

South Jersey Summer Series

2017 Rules & Regulations for Junior Events

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1. Venue

A. **South Jersey Summer Series Regattas**

The South Jersey Summer Series regattas shall be sailed on Thursday, on a rotating basis, at each of the participating member clubs; Corinthian YC, YC of Stone Harbor, Avalon YC, Ocean City YC, Cooper River YC, Brigantine YC, Greater Wildwood YC, and YC of Sea Isle City.

2. Jurisdiction

The South Jersey Summer Series shall be sailed under the jurisdiction of the participating yacht clubs.

3. Rules

The races shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, these Regulations and any applicable Class rules.

4. Classes

The South Jersey Summer Series recognizes the following classes for the 2017 season:

- **Laser Radial:** Skipper may not be 19 during the Summer Series.
- **Laser 4.7:** Skipper may not be 19 during the Summer Series. **Sunfish:** Skipper may not be 19 during the Summer Series. Crews are optional and may not be 18 during the year. *Note – Sunfish fleet does not count for the SJSS Club Championship point totals.
- **C420:** Skipper and crew may not be 19 during the Summer Series. Skipper may not change crews during an individual regatta without permission from the race committee. All C420s must be equipped with a masthead flotation device that will prevent the boat from turning turtle. All C420s must be equipped with a masthead flotation device intended to reduce the chance of turning turtle. Acceptable devices include masthead buoyancy bags (used in an inflated state) manufactured by Optiparts (item EX2600), or a sealed empty one gallon plastic bottle raised to the masthead. Alternative devices may be acceptable, however it will be the responsibility of the sailor to demonstrate that the alternate device has at least the same buoyancy as either of the devices mentioned above. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification (DSQ) from each race sailed with substandard flotation.
- **Optimist Dinghy:** In accordance with the USODA Class rules the fleet shall be divided into three groups according to ages of the competitors on the first day of the scheduled competition. The fleet divisions shall be determined as follows:
 - **“White Fleet”** - 10 years old or younger
 - **“Blue Fleet”** - 11 or 12 years old
 - **“Red Fleet”** - 13 years old or older and shall not have reached their 16th birthday in the current calendar year
 - **“Green Fleet”** - Green fleet is a special fleet for beginners. Green fleet sailors can be any age up to 15. The purpose of the green fleet is to encourage novice sailors. The USODA’s policy is to present “Participation Awards” to all skippers sailing in the green fleet.

5. Entries

A. Eligibility

All participants must be a member of an MAYRA club or be enrolled in the junior sailing program of a member club and meet the age requirements set forth above.

ii. For the purposes of season scoring, each skipper must declare at registration what club they represent before the first race sailed in any class of boat. The skipper must be a member of that yacht club to be eligible. For each class of boat registration the skipper can only represent one yacht club and cannot change their yacht club affiliation. This rule pertains to skippers who may be affiliated with more than one club, and for double handed boats the skipper's affiliation shall determine what Yacht Club is represented.

B. Weekly Interclubs

Each club may enter an unlimited number of contestants in each class provided they meet the *eligibility* requirements.

C. General

The participant's birth date is required on registration forms. A list of participants should be posted as soon as possible at each event.

6. Entrance Fee

A standard entry fee shall be charged at each event; pre-registration online is \$25 for single-handed boats or \$35 for double-handed boats. On-site registration is \$30 for single-handed boats and \$40 for double-handed boats. The entrance fee is intended to cover the cost of providing instructors, Race Committee, patrol members, lunch, t-shirts for a pre-determined number of sailors as stated in the NOR, snacks, and trophy flags.

7. Race Management

A. General

It is the intention of the South Jersey Summer Series that the host clubs treat each Summer Series event as a "major club regatta" and provide the appropriate Race Committee, patrol boats and shore support as required. It is expected that the member clubs will assist each other in fulfilling these requirements. It is the intention of the South Jersey Summer Series to keep the participants as informed as possible regarding scoring at each event. South Jersey Summer Series should schedule a scorer with a computer/scoring program, post the list of participants as soon as possible, and post the finishes for races as soon as available. Particularly, pre-lunch race results should be posted during lunch. This will provide officials and participants more opportunity to recognize any scoring or registration errors and time to correct them prior to the end of the day.

It is highly recommended that the host club arrange for a Coaches Meeting prior to the Competitors Meeting.

B. Schedule

The 2017 South Jersey Summer Series schedule has been established as follows:

2017 SJSS Dates:

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| ● June 29 | AYC |
| ● July 6 | GWYC /YCSIC |
| ● July 13 | YCSH |
| ● July 20 | BYC |
| ● July 27 | CYCCM |
| ● August 3 | CRYC |
| ● August 10 | OCYC |
| ● August 15 | Awards Dance at YCSIC |

C. Starts

1. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26 (“5-4-1-Go”) or Appendix S (Sound Signal Starting System – 3 Minute “Dinghy Start”). The details of the starting sequence shall be explained at the skippers meeting. The South Jersey Summer Series recommends the use of the 3 Minute “Dinghy Start”.
2. Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 fleets shall each have a separate start.

D. Courses

As a minimum, two courses will be required. Laser Radials, Sunfish, and C420s may race together on one course. Optimist Dinghies must sail on a separate course. Additional courses may be utilized as room and resources dictate. Optimist Green Fleet must sail its own separate course.

