



2026 Pluff Mud Junior Regatta

September 12-13, 2026

Organizing Authority: The Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club (BYSC)

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028*.
- 1.2 Each sailor is required to wear a life jacket and shoes. Shoes must be worn while sailing and launching or retrieving your boat due to oyster shells.
- 1.3 All competitors, parents, coaches, or other parties of interest are expected to comply with all rules of sportsmanship (RRS) and the SAYRA Junior Championship Committee "Code of Ethics". Violation on their part may result in the competitor's disqualification from the race, regatta, or Series and reporting to their member club.
- 1.4 The SAYRA Junior Grand Prix Championship Series Notice of Series 2026 "SAYRA NOR" is referenced and to be adhered to for this event. In case of conflict in NORs the SAYRA NOR shall prevail.
- 1.5 All boats shall have sail numbers on both sides of the sail.
- 1.6 All boats shall give way to law enforcement and commercial traffic such as barges.
- 1.7 ICW marker 242 (across from the club) shall not be passed on the western side due to obstructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The event is open to the following classes of Juniors:
 - 2.1.1 ILCA 7 (Under 21), ILCA 6 (Under 19), ILCA 4 (Under 18)
 - 2.1.2 C420 (Under 19): Non-Spin or Trap may compete but must start and be scored with C420.
 - 2.1.3 Sunfish Junior (Under 19)
 - 2.1.4 O'Pen Skiff (Under 13), O'Pen Skiff 13+ (13 and over).
 - 2.1.5 Optimist RWB (White ten or under, Blue 11-12, Red 13-15).
 - 2.1.6 Optimist Green (novice under 15).
 - 2.1.7 All age requirements are through 2026, except Optimist which conform to USODA age rules. In case of conflict with this NOR, Paragraph 3.6 of the SAYRA NOR shall prevail.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 **All registrations must be completed and paid for on [CLUBSPOT](#).**
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing their registration at: [Registration](#). After Noon on August 31, registration and payment will be charged a \$10 late fee.
- 3.3 Registrations **are not complete *until paid* for on [CLUBSPOT](#).**
- 3.4 All sailors are required to visit the check-in table in the BYSC clubhouse before 10:00 am, September 12th, to verify registration information, confirm the sail number, and pick up lunches.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Registration costs \$50 per boat skipper and \$35 per crew, including a continental breakfast, a bag lunch daily and *free ice cream* after Sunday racing.
- 4.2 If you register by *August 31*, you will receive a **Complementary Regatta T Shirt**.
- 4.3 A variety of additional apparel may be purchased at this link: [APPAREL SHOP](#)
- 4.4 Guests will become temporary members of BYSC upon registration.

5. MEALS

- 5.1 Continental breakfast will be provided each day.
- 5.2 All registered sailors will receive a Bag Lunch on Saturday and Sunday.
- 5.3 Meals for ***Families and Support Teams*** see 16.3.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Saturday, September 12, 2026

- 8:30-10:30 Continental breakfast and lunch pick-up.
- 9:00-10:00 Verify registration and sail number information at the clubhouse **check-in** table.
Pick up registration packet.
ClubSpot late registration closed at 10am.
- 10:00 Welcome & Competitor's Meeting.
- 10:15 Coaches Meeting with Regatta Chairman & Race
 - Committee Chairman
- 11:15 Boat launching commences.
- 12:15 Area A 1st Warning. Other races to follow.
- 12:30 Area B 1st Warning. Other races to follow.
- 12:45 Area C (if used) 1st Warning. Other races to follow.
- 3:00 Kona Ice Truck with smoothies and shaved ice for sale
- 3:00-Sunset: Bar open for adults.
- 5:00-8:00 Food trucks on site for dinner. Pay with cash, Venmo or credit card.
- 6:00-9:00 Pool party and social event

6.2 Sunday, September 13, 2026.

- 8:30-9:30 Continental breakfast & Lunch pick-up
- 9:00 Coaches Meeting
- 9:00 Boat launching commences.
- 10:00 Area A 1st Warning. Other races to follow.
- 10:15 Area B 1st Warning. Other races to follow.
- 10:30 Area C (if used) 1st Warning. Other races to follow.

