspect any Lightning class boat at any time to verify compliance. Any boat found not in compliance may be subject to a discretionary penalty up to and including, disqualification.

8. SAILING VENUE

- 8.1. Soundside Course: Green fleet Optis and O'pen Skiffs are intended to race in Banks Channel, West of the Carolina Yacht Club.
- 8.2. North and South Ocean Courses intend to race in the Atlantic Ocean, East of the Carolina Yacht Club. Detailed descriptions will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2. The RC reserves the right to sail any class in Banks Channel, West of the Carolina Yacht Club.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. RRS Appendix V1 shall apply.
- 10.2. For the Lightning Class only, when an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of an incident, she shall lower her spinnaker head of the sail below the boom gooseneck, complete her turn(s), then reset her spinnaker, and have it drawing after the penalty. This condition is added to RRS Appendix V1.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.
- 11.2. An unlimited number of races are planned.
- 11.3. When fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1.
- 11.4. One race in a class shall constitute a regatta for that class.

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1. [DP] [NP] All coach and support vessels must register on July 31, 2026, during check-in. Such boats shall list all sailors associated with that vessel and must conspicuously display a flag if provided by the OA.
- 12.2. [DP] [NP] For the Ocean courses, coach and support vessels shall remain a minimum of 100 yards from the course area except when asked to assist by a race official.
- 12.3. [DP] [NP] All coaches and support vessels are required to monitor the course channel via VHF radio and be ready to assist with safety when requested.
- 12.4. [DP] [NP] Support vessels must ensure their wake does not impact anchored Race Committee vessels.
- 12.5. [DP] No communication from the support boats (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal until after the competitor completes a race.
- 12.6. If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions, or instructions, a discretionary penalty [DP] may be applied to some or all associated competitors and may include movement restrictions for their support boat.
- 12.7. Support boats may be required to assist in the event of an emergency when requested or when the Race Committee displays Code Flag V with one sound in accordance with RRS 37.
- 12.8. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

13. CHARTERED C420

- 13.1. Eighteen (18) Zim Sailing C420 (trap and spin) and four older Club 420's will be available for first-come, first-serve use based on the time of registration. A damage deposit of \$250 guaranteed by credit card is required, and there are no boat fees other than registration fees. A Charter waiver must be completed at on-site check-in.
- 13.2. Boats will be assigned by drawing at check-in, and the assigned boat hull must be used on both race days.
- 13.3. C420s shall have a quick-release harness for the crew, and a masthead float is required.
- 13.4. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS Appendix G3.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. [DP] [NP] If assigned by the OA in the Welcome Packet, boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat yard.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1. 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.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 16.1. Competitors and support persons give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media or to be used in press information.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Class Prizes will be determined by the number of boats entered in each class, and will be further described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 17.2. Green fleet will be awarded green fleet awards.
- 17.3. Top female skipper in each fleet.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

CYC General Manager: Chris Ferris
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Principal Race Officer(s):
Glenn Walker - North Course (Ocean)
[Pierce Barden](#) - South Course (Ocean)
Kim Morris - Green Fleet Course (Sound)