

2025 OPTIMIST PRAM TEAM INVITATIONAL
SOUTH CAROLINA YACHT CLUB • HILTON HEADSouth Carolina
Yacht Club (SC)Annapolis Yacht
Club (MD)Southern Yacht
Club (LA)Carolina Yacht Club
Charleston (SC)Key Biscayne
Yacht Club (FL)Hampton Yacht
Club (VA)

Optimist Pram Team Invitational Regatta

November 08-09, 2025 - Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Organizing Authority: South Carolina Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(version 08/26/2025)

SI Amendment #1 (changes in bold red – SI 1.6 and 1.7 DELETED) – posted 11/07/2025

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 [DP] All Coach and support powerboats shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-off switch ("kill switch") which shall remain attached to the Coach/Support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may result in removal from the event.
- 1.3 [DP] All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device approved by the U.S. Coast Guard or its Canadian equivalent while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A thin shirt may be worn over the PFD but the PFD shall be worn outside all other clothing. A whistle shall be attached.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix D (Team Racing Rules) will apply.
- 1.5 Added to the end of RRS Appendix D2.4(a) is "or a green flag."
- ~~1.6 RRS D2.2(c) is changed to state: "An Umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule, is not exonerated and did not take an appropriate penalty." RRS D2.2(d) is deleted.~~
- ~~1.7 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or".~~
- 1.8 The last sentence in RRS Appendix U5 is replaced with "This changes rule 61.4."

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby of the South Carolina Yacht Club clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any onshore change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the RC Signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the change(s) orally to each boat by the RC or Umpires. Any change(s) will also be communicated to Coaches on VHF 72.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the harbor side of the lock at the entrance to the harbor.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is removed. No boat shall launch or leave the dock area while flag AP is displayed ashore.

5 BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND ZIM SAILING

- 5.1** Zim Sailing has provided 18 new or nearly new Optimist prams for use by competitors in this regatta. Competitors must use the provided boats and may not make any modifications without prior approval of the Organizing Authority except that telltales, wind indicators and sail ties may be added. Supplied equipment must be carried aboard while racing.
- 5.2** Boats are organized into six groups of three, each identified by a different color panel. The Organizing Authority has drawn randomly and assigned a group of boats that each team will sail for the entire regatta.
- 5.3** Competitors shall inspect their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

6 SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 08

0900-0930: Registration for all Teams, Coaches and support boats
0930: Competitors, Coaches and Parents meeting
1030: Warning signal for the first race
1200: Lunch on the water
After racing: Debriefing SCYC Pool area
1830: Dinner

Sunday, November 09

0900: Competitors, Coaches and Parents meeting
1000: Warning signal for the first race of the day
1200: Lunch on the water
1500: No starting sequence for a stage after this time
After racing: Awards ceremony

7 FORMAT

The planned format is one or more round robins among all three-boat teams using the starting order set forth in Attachment A - Round Robin Pairings attached to these Sailing Instructions. A knock-out series among the top two or four teams may be held. The RC may terminate or alter the format in progress, change the starting order of teams or signal a knock-out series if necessary to conclude the regatta and determine a winner.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Calibogue Sound near Windmill Harbour, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

9 COURSE

- 9.1** The course to be sailed will be a digital N course with marks 1 and 2 left to starboard and marks 3 and 4 left to port. The starting and finishing marks shall be left to port. See the course diagram in Attachment B attached to these Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2** The RC may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark or the finish line, without sound or visual signals but a mark will not be moved when a boat is on the leg it terminates. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration. This change is added to RRS 33.

10 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be 3ft round orange inflatable buoys. The starting mark will be a small red ball and the finishing mark will be a small white ball.

11 START AND FINISH

- 11.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of a nearby starting mark.
- 11.2** Races will be started using RRS Appendix U (Audible-Signal Racing System) with no Attention Signal. Individual recalls will be signaled with one sound and by hail of the sail number of each recalled boat. Flag X will not be displayed. These changes are added to RRS Appendix U.
- 11.3** [DP] Boats shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other groups.
- 11.4** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat and the course side of a nearby finishing mark.

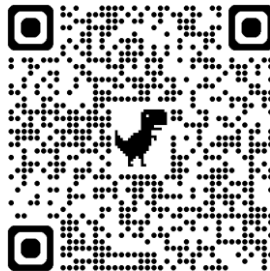
12 UMPIRES, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1** At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, Coaches may assist umpires in races in which the Coach's team is not racing and shall not be considered interested parties while serving in this role.
- 12.2** Protests and requests for redress will be heard by a protest committee that may be comprised of umpires and Coaches in the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Hearings may be held at an umpire boat after the completion of a round robin or at the termination of a round robin if it is to be followed by a knock-out series.

13 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D3 and D4. Scores from a round robin shall carry over to the next round robin but not to a knock-out series. Live scoring can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t-PhNvCMF3ioehvL4nv3LzyPuYCH0FMB/edit?gid=1028677570#gid=1028677570>



14 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented as soon as practicable after the completion of racing, any protest hearings and boat check-in with representatives of Zim Sailing.

15 SAFETY

A boat that retires from a race or wishes to leave the racing area shall notify a race official as soon as possible and before leaving the racing area.

16 [NP] [DP] COACH, SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

Coach, support and spectator boats shall follow the instructions of the race committee and umpires. No team signal flags or any object that might be construed as a signal shall be displayed from Coach or spectator boats while competitors are racing.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. Competitors, their parents, legal guardians and representatives acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors, their parents, legal guardians and representatives release all claims they may have against South Carolina Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. possible and before leaving the racing area.

18 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* 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 strong 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.**

19 EVENT CONTACTS

Event Chair

Mark Newman, South Carolina Yacht Club Yachting Director
mnewman@scyachtclub.com
(843) 342-2628

Chief Umpire

Jared Hickman (IU – USA)
jared@celebrationboatworks.com
(206) 660-7003

Principal Race Officer

Chip Till (NRO – USA)
chiptill5351@gmail.com
(843) 556-6554

Attachment A

ROUND ROBIN PAIRINGS - 6 TEAMS - 18 BOATS

First Round Robin

<u>Race</u>	<u>Teams</u>
1	Yellow-Gray
2	Green-Orange
3	White-Purple
4	Yellow-Green
5	Gray-White
6	Orange-Purple
7	Yellow-White
8	Green-Purple
9	Gray-Orange
10	Yellow-Purple
11	Orange-White
12	Gray-Green
13	Yellow-Orange
14	Gray-Purple
15	Green-White

Second Round Robin

<u>Race</u>	<u>Teams</u>
16	White-Purple
17	Green-Orange
18	Yellow-Gray
19	Orange-Purple
20	Gray-White
21	Yellow-Green
22	Gray-Orange
23	Green-Purple
24	Yellow-White
25	Gray-Green
26	Orange-White
27	Yellow-Purple
28	Green-White
29	Gray-Purple
30	Yellow-Orange

Yacht Club	Sail Color	Sail #'s
SCYC	Yellow	1, 2, 3
KBYC	Gray	4, 5, 6
SYC	Green	7, 8, 9
HYC	Orange	10, 11, 12
AYC	White	13, 14, 15
CYC	Purple	16, 17, 18

COURSE - Digital N

