



**American YC Opti Regatta Area B  
Saturday, July 25, 2020  
American Yacht Club  
499 Stuyvesant Avenue  
Rye, NY 10580**

**Open to: Area B Optimist sailors**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the American Yacht Club, in partnership with the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound (JSA).

**2 RULES**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by:
- a. the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
  - b. Optimist Class Rules
  - c. The Rules for JSA Events
  - d. The JSA Code of Conduct
  - e. US Sailing SafeSport Handbook
- 2.2 The following RRS optional rules will apply:
- a. Appendix P, Special Procedures For Rule 42.
  - b. Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of an Incident, and Appendix V2 Penalty Taken After a Race
- 2.3 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) listed below will be changed as follows.
- a. Rule 61.1 (a) is changed so that “A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, without consultation with instructors, coaches or support persons, including (if possible) the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested.”
  - b. The sail instructions will change several rules to allow for hearings to be conducted on the water in an expedited manner.
  - c. The sailing instructions may also change other rules.

**2.4 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.5 This regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class that meet JSA eligibility requirements. This event is open to Optimist sailors representing member programs in JSA Area B. Sailors from programs outside JSA Area B may enter if space permits, in which case entries will be accepted in order of date of receipt.

**3 REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES**

- 3.1 Eligible boats from JSA Member Clubs shall register via the JSA page of ClubSpot. The link is <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/RKewFGJ4A>. The entry fee is \$60 per sailor. There is no entry fee to send an instructor. All entry fees will be collected electronically at the time of registration through the ClubSpot system.
- 3.2 All entries are due on July 21, 2020. The fee for entries submitted after the due date is \$80 per boat. No refunds of the entry fee will be made after July 21.
- 3.3 Questions regarding eligibility and registration should be directed to Molly Banks at [JuniorAYC@gmail.com](mailto:JuniorAYC@gmail.com).

**4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Registration: All skippers and instructors shall register prior to the event and appear for check-in on the water. Instructors shall tune in to VHF Channel 73 for an instructors’ meeting on the water as outlined in the schedule below.
- 4.2 Competitors will be assigned to groups according to their age on the day of the regatta as follows:
  - White Fleet      10 and under
  - Blue Fleet        11 and 12
  - Red Fleet         13, 14, and 15
 These age groups may race together or separately, as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.3 The schedule of events is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location
Thurs	July 23	1700	Virtual Competitors and Instructors Meetings (Questions can be submitted to <a href="mailto:racecommittee@americanyc.org">racecommittee@americanyc.org</a> by 1700 Friday)	Released via email
Fri	July 24	1900	Virtual Competitors Meeting Q&A	Released via email
Sat	July 25	1000	Harbor Start (AYC Sailors Only)	
		1015-1045	Competitor Check-In	On the water
		1100	On-Water Instructors Meeting	VHF Channel 73
		1130	First Warning Signal	
			Lunch	On the water
		After Racing	Awards	Announced via email and delivered to participating Clubs.

- 4.4 On the water Competitor Check-In and on the water Instructors Meeting via VHF #73 may be postponed or time windows may be extended. Postponements or extensions will be announced via text message to registered Instructors and participating Clubs’ Sailing Directors.

4.5 The first warning signal may be postponed. Postponement will be announced via VHF #73, AP flag on RC, and via text message to registered Instructors and participating Clubs' Sailing Directors.

4.6 No warning signal will be made after 1630

## **5 MEASUREMENT, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT**

5.1 Each competitor and instructor/coach shall wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water in accordance with JSA Rule 2.1

5.2 Each parent, Sailing Director, and Instructor is responsible for making sure their sailor has completed the AYC Opti Safety Check prior to going on the water for this event. The AYC Opti Safety Check form is available online at [www.americanyc.org](http://www.americanyc.org).

5.3 Boats are subject to inspection by the Technical Committee at any time during the event.

## **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Preliminary sailing instructions may be available online at [www.americanyc.org](http://www.americanyc.org) before the event. Final sailing instructions will be available the day of the event on the event website.

## **7 VENUE**

The racing area will be the waters off Milton Harbor. Directions to the host club may be found at [www.americanyc.org](http://www.americanyc.org)

## **8 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS**

The penalty for breaches of the Rules for JSA Events may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification and may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta. Please see JSA Rule 4.