- No race warning signal will be given on Sunday after 1:30 pm for the Opti and O'Pen Skiff classes or after 2:00 pm for all other classes.
- Awards will be presented around 3:30 pm after racing and any protest resolution.
- *Free Ice Cream Sandwiches* provided by the BYSC Pluff Mud Team

7. SCORING

- 7.1 One race completed for each class will constitute a regatta.
- 7.2 The regatta will be scored using the low point system described in RRS, Appendix A, as amended to read that if **six or more races** are scored, each boat will exclude her worst score.
- 7.3 There is no maximum number of races.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Available online at: [Sailing Instructions](#) no later than September 7, 2024, and on the Official Notice Board on the BYSC riverside porch. Print your copy before arrival. In the case of a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

9. **COURSES** There will be a minimum of two race Areas with the following possible classes.
- 9.1 Area A is planned to be the ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7, Sunfish, and 420 courses. The courses will be windward/leeward, or, a triangle course may be used.
- 9.2 Area B is planned to be the Optimist RWB, Optimist Green, and O'Pen Skiff courses. The courses will be trapezoid with a mid-leg start and finish line and a short weather mark for the Optimist Green Fleet.
- 9.3 Area C may be added for one of the Area B fleets if the number of registrants warrant.
- 9.4 Courses will be described in more detail in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.5 Classes may be shifted to other Areas if deemed necessary.
10. **SAILBOATS FOR RENT.** O'Pen Skiffs, Optimists, and Sunfish will be available for rent on a first come, first served basis at [BOAT RENTAL](#). Contact Noah Kipar, our sailing director, (see paragraph 18) for further information. A Rental Agreement is required to be signed by a parent or guardian on behalf of the sailor.
11. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS Rule 3. Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority and Co-Sponsor will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the regatta.
12. **AWARDS.** Prizes will be presented to the top three boats in each class except for Opti Green sailors, who will all receive Participation Awards.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

13. **RAMP LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING FOR ROAD TRAILERS**
- 13.1 Safe launching for road trailers is usually 3 hours before or after high tide.
- 13.2 Tides for Beaufort/BYSC
- Friday: high tide at 9:49 am and 10:12 pm.
 - Saturday: high tide at 10:32 am, low tide at 4:10 am & 4:32 pm
 - Sunday: high tide at 11:13 pm, low tide at 4:54pm.
- 13.3 Other information.
- Dollies are not to be left at the water's edge after launching due to congestion and the tide.

14. COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 14.1 The PRO of the respective courses shall restrict Coach and spectator boats to certain areas.
- 14.2 All coach and spectator boats shall be issued and required to fly an identification flag, available at the check-in desk.
- 14.3 All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut--out switch (kill switch) which shall always remain attached to the operator while the engine runs.
- 14.4 All coach and spectator boats must clear the docks and launch ramp no less than one hour before the first warning of the day. Late launching is available at Sands Beach or at Whitehall (Factory Creek) Landing. No coach or spectator boats may be retrieved at the BYSC boat ramp until all sailors have retrieved their sailboats.

15. VHF RADIOS

- 15.1 All RC boats, coach boats, spectator boats, and other visitors on the water must have functioning VHF radios. Please monitor the signal boat channel on the Area you are following.
- 15.2 As a courtesy, the Race Committee may announce relevant information or call OCS's. Failure to hear transmissions from the Race Committee, the timing, or the sequence of calling of OCSs shall not be a cause for redress.
- 15.3 VHF channels to be used will be detailed in the Sailing instructions.

16. CLUB AMENITIES.

- 16.1 The pool and tennis/pickleball courts are open to regatta guests during regular club hours.
- 16.2 Additional shirts and merchandise may be purchased at [APPAREL SHOP](#)
- 16.3 **Food Service:**
 - Our **Knotly Crew** will be serving lunch each day from 11-2 with proceeds benefiting **Beaufort Community Sailing and Boating**.
 - A Kona Ice truck serving shaved ice and smoothies will also be available on-site on Saturday afternoon starting at 3:00 pm. Vendor will accept cash and Venmo as payment methods.
 - One or more Food Trucks will be available for the purchase of dinner on Saturday evening.
- 16.4 Limited electrical hookups are available upon request. A bathhouse (with showers) near the pool is open.
- 16.5 **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON CLUB GROUNDS.**
- 16.6 Camping is available on the club grounds. Please check in with the General Manager for preplanned camping locations.
- 16.7 Most hotel chains are represented in the Beaufort area, as well as numerous B&Bs.
- 16.8 On-site trailer, coach boat, and vehicle parking are provided all weekend

17. DIRECTIONS TO BYSC.

- 17.1 From the north: follow Rt 21 south, follow Bus. 21 through downtown Beaufort and over the Wood's Memorial swing bridge. Take the first right onto Meridian Rd., across from the boat ramp. In approximately 1 mile, turn right on Yacht Club Drive.
- 17.2 From the south: follow SC 170 over the Broad River Bridge, and in ¼ mile, turn right onto SC 128. In one mile turn right onto Rt. 21 at the stoplight. Go to the third stoplight with CVS and Advance Auto Parts on the corners. Turn right and proceed over McTeer Bridge. In ½ mile, turn left onto Meridian Dr., and in approximately 1 mile, turn left onto Yacht Club Drive.

18. CONTACTS.

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