



13TH ANNUAL EQUINOX REGATTA  
GREEN FLEET OPTI/ RWB OPTI/LASERS/ AND NON SPIN 420  
The Florida Yacht Club  
Jacksonville, FL

Saturday, September 23-24, 2023

**Notice of Regatta**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2021-2024 and the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association. The equipment regulations and rules of each one design class will apply
- 1.2. The organizing authority is The Florida Yacht Club

**2. Classes**

- 2.1 Optimist Green Fleet, RWB Opti, 420 (non-Spinnaker), club 420, Laser radial, Laser 4.7
- 2.2 The organizing authority has the right to cap each class
- 2.3 4 boats are required to have a class

**3.. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 Competitors in the Optimist class may sail until December of their 15<sup>th</sup> year.
- 3.2 Competitors in the 420 and Laser Radial classes must be 18 or younger.
- 3.2 Registration is at the following website: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/lxPlqPfVbd>
- 3.3 Advanced Registration is Required! Registration will CLOSE Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> at NOON.

**4 Schedule of Events**

**Saturday September 23**

1045 Skippers Meeting at the Sailing Center  
1140 Warning Signal for first race (back to back races to follow)

**Sunday September 24**

1000 First Warning  
1430 No race after this time  
Awards to follow racing immediately.

**5 Fees**

- 5.1 Entry Fee: Opti/Laser \$40, 420 \$80
- 5.2 Registration Fees must be paid online at clubspot or at check in and can be submitted as FYC member charge, check (no credit cards accepted)

**6 Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be posted in the sailing center and available on clubspot. No SI's will be printed.

**7 Racing Area**

The Racing area shall be on the St. Johns River, east of The Florida Yacht Club.

**8 Scoring**

- 8.1 The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply.
- 8.2 One race shall constitute a regatta.
- 8.3 If six or more races are completed a boat's worst score will be excluded from her total.

**9 Prizes**

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each class.
- 9.2 Participation awards will be given to Optimist Green Fleet

**10 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the host organization, nor the sponsors accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**11 Additional Information Contact:**

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NAME OF APPLICANT/PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this form and participating in Florida Yacht Club programs, classes, clinics, regattas or events, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability, and waiving and releasing all claims for injury, illness, damages or loss which you might sustain as a result of participating in, connected with, and or associated with any type of activity on Florida Yacht Club Property.**

**Liability Release**

I (We) the undersigned, parents or guardians of this applicant consent to his/her participating in The Florida Yacht Club programs, junior activities, tennis, fleet, sailing, swimming, croquet and other programs whether conducted on the real property of The Florida Yacht Club or otherwise (collectively and individually the "Club Activities"), and in consideration of the permission granted to the above named applicant/participant to take advantage of the facilities offered in connection with the Club Activities, do hereby jointly and severally, for ourselves, our heirs, spouses, family members, personal representatives and assigns, agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Florida Yacht Club, its officers, personnel, agents, employees, acting officially or unofficially, against any and all suits, actions, claims, costs, or demands, whether arising from sole or concurrent negligence or otherwise including those resulting from death, personal injury, and property damage, to which The Florida Yacht Club, its officers, personnel, agents, and employees may be subject by reason of the said above named person(s)/applicant(s) joining in or participating in the Club Activities, taking part in any and all related activities, and as a result of his/her presence on board any boats, piers, clubhouses, courts, or any other places in connection with said "Club Activities", including all real property of The Florida Yacht Club. Parents agree to be and are responsible for, and agree to pay for, boat, equipment, and/or other damage to Club property, real or personal, beyond normal wear and tear, caused by the applicant/participant.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Relationship Date

**Medical Release**

I (We) the undersigned parent, parents or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, understand that participation in any Club Activities or other program offered by The Florida Yacht Club is entirely at their own risk and that neither The Florida Yacht Club, its officers, personnel, agents, employees, acting officially or unofficially, any of its Committee members, chaperones, sponsors, nor the organizing bodies or committees or individuals appointed or volunteering, accept any liability for damage-material or personal-suffering during this program, and do hereby authorize and consent to any X-Ray, examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis and procedures rendered under the general or special supervision of any member of the medical staff licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act or a dentist licensed under the provisions of the Dental Practice Act or on the staff of any acute general hospital holding a current license to operate a hospital from the State of Florida Department of Public Health or from any other state. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power to render care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his best judgment may deem advisable. It is understood that effort shall be made to contact the undersigned prior to rendering treatment to the patient; but that any of the above treatment will not be withheld of the undersigned cannot be reached.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Relationship Date

To the best of my knowledge my family has not been exposed to anyone showing symptoms or who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 in the past 14 days.

My child currently does not display the symptoms of illness including but not limited to: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, congestion, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, new loss of taste or smell.

My child has not displayed the above listed symptoms of illness in the past 14 days.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Relationship Date



13<sup>th</sup> Annual Equinox Regatta  
The Florida Yacht Club  
Jacksonville, FL  
September 23-24, 2022  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2021-2024.

