



**SCYC Optimist Team-Race Invitational Regatta
November 08-09, 2025—Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**

South Carolina Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

NOTICE OF RACE

(version 08/22/2025)

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix D (Team Racing Rules) shall apply but "arm signals" in RRS D1.1(d) shall not. Other changes may be made in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 US Optimist Dinghy Association Team Race Eligibility requirements will not apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Entry to this regatta is by invitation from the Organizing Authority to a Team representing a Yacht Club or Sailing Organization. There will be five Invited Teams and a South Carolina Yacht Club Team.
- 2.2 Each Team shall consist of three sailors. Each member of a Team shall have been born on or after January 1, 2011 and, as of January 1, 2025, shall have been, or the Team member's parent or legal guardian shall have been, a year-round full member of the Yacht Club or Sailing Organization the Team member represents.
- 2.3 An Adult Team Representative may enter an Invited Team by completing the attached Entry Form and submitting it by e-mail to Mark Newman, Yachting Director at South Carolina Yacht Club, whose e-mail address is mnewman@scyachtclub.com

3. Registration and Fees

- 3.1 All teams shall register at South Carolina Yacht Club between 9:00 and 9:30 AM on Saturday, **November 08** and submit a Release and Waiver of Claims Form and a Medical Consent Form for each Team member by that time. All coaches and coach boats or support boats shall also register by that time. A coach boat will also be assigned to coaches who have requested one. Substitution of Team members after that time may only be made with the prior approval of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.2 Early registration and practice sailing for all Teams will be available starting at 1:00 PM on Friday, November 07.
- 3.3 The entry **fee is \$550 per Team**, payable by major credit card or by check payable to South Carolina Yacht Club by November 08 before using boats for practice.

4. Format of the Regatta

- 4.1 The regatta will be a three-boat against three-boat team race.
- 4.2 The planned format is multiple round robins among all competing Teams. Knock-out stages may be run. The format and number of races may be adjusted by the Organizing Authority due to weather and time considerations.

5. Schedule

Friday, November 07:

1:00 to 4:00 PM—Early registration, boat check-out and practice sailing for all Teams at the South Carolina Yacht Club main club house.

6:00 Welcome party food provided by the South Carolina Yacht Club for all competitors.

Parents are invited to make reservations for dinner at SCYC

Saturday, November 08:

9:00 to 9:30 AM—Registration for all Teams, coaches, support boats

9:30 AM—Competitors, Coaches and Parents meeting

10:30 AM—Warning signal for the first race

After Racing—Debriefing SCYC Pool area

6:30-Dinner provided by "Local Pie Hilton Head" for all competitors

Sunday, November 09:

9:00 AM—Competitors, Coaches and Parents meeting

10:00 AM—Warning signal for the first race of the day

3:00 PM—No starting sequence for a stage after this time

After racing—Awards ceremony

6. Boats provided by the Organizing Authority and Zim Sailing

18 new or nearly new Optimist dinghies will be provided by Zim Sailing for use by competitors in the regatta. Competitors must use the provided boats and may not make any modifications except that telltales and wind indicators may be added.

Teams will be assigned boats by the Organizing Authority after a random drawing.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and at the SCYC web site by Thursday, November 06.

8. Venue

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

9. Courses

The course will likely be a starboard hand Digital N which will be further described in the sailing instructions.

10. Umpiring

The regatta will be umpired in accordance with RRS Appendix D with any modifications further described in the sailing instructions.

11. Scoring

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

12. Prizes

Trophies will be presented on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearings are completed.

13. Safety

- 13.1 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.**
- 13.2 All coach and support boats must have a working VHF radio and monitor a channel 72.
- 13.3 When entering slip way or leaving the marina please call Lock on Channel 14 for permission and instructions

14. Risk Statement

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Competitors, their parents, legal guardians, support persons and representatives acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors, their parents, legal guardians, support persons 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. By participating in this regatta, each competitor and each of their support persons accepts the rules as provided in RRS 3 of *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

15. Lodging

A Hilton Head Island resort hotel has made available, free of standard daily room charge during the regatta, **a total of three guest rooms for each Team for use by visiting competitors at this regatta.** Each room may be occupied only by a competitor and the competitor's parents or legal guardians. Advance registration through South Carolina Yacht Club is required. Rooms for others attending the regatta are available at the hotel at a favorable rate.

16. Further Information

Please contact Mark Newman, Interim Yachting Director, South Carolina Yacht Club, 10 Yacht Club Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail: mnewman@scyachtclub.com Telephone: (843) 342-2628



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Entry Form

Please submit this form by e-mail to mnewman@scyachtclub.com or by mail to South Carolina Yacht Club, 10 Yacht Club Drive, Hilton Head, SC 29926, Attention Mark Newman, Yachting Director.

Name of Yacht Club or Sailing Organization: _____

Address: _____

Name of Adult Team Representative: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Name of Team Member: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Name of Team Member: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

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Name of Team Member: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Charge entry fee to: Credit Card No.: _____ Expires: _____

Authorized signature for charge: _____



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Release and Waiver of Claims

- The competitor named below and the parent or legal guardian of the competitor whose signature is below hereby agree that competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk.
- They are familiar with RRS 3 of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, “Decision to Race” which provides that the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is the competitor’s alone.
- They acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks.
- As a condition of the competitor’s participation in this regatta, the competitor and the competitor’s parents or legal guardians 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.
- They agree that they shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by the competitor’s breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing for* or applicable governmental rules or regulations.
- They accept the *rules* as provided in RRS 3 of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*

Signature of Competitor:_____ Print name:_____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:_____ Print name:_____

Address of Parent/Guardian:_____

Date:_____



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Medical Consent Form

Name of Competitor (Please Print): _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print): _____

In the event of any accident or injury to my child named above as the Competitor or in the event of any illness of my child named above as the Competitor, while my child is competing in the SCYC Optimist Team Race Invitational Regatta or is on or about the premises of South Carolina Yacht Club, if I am unable to consent or am not present:

- I hereby voluntarily consent to the rendering to my child of emergency first aid and such other medical care and treatment by any hospital or physicians as the hospital or physicians deem reasonably advisable or necessary, including without limitation, x-ray examination, anesthetic and diagnostic procedures;
- I authorize any officer or member of South Carolina Yacht Club to consent to such medical care or treatment;
- I agree to pay the cost of such medical care or treatment and to hold South Carolina Yacht Club and its officers, members and employees harmless from liability for such cost;
- I give this authorization in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required in order to provide authority to render such care as the physicians rendering such care may, in their best judgment, deem advisable.

I understand that efforts shall be made to contact me in the event of accident or injury to, or illness of, my child, but medical care and treatment will not be withheld if I cannot be reached.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address of Parent/Guardian: _____

Cell phone number of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____