



# Annapolis Yacht Club's Annual Junior Regatta (Annapolis Junior Race Week - CBYRA Summer Regattas) Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland, USA  
<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

## NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The "USODA, ILCA, C420 Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships" will apply. We strongly encourage every competitor to be a paid member of their respective classes.
- 1.3 A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), or for international competitors only, an appropriately sized PFD/buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitor's country of origin. All PFDs/buoyancy aids shall be properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved nor permitted as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at: <https://bit.ly/26AYCJrAnnual> approximately 5 days before the first scheduled race.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Boats in the ILCA 7 (Standard), ILCA 6 (Radial), ILCA 4 (4.7), Club 420, and Optimist classes are invited to participate.
- 3.2 For classes that do not have age restrictions in their class rules the following rules will apply: **(1) Age:** Sailors may only compete if (a) they will not have their twentieth (20th) birthday during the calendar year of the regatta **AND** (b) they have not competed in any collegiate sailing event prior to the regatta. **(2) Compensation:** As this is an amateur regatta held in the Corinthian spirit of competition, sailors may not compete as skipper or crew if they are or will be paid or otherwise compensated for participating in the regatta. By registering for the regatta, each sailor affirms that neither he/she nor his/her crew is being paid or otherwise compensated for competing.
- 3.3 Boats wishing to enter shall enter online at: <https://bit.ly/26AYCJrAnnual>
- 3.4 To be considered an entry and be scored in the regatta, a boat shall complete all entry steps including the waiver (see NoR 2.5) and pay all fees.
- 3.5 [NP] A parent or legal guardian of every competitor (skippers and all crew) shall sign the AYC Liability and Waiver Agreement before they participate in any race of the regatta. The document will be available to review in advance on the event website: <https://bit.ly/26AYCJrAnnual>, Paper copies will be available at registration.

## 4 FEES

4.1 Early Bird entry and entry fees are due by 2359 on Tuesday, June 16th. After that, registrations will be accepted until 0900 on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees are non-refundable.

4.2 Entry fees are:

Classes	Early Entry	Entry
C420 (Double Handed)	\$165	\$195
ILCA7, ILCA6, ILCA 4, Optimist RWB	\$95	\$125
Optimist Green Fleet	\$75	\$105

4.3 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, Racing, Post-regatta party and Awards presentation. Additional Party tickets will be available for purchase via ClubSpot at registration or through the Online Shop (<https://theclubspot.com/shop/regatta/40eMok74po>). For the regatta, visiting yachtsmen will be able to access all three AYC facilities. To make purchases for food and beverages, guests will need to setup Guest Card using a major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover).

## 5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will be available 0800-0900.

5.2 A competitors' and coaches' meeting will be held on Tuesday morning, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 0930.

5.3 The warning signal for the first race of the regatta is scheduled for 1100.

5.4 Multiple races are scheduled.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1630.

5.6 After Racing Social at AYC Activity Center approximately 1730.

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at: <https://bit.ly/26AYCJrAnnual> approximately 10 days before the first scheduled race.

## 7 VENUES

7.1 The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay, off the mouth of the Severn River for all classes except the Optimist Green Fleet Class that will sail in the Annapolis Harbor or parts of the Severn River.

7.2 The regatta venue will be the AYC Sailing Center (510 Severn Avenue).

## 8 COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be drop mark courses.

## 9 SCORING

9.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as changed by the SIs.

## 10 SAFETY

10.1 The race committee may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others' safety.

10.2 Competitors with a designated support boat shall inform the organizing authority at registration.

## 11 [DP] COACHING/SUPPORT VESSELS

- 11.1 All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-off switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.
- 11.2 All persons aboard support vessels shall wear a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD), if not a US Citizen, then an "approved" World Sailing flotation aid (PFD) will be accepted, at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The PFD shall be the proper size for the wearer, and in good and serviceable condition. Inflatable PFDs are permitted.
- 11.3 Support vessels may be responsible for up to a maximum of 10 sailors.
- 11.4 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 11.5 All support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels.
- 11.6 Except in the case of emergency, support vessels shall not enter the racing area from the preparatory signal until the last boat finishes or permission is given by the race committee to do so.
- 11.7 [DP] **Unsolicited input or interference from Coaches regarding Race Committee decisions will not be tolerated. Such actions may be considered grounds for immediate dismissal from the event.**

## 12 [DP] PARKING, TRAILER & SUPPORT BOAT LOGISTICS

- 12.1 Visiting Coach Boats may be launched from AYC's Sailing Center hoists 2 days prior to the event by appointment only with the AYC Director of Junior Sailing (see 14.1) and must be done with the assistance/supervision of AYC's Jr. Fleet Director or a member of AYC's Dockmaster staff. Launching is available between 1200 and 1700. Coach boats may store their trailers at the Sailing Center.
- 12.2 Sailboat trailers may be unloaded and stored at AYC's Sailing Center starting at 1300 Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Competitor parking for private vehicles is on a space available basis each day. Additional parking is available on the surrounding streets in Eastport for free. All boat and coach boat trailers must be removed from the Sailing Center by 1200 Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 13 DECISION TO RACE: (RISK STATEMENT)

- 13.1 RRS #3 DECISION TO RACE 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 fierce 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.**

## 14 AWARDS

- 14.1 Awards will be given to first, second and third places in the C420, ILCA 7, ILCA 6, and all Optimist Classes. For ILCA 4 Class there will need to be minimum of 8 valid entries by 2359 June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in order for awards to be presented.
- 14.2 Opti Red/White/Blue awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>. Overall awards will be given to first through fifth places in the Optimist Red/White/Blue fleet if there are 30 or more entries.
- 14.3 Participation awards will be given to all competitors in the Optimist Green fleet.
- 14.4 Additional awards may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 For more information contact:

Jr. Fleet Staff: Email: [juniorfleet@annapolisyc.org](mailto:juniorfleet@annapolisyc.org) Phone: (410)-263-9267

Coach boat/trailer launching/storage arrangements contact: Bob Lippincott, Director of Junior Sailing, [rlippincott@annapolisyc.org](mailto:rlippincott@annapolisyc.org) or 410-263-9267 ext. 109