

2026 Junior Commodore's Regatta

Surf City Yacht Club

July 9, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The races shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the Rules & Regulations of the LBIYRA and by applicable Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 These Sailing Instructions may be modified at the Skipper's Meeting and any such changes shall be considered as having been delivered to each skipper.
- 2.3 The Regatta Notice Board shall be located in the Temme Room on the first floor of the Club.

3.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Surf City Y.C.
- 3.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns means "THE RACE IS POSTPONED - DO NOT LEAVE THE HARBOR AREA". The time of the next Warning Signal will be posted before the lowering of "AP" with one (1) horn.
- 3.3 Code Flag "L" indicates a notice to competitors has been posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- 3.4 Code Flag "N" with three (3) horns means all races are abandoned for the day.
- 3.5 Code Flag "B", with one (1) horn, means the time for filing protests has begun. It will be lowered, with one (1) horn, one-half hour later indicating the time for filing protests has expired.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Five (5) races are scheduled. One race will constitute a series. No Warning Signal will be made after 1530 on 7/9/2026.
- 4.2 Further details at the Skipper's Meeting.

5.0 COURSES

- 5.1 The following courses may be used:

West Course (C420, RS Feva)

- The course will be Windward/Leeward. The course and number of legs will be described at the Skipper's Meeting.

North Course (ILCA 6, ILCA 4, Sunfish)

- The course will be either Windward/Leeward or Triangle. Details of the course and number of legs will be discussed at the Skipper's Meeting.

South Course (Optimist)

- Triangle (No Flag) – Four (4) legs, finish to windward.

6.0 MARKS

- 6.1 Marks for each course will be as described at Skipper's Meeting.

7.0 REPORTING AT STARTS

- 7.1 Before starting the first race of each session, each boat is required to sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and verbally check-in. Any boat failing to do so shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of starters in that race.
- 7.2 When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the entry has been officially noted.

8.0 STARTING RACES

- 8.1 Starting signals shall be made in accordance with RRS Appendix U – Sound Signal Starting System (3-Minute Start).
- 8.2 The Starting Line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and either the Leeward Mark of the course or a Start/Finish Line set up downwind of the Leeward Mark. The details for each course will be discussed at the Skipper's Meeting.

9.0 RECALLS

- 9.1 Individual Recalls shall be signaled by hailing the sail number (or other distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Code Flag "X" with one (1) horn is not required. Procedure for each course will be discussed at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 9.2 A General Recall will be signaled by displaying "First Substitute" with two (2) horns. A new Preparatory Signal will be made one (1) minute after the lowering of "First Substitute" with one (1) horn.

10.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 10.1 The Race Committee may change the direction or length of any leg of the course in accordance with RRS Rule 33.

11.0 FINISHING

- 11.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark which may be a mark of the course or a separate Finish Mark. Specifics for each course will be discussed at the Skipper's Meeting.

12.0 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The leading boat of each class must complete the course in one (1) hour. Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the leader will be scored "TLE". This changes RRS Rule 35 and A5.1. Any boat thus scored TLE shall be awarded points equal to the number of finishers plus one (1). This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13.0 SCORING

- 13.1 The series will be scored in accordance with RRS 90.3 and the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A. If five (5) races have been completed, there will be one (1) "throwout".

14.0 PROTESTS

- 14.1 A competitor having reason to protest must do so in strict compliance with the requirements of RRS Rule 60. Competitors must notify the Race Committee at the Finish Line of their intent to protest.
- 14.2 The Race Committee, after docking, will post on the Notice Board the numbers of all boats protesting and being protested.
- 14.3 Written protests must be filed on an official Protest Form with a Race Committee representative at the Radio Station within one-half (1/2) hour of the Race Committee boat docking at the conclusion of the days racing. Protest Forms are available at the Radio Station.
- 14.4 It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Regatta Notice Board at the conclusion of the days racing. All boats listed as protesting or being protested shall report to the Judges at the Radio Station no later than fifteen (15) minutes from the end of the protest period to determine where and when protests will be heard. Failure to report shall permit the Judges to hear and decide the protest without the testimony or presence of those competitors.

15.0 SAFETY

- 15.1 All boats shall carry all Safety Gear as required by Class Rules. PFD's must be USCG approved and must be worn at all times.
- 15.2 A boat that withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. If not possible to notify the Race Committee on the water, please notify the RC Representative in the Clubhouse immediately upon arrival ashore.
- 15.3 It is the intent of the Race Committee not to start or continue any race in what it deems as unsafe conditions. The decision, however, whether or not to sail in any race is the responsibility of each individual skipper (Fundamental Rule 4).
- 15.4 If, in the judgment of the Race Committee, severe weather conditions make it advisable to discontinue a race in progress, the Committee may abandon such race. The Race Committee Boat and/or Patrol Boats will display Code Flag "N" over "H" accompanied by three (3) horns. All boats should then head for the SCYC or nearest haven. Further signals, if needed, will be made ashore.

Good Luck and Good Sailing !