



Chatham Yacht Club 2026 Regatta
The Oldest and Largest Free Regatta on Cape Cod
A Celebration of Sailing and Friendship on Pleasant Bay

NOTICE OF REGATTA
August 1-2, 2026

1. The following classes of boat are expected to compete (other classes may be given starts with at least three boats):

Inner Line: **Optimist** (Green and Championship fleets)
 Classic Boats (14-Foot Catboats, Sand Pipers, and Beetle Cats)

Outer Line: **420s**
 Lasers, Sunfish, and Baybirds

2. **Regatta Schedule:**

Saturday August 1

7:00am	Boat launching at Ryder's Cove (trailer ramp) or Jackknife Harbor (from the beach)
8:30am	Optimist and 420 Competitors Meeting
9:00 am	Optimist and 420 Harbor Start
12:00 pm	Optimists and 420s return to shore and derig
1:00pm	Classic Boats and Lasers/Sunfish/Baybirds Competitors Meeting
1:15 pm	Classic Boats and Lasers/Sunfish/Baybirds Harbor Start
4:30 pm	Classic Boats and Lasers/Sunfish/Baybirds return to shore and derig

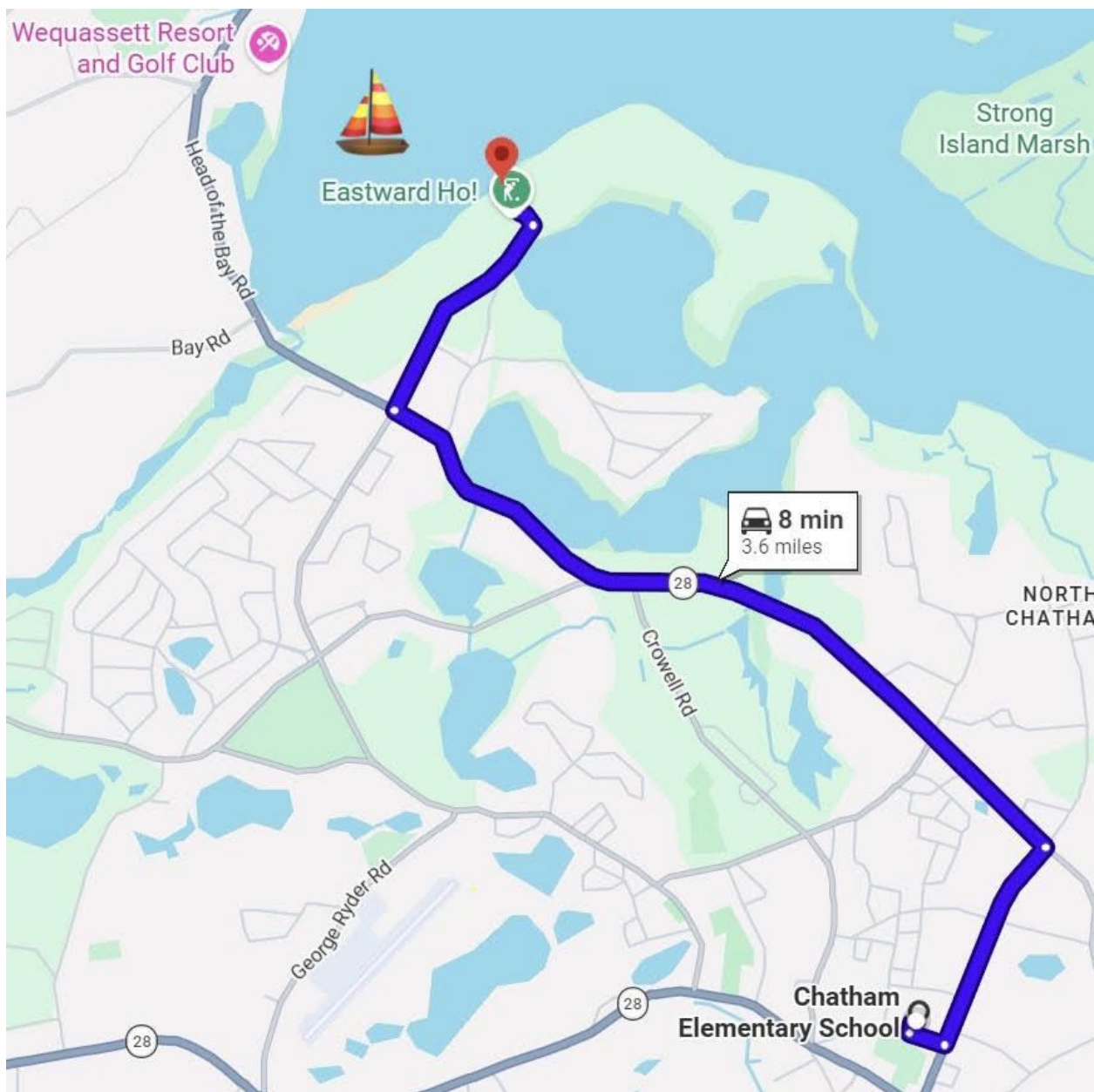
Sunday August 2

8:00 am	Classic Boats and Lasers/Sunfish/Baybirds Harbor Start
10:30 am	Classic Boats and Lasers/Sunfish/Baybirds return to shore and derig
11:30 am	Optimist and 420 Harbor Start
2:00 pm	Optimist and 420 return to shore and derig
3:00 pm	Awards Ceremony for all classes