## **10 SCORING**

10.1 As many races as possible are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **11 SUPPORT VESSELS**

11.1 Any program entering three or more boats shall supply a support vessel equipped with a working VHF radio, an anchor and a first aid kit. An instructor, coach and/or other support personnel shall drive the support vessel in accordance with JSA Rule 4 and shall register with the organizing authority at registration to receive safety patrol assignments. Any program with eight or more optis should bring a second support vessel.

11.2 Spectator and support vessels shall stay well clear of the race course area while boats are racing and shall monitor the VHF radio for updates and directives coming from the race committee.

11.3 Instructors and support vessels shall register with the OA and check-in their sailors on the water by towing to windward through the Safety Gate between two anchored AYC Safety Boats (flying code flag H) between 1015 and 1045 on the day of the event.

11.4 If a program is not sending a support vessel (e.g., a program is sending fewer than three boats), arrangements shall be made with another program to allow the instructor supervising those sailors to go out on the water. In no circumstances will competitors be allowed to sail without a designated instructor on the race course.

## **12 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top five boats in each division. A sportsmanship prize may be given at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **13 PERSONAL CONDUCT**

13.1 All junior sailors, instructors and support persons are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. A junior sailor, instructor or support person may be disciplined as per JSA Rule 4, the JSA Code of Conduct, RRS 64.4 or RRS 69 for violation of this Rule. An

alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in the JSA Code of Conduct.

- 13.2 If an instructor is asked to leave a race course, all junior sailors for whom that instructor is responsible shall leave the race course as well unless other satisfactory supervisory arrangements are made.

#### **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

#### **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, results and other information will be available on the website of American Yacht Club at americanyc.org.

Regatta Chairperson:	Tricia Alcamo Tim van Biesen	tricia.alcamo@gmail.com tim.vanbiesen@bain.com
Principal Race Officer:	Clemmie Everett	clemmie.everett@gmail.com
AYC Sailing Director:	Kevin Broome	americanycsailing@gmail.com
Regatta Registration:	Molly Banks	JuniorAYC@gmail.com

### **JSA of LIS CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **Introduction**

Each competitor in a Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound (JSA) event hereby pledges that he or she agrees to uphold the spirit of this JSA Code of Conduct (Code). This Code is not intended to establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe the appropriate behavior for competitors in every aspect of their participation in a JSA event. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct of competitors in situations that have ethical implications.

The competitor commits to familiarization with this Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of participation in a JSA event. Competitors who do not conform to this Code will be subject to the consequences of their actions, as specified below. The competitor has a right to a hearing if charged with a violation of this Code.

#### **Elements of the Code**

Each competitor in a JSA event pledges they agree to abide by the Rules for JSA Events (JSA Rules) and Bylaws of JSA with regard to alleged incidents of misconduct, and abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook. The event is defined as running from on-site registration to departure from the venue at the conclusion of the event.

#### **Participation**

- > Will abide by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, the JSA Rules and Bylaws, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the JSA event.
- > Are eligible to compete under all JSA rules.

#### **Fair Play and Conduct**

- > Will abide by RRS 2 and 69, and the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

#### **Drugs & Alcohol**

- > Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.
- > For junior competitors in any JSA event, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:
  1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
  2. any alcoholic beverages.

#### **Sexual Abuse & Harassment**

- > Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

#### **Physical Abuse & Assault**

- > Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

#### **Bullying & Hazing**

- > Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

#### **Enforcement of the Code**

- > Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding the Code and voluntary compliance, secondarily upon reinforcement by peers, and, when necessary, upon enforcement through disciplinary action as outlined by the RRS, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, and the JSA Regulations and Bylaws.

- > If an incident is brought to the attention of the Organizing Authority, Host and/or the Protest Committee for the event alleging that a competitor has violated this Code, the Protest Committee shall protest the competitor and conduct a hearing that meets the requirements of Part 5, Section B of the RRS. The competitor has the right and option to voluntarily withdraw from the event rather than proceeding with a hearing. If the Protest

Committee decides that the competitor has violated the Code and is not exonerated, it may

- (a) remove some or all of the competitor's event privileges or benefits,
- (b) disqualify the competitor's boat from the race or races sailed nearest in time to that of the incident, or
- (c) disqualify the competitor's boat from all races in the event and exclude the competitor from the event or venue. Further action may be determined by the Protest Committee if warranted including considering calling a hearing under RRS 69.2(b).

### **Scoring**

When a competitor withdraws from part of an event pursuant to the Code, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding of subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place. The same scoring applies if a boat is disqualified from the remaining races in an event.