



Gottah Regatta

American Yacht Club

499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY 10580

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Class: Feva, Hobie Wave, Ideal 18, O'Pen Skiff, and Techno 293 Windsurfer
Open to: All boats of the above classes that meet JSA and Regatta Eligibility Requirements in Rules for JSA Events 3 and 4.

Notice of Race

- American Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) in partnership with the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound (JSA) and the O'pen Skiff Class Association.
- 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.
- Important Event Introduction: The purpose of this event is to run a fun event for youth sailors in a more loosely competitive style, in dynamic youth boats. Results are not nearly as important as everyone having a good time sailing. It is our goal that the sailors improve their skills, make new friends, exhibit first-class sportsmanship, and have a ton of fun. This event will be a combination of "conventional" style race formats with unorthodox "Un-Regatta" style courses and events.*

Abbreviations:

PC	- Protest Committee	RC	- Race Committee
OA	- Organizing Authority	SI	- Sailing Instructions
RRS	- Racing Rules of Sailing	JSA	- Junior Sailing Association of LIS
NoR	- Notice of Race		

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- American Yacht Club will have a limited number of boats available for competitors, which will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Contact Aurora Zahm at juniorayc@gmail.com to request a boat.
- the [Rules for JSA Events](#)
- the [JSA Code of Conduct](#)
- the US Sailing [Athlete Safety Handbook](#)

- f. RRS Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of an Incident, and Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, will apply.
- g. 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
- h. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/959fZ3jf5d> before and during the regatta and posted on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 This Notice of Race, results, and other information will be available at <https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/959fZ3jf5d>.
- 3.2 Each safety and support vessel shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 71 and 73.
- 3.3 [DP] All support vessels shall monitor the designated VHF channels for each course. Support persons shall maintain silence on these channels unless safety-related communication with the race committee or safety patrol is necessary.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on loudhailers. Courtesy broadcasts to support persons are intended to be made via VHF radio. Designated channels will be announced at the instructors meeting.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of 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 not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This regatta is open to all competitors of the Feva, Hobie Wave, O'Pen Skiff, and Ideal 18 classes who meet JSA and regatta eligibility requirements.
- 4.2 If either the JSA weight or age requirement for the boat class is not met, the sailor shall file the JSA underage/underweight permission request form as directed in the JSA Online Regatta Registration system. This permission request is subject to acceptance by the Regatta Chair.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at <https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/959fZ3jf5d>. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Questions regarding eligibility and registration should be directed to juniorayc@gmail.com.

5 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Each boat shall carry the safety equipment specified by either its Class Association or JSA.
- 5.2 Each boat shall complete a safety check, pass such check before sail, and present their completed selfcheck safety form to registration.
- 5.3 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- 5.4 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- 5.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the AYC Sailing Director or Assistant Sailing Director, Kevin Broome and TJ Danilek respectively, immediately after securing the boat.

- 5.6** Damages up to \$2,000 per incident may be charged to the instructor's club of representation. If the judges determine that the Right of Way skipper did not act appropriately to avoid a damage-causing collision, the damage fee will be divided between the two skippers involved.

6 FEES

- 6.1** The entry fee is \$55.00 per sailor due at 1700 on August 11th, 2026. The fee for entries submitted after the due date is \$75.00 per sailor. There is no fee to send an Instructor. We love good instructors! They make the regatta special.
- 6.2** All skippers and crew are required to check in (in person) during registration.
- 6.3** Sailors who wish to charter an O'pen Skiff boat can do so online for \$50. There will be a limited amount of charter boats available.
- 6.4** All skippers, crews, and Instructors shall appear in person at the registration table during the registration period.
- 6.5** Instructors shall attend the instructors' meeting to receive safety assignments.

7 SCHEDULE

The schedule of events is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity	Location
August 11th	0900	Registration & Rigging	Dry-sail area
	0930	Competitors Meeting	Dry-sail area
	0945	Instructors Meeting	Dry-sail area
	1000	Harbor Start	
	1230	Lunch (tentative)	Dry-sail area
	1315	Presentation of Awards	Junior Clubhouse

8 VENUE

- 8.1** The racing area(s) will be in the waters off Milton Harbor in Rye, NY.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** The courses to be sailed will be JSA-approved course options as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** Multiple races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1** Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

12 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 12.1** Any program entering three or more boats shall supply an instructor with a support vessel equipped with a working VHF radio, an anchor and a first aid kit.
- 12.2** Any program entering fewer than three boats that will not supply a support vessel shall arrange with another program to allow the supervising instructor out onto the water. In no circumstance shall competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the racecourse.

- 12.3 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.
- 12.4 [DP] Instructors shall register with the OA at registration.
- 12.5 [DP] Instructors shall attend the instructors' meeting to receive safety assignments.

13 DRONE USAGE

- 13.1 Drones are not allowed at the event unless they are authorized by the Organizing Authority (OA). Content from OA authorized drones should not be used for coaching during the event. If the content is used for coaching (or other similar purposes) it shall be made available to all competitors at the same time and not during competition hours. Further, the content shall be made available to the JSA for promotional purposes by promptly emailing said content to news@jsalis.org."

14 TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

- 14.1 [DP] Neither competitor nor coach boats may arrive before July 11, 1745.
- 14.2 [DP] Coach boats that arrive by water should contact American Yacht Club on VHF channel 73 for docking instructions

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.**

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

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