Courses for the Optimist Dinghies should be Triangular – four (4) legs. It is recommended that the course **not** be “modified” by placing the start/finish line in the middle of the windward leg.

Courses for the C420, Laser Radials and Sunfish may be Triangle-Windward-Leeward, Windward/Leeward, or Triangular and may be “modified” with the start/finish line in the middle of the windward leg.

The length of the courses will depend on the conditions and the feasibility of completing five races for the day. However, getting off good and fair races is more important than the number of races.

E. Alternate Penalty

RRS rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall be in effect for all races.

F. Sail Numbers

All participants are encouraged to register their boats with their respective class associations and display proper sail numbers.

G. Coaching

Coaching by sailing instructors will be permitted and encouraged prior to the preparatory signal for each race. Absolutely no coaching is permitted during a race by sailing instructors or parents, with the following exception. During the South Jersey Summer Series, instructors, after receiving permission from the Race Committee, may coach competitors who are significantly behind. Infractions of this rule will result in disqualification of the illegally coached participant.

H. Designated Finishes

The race committee shall have the right to assign finishing positions, as it deems necessary, in order to facilitate the start of the next race.

8. Safety

A. Life Jackets

Life jackets (USCG Approved) shall be worn at all times by all participants.

1. A boat whose skipper and/or crew do not conform to this requirement will be disqualified.

2. Sailing Instructors, coaches, and race officials in chase boats shall wear life jackets properly at all times while on the water. If the regulation is ignored, the instructor, coach, or race official will be directed to come off the water.

B. Postponements/Abandonments

Races postponed or abandoned due to extreme or threatening weather conditions are at the discretion of the Race Committee. They should, however, be very conservative in making this decision and carefully consider the sailor's abilities as well as the availability of qualified rescue boats. South Jersey Summer Series events shall not be rescheduled.

9. Protests

The intention to protest must be signified by a loud hail of the word "**Protest**" to the offending boat. Displaying a protest flag is not required but the Race Committee must be notified at the first practical opportunity after crossing the finish line of the intent to file a protest. Protests should be written and filed within 1/2 hour of the Race Committee docking. The regatta chairperson shall coordinate the formation of the Protest Committee and shall solicit representation from participating clubs.

10. Scoring

A. General

Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A4, will be utilized for all South Jersey Summer Series events. Optimist fleet scoring will be based on overall scores in accordance with the prescriptions of the USODA. For each South Jersey Summer Series event, one race will constitute a series

B. Junior Interclub Series – Season Scoring

The South Jersey Summer Series will recognize both individual and club (team) accomplishments for the season based on the following prescriptions:

1. Individual Scoring

For the purpose of determining the final season standings in each class, except Sunfish, the following system will be used:

- o Each individual will count five (5) of his or her scores from the South Jersey Summer Series events as scheduled in Section 7.B. If there are five (5) or fewer regattas completed during the season each boat would be allowed one dropped score. For example, count 4 of 5 sailed events, 3 of 4 sailed events, etc.
- o Any ties will be broken in favor of the individual with the most first place placements, then most seconds, etc.
- o The lower score in the final regatta will be the final tiebreaker.
- o C420 will be scored by skipper only for purposes of the seasonal scoring. Crew awards recipients to be determined by skipper.
- o Amendment to RRS Appendix A9: A boat not did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in that day's event.
- o For the Optimist Dinghy, overall placements will be utilized, not placements within each fleet (Red, Blue, White). There will be one start for Optimists.
- o For the Laser fleet, overall placements will be utilized, not placements within each fleet (Radial, 4.7). Radials and 4.7 will have separate starts and shall be scored separately.

- o Sunfish Seasonal Scoring will be based on a Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A). A boat that came to the starting area but did not *start* (DNS), did not *finish* (DNF), retired or was disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series (DNC). Sunfish sailors may exclude no more than one-fifth of the total races sailed during the SJSS season. A score for disqualification under rule 2; rule 30.3's last sentence; rule 42 if rule P2.2 or P2.3 applies; or rule 69.2(c)(2) shall not be excluded.

2. Club Scoring – South Jersey Summer Series Club Championship

For the purpose of determining the South Jersey Summer Series Club Championship, the following system will be used:

- o The final season position for the top two (2) finishers from each club in the participating classes will be added to determine the club's score for the Club Championship.
- o If a club does not participate in a particular class, or have two participants; they shall receive a DNC for each non-participant in that fleet.
- o The club with the lowest combined score shall be the winner of the South Jersey Summer Series Club Championship.
- o Any ties will be broken in favor of the club with the most first place class placements, and so on. If a tie still remains it shall stand.
- o Participating classes for the Club Championship:

o Optimist White Fleet	o Laser 4.7
o Optimist Blue Fleet	o Laser Radial
o Optimist Red Fleet	o Club 420

11. Trophies

A. South Jersey Summer Series – individual events

1. Trophies will be awarded to the top five individual finishers in each class. The host club provides trophies. MAYRA to provide trophy flags: Blue, White, Red, Green, and Yellow.

B. Junior Interclub Series – Season

1. Trophies will be awarded to the top five individual finishers in each class (skippers and crew). The host club of the final regatta will provide the season series trophies. This responsibility will rotate every year: 2017 OCYC, 2018 CYCCM, 2019 YCSH, 2020 BYC, 2021 CRYC, 2022 GWYC/YCSIC, 2023 AYC, Etc.