3. **Venue:** The racing area will be Pleasant Bay which is a protected body of water bordered by the towns of Orleans, Harwich, Brewster, and Chatham.
4. **Boat Launching:** **No boat launching is available on CYC property and no boats or dollies may be carried or towed over the hill at CYC.** All boats must be launched at Ryder's Cove (trailer ramp) or Jackknife Beach/Harbor (from the beach). 420s, Optimists, Lasers, and Sunfish should be launched at Jackknife Beach/Harbor and sailed or towed to CYC.
5. **Mooring:** Competitors and coaches should be prepared to moor boats in front of the Club using their own anchor with adequate anchor and line. The new cuts in Chatham's North Beach have led to significantly higher tides in Pleasant Bay. If leaving a boat on the beach at Jackknife Beach/Harbor or CYC (such as a 420, Sunfish, Laser, or Optimist), it is strongly suggested that they be secured to an anchor or tied to something on-shore. **No boats should be pulled up on or stored on beach grass.**
6. **Parking:** CYC is located on property leased from Eastward Ho! Country Club. Please respect the rights of Eastward Ho! members and golfers. Eastward Ho! and CYC are located on Fox Hill Road in Chatham, MA. **There are NO parking spaces for available visiting teams, sailors, and parents in the Eastward Ho! parking lot.**



- Most CYC members and all visitors will park at Chatham Elementary School (147 Depot Rd. in Chatham). There will be a shuttle that will be running between Chatham Elementary and CYC all day Saturday and Sunday. Shuttle times will be:
 - 7:30am-6:00pm Saturday
 - 7:00am-5:00pm Sunday
- Drivers can drop off sailors and equipment in the North parking lot at Eastward Ho! without parking.
- People and affiliated sailors who violate the boat launching and parking regulations may be disqualified and banned from future CYC Regattas.





At Eastward Ho!

When walking from the parking area to CYC, walk through the loading zone fences near the front of the first tee. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN, giving right of way to golfers teeing off. Then follow the path over the hill to the right of the Eastward Ho! clubhouse. Please also pause quietly for golfers putting on the 9th green to the right of the clubhouse. On the way back over the hill from CYC, STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN again at the end of the fence. **The use of cell phones is expressly prohibited** on Eastward Ho! grounds and must either remain in your vehicle or be turned off while proceeding to CYC. Cell phone use is permitted at CYC.

7. **Tides:**

Saturday August 1:	High 4:30pm / Low 11:16am
Sunday August 2:	High 5:07pm / Low 11:54am
8. **Food:** Bring your own lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Limited food and drink will be provided by volunteers both days.
9. **T-shirts:** Regatta T-shirts will be available for purchase.
10. **Competitor Registration and Check-In:** All competitors must register by **5:00pm Thursday, July 30, 2026** through the ClubSpot [2026 Chatham Regatta](#) page.
 - Every competitor - including crew and substitutes - must register.
 - **Skippers** must have and enter the following:
 - Personal: Email, Mailing Address, Emergency Contact Name, and Mobile Number
If <18 on August 1, 2026: Parent/Guardian's Name, Email Address, Mobile Number.
 - Boat: Sail number (may be TBD and added later) and Club or Organization.
 - Crew (if applicable; may be added until cutoff): Name, Date of Birth, Email Address.
If <18 on August 1, 2026: Parent/Guardian's Name, Email Address, Mobile Number.
 - **Crew** will receive an email from ClubSpot following skipper entry.
If <18 on August 1, 2026, the registration email (and a text) will go to the Parent/Guardian entered by the skipper.
 - Enter: Email, Mailing Address, Emergency Contact Name, and Mobile Number.
 - **Competitors must check in at the registration desk prior to their Competitors Meeting.**
11. **Waivers:** CYC requires a signed waiver for **each sailor**. **Your boat may not race unless each sailor has a completed waiver.**
 - The ClubSpot system will email and text the waiver for e-signature once that sailor's registration information is entered.
 - *If <18 on August 1, 2026, the waiver email (and a text) will go to the Parent/Guardian.*
12. **Coaches:** All coaches must register in the ClubSpot [2026 Chatham Regatta](#) page under the "Coaches" fleet (enter TBD for boat number, enter the length and make of coach boat under boat name). Coaches must sign a waiver which will be emailed to them by the ClubSpot system. One coach from each organization must complete this [google form](#) (also available on ClubSpot) – which **lists the names, fleet and boat numbers for each sailor from your organization** by 12:00pm on Friday July 31, 2026.
13. **Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available through the CYC website, on the ClubSpot the ClubSpot [2026 Chatham Regatta](#) page and at the check-in desk at the Regatta.
14. **Questions?** Contact Ted Dickson at 508-945-9475 or Marshall Bartlett at 617-548-0507.