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## Juniors navigate the bay

*GSBYRA junior regatta held at BSYC*

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**BAY SHORE**—Last Friday, 76 vessels set sail at the Bay Shore Yacht Club with junior skipper and crew poised for a good day of races. Though some light winds slowed the races down a bit, the kids had a good day nevertheless.

The event was part of the weekly Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association Invitational regattas that draws participants from yacht clubs all along the Great South Bay. Dave DeRuvo, chairperson of the club's junior sailing program, said the six classes of vessels that participated in the event held anywhere from one to multiple sailors, who set out on one of five courses that were arranged on the bay. The day was sunny and hot, but there was not enough wind.

"Because of the light wind, we had to wait to [continue the regatta]," said DeRuvo. "Be-

tween races, some kids jumped into the water to go for a swim," he added. "It was pretty hot.

"For some of the young kids, it was the first time they were in a regatta," he continued. "A few of the older kids volunteered to skipper Mercury sailboats for them because they wouldn't be able to handle [that class boat]. It was very generous of them."

At the end of the race day, the kids were treated to pizza. Some received prizes.

"The kids really liked it," DeRuvo added.

The next GSBYRA Invitational Regatta – Race Week – takes place this week at several yacht clubs. It begins at Bellport Bay YC, then moves on to Moriches YC on Thursday and ends at Westhampton Yacht Squadron on Friday.

The results of the BSYC junior regatta can be viewed on the website [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). Here are some photos from that day, courtesy of club member Gail Donohue.