**2 ENTRIES**

- 2.1 This event is open to all competitors who meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Regatta and who have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Regatta. Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee as specified in the Notice of Regatta.
- 2.2 Entry forms must be completed by the competitor's designated adult representative. The decision to sail or to compete in any race will be the sole responsibility of the competitor's designated adult representative and that adult representative accepts full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to this event.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board outside the Sailing Center

**4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0930 on the day it will take effect. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the Signal Boat under code flag "L" in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes communicated shall be made before the warning signal for the affected class/classes.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Ramp dock by the sailing center.
- 5.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

**6 SCHEDULE** (all events take place at the Sailing Center unless otherwise noted)

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Registration	0830-1000
Skippers Meeting	1045
Warning signal	1140

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

First Warning Signal	1000
No Racing after this time	1430

Awards to follow racing immediately.

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

Class Flags will be displayed at the skipper's meeting.

**8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be on the St. John's River. The location of each course will be described at the skipper's meeting.

**9 COURSES & MARKS**

- 9.1 The attached diagrams show the courses, the course designations, the marks in order, and the rounding direction of each.
- 9.2 The Opti RWB and Green Fleet Optis will be on the same course (wind permitting) and the 420s will be on a separate course. Mark sizes, shapes and color will be described in the competitors meeting.

## **10 STARTS**

- 10.1 Prior to the first race competitors shall check in by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their sail number.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby starting buoy. The Race Committee may start fleets separately, starting order will be described at the skippers meeting. Boats not racing shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 10.3 Races will be started using appendix U. Boats who fail to start 3 minutes after their starting signal may be scored DNS.
- 10.4 The RC intends to hail premature starters. Failure of the RC to hail a premature starter or a competitor's failure to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## **11 FINISHING**

- 11.1 On the 420 course -the finishing line will be between the staff displaying the blue flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby finishing buoy. Boats shall not sail through the finish line unless they are finishing.
- 11.2 On the Opti Course – the finishing line will be between a staff displaying the blue flag on the RC Signal boat and the nearby finishing buoy.

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 The time limit for each race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.  
Boats racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE and will receive two more points than the last finisher, but not more than DNF. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4, A5 and adds to A10.
- 12.2 If boats are delaying the start of the next race the RC may terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished.

## **13 PROTESTS**

- 13.1 Competitors intending to protest must inform the RC immediately after finishing the race to be protested and before communicating with coaches, parents, or spectators. Written protests shall be delivered to the protest committee within 60 minutes of the relevant RC signal boat docking. The official docking times will be displayed on the official notice board and forms are available in the Fleet Center.
- 13.2 A list of protests will be displayed within 30 minutes after the protest time expiration. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing. The location of each hearing will be noted on the official notice board.

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. There will be no scores thrown out for this event.
- 14.2 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

## **15 ENVIRONMENTAL & SAFETY**

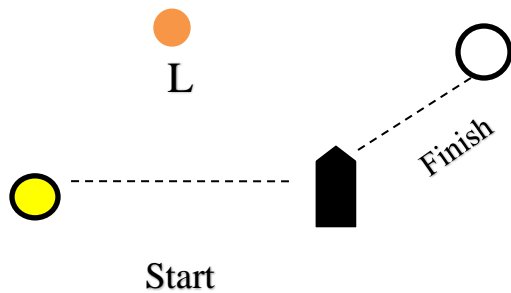
- 15.1 Competitor's shall not discharge trash into the water. Any competitor who throws trash into the water is subject to disqualification. Such disqualification will be posted on the official notice board and any competitor so disqualified may request a hearing.
- 15.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the racing area if possible; otherwise a boat retiring from a race shall notify the FYC Main Office immediately upon arriving to shore.
- 15.3 Support, spectator, and coach boats shall stay well clear of the course while any race is in progress unless rendering assistance to any vessel in danger. If a competitor receives such assistance they shall retire. After the finish coaches and spectators shall not communicate with competitors until they are well clear of the finish area. No wake is permitted within 500 yards of the race course while boats are racing. Violation of any part of this section may result in a penalty being assessed up to and including disqualification of the competitor(s) associated with the vessel violating this instruction.
- 15.4 Coaches MAY coach the back half of the GREEN FLEET OPTI ONLY but need to stay clear of competitors.

## **16 TROPHIES**

Participation Certificates will be presented to the Green Fleet Opti class participants. Trophies will be presented to the top finisher in all other fleets.

# COURSE ADDENDUM

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## Opti Course

Course "W #"

W1 = S-W(P)-L(P)-F

W2 = S-W(P)-L(P)-W(P)-L(P) -Finish

# of **Laps** will be indicated on course board

w



## 420 Course

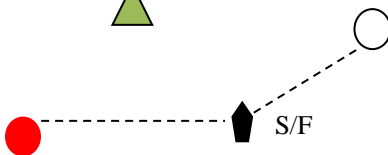
Course "W #"

W1 = S-W- F

W2 = S-W-L1-W-F

# of **Laps** will be indicated on course board

L 1



**420 Course**  
Course "W #"

W1 = S-W-L1- F  
W2 = S-W-L1-W-L1-F

# of **Laps** will be indicated on  
course board