South Jersey Summer Series

2026 Rules & Regulations for Junior Events

1. Venue

A. South Jersey Summer Series Regattas

The South Jersey Summer Series regattas shall be sailed on Thursday, on a rotating basis, hosted by participating member clubs; Avalon YC, Brigantine YC, Cooper River YC, Corinthian YC of Cape May, Greater Wildwood YC/ YC of Sea Isle City, Ocean City YC, YC of Stone Harbor

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 2024 season:

- ***ILCA 7***: Skipper may not be 19 during the Summer Series.
- ***ILCA 6:*** Skipper may not be 19 during the Summer Series.
- ***ILCA 4:*** 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 19 during the year.
- **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 floatation 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 floatation.

- ***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

i. All participants must be a member of a 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. 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 offered provided they meet the *eligibility* requirements.

C. General

The participant's birth date is required on registration forms. A list of participants is available via the online regatta tool utilized by MAYRA for registration and scoring.

6. Entrance Fee

A standard entry fee shall be charged at each event; pre-registration online is $35 for singlehanded boats and $45 for double-handed boats. Late registration is $45 for singlehanded boats and $55 for double-handed boats. The entrance fee is intended to cover the cost of providing instructors, Race Committee, patrol / safety members, lunch, one Series T-shirt, and trophy flags for a pre-determined number of sailors as stated in the NOR. For the 2026 series, competitors will receive one MAYRA SJSS T-shirt at the close of the season as long as submitted prior to the order deadline.

7. Race Management

A. General

i. 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 to assist with the near real-time availability of online scores for the sailors, coaches, parents. 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.

ii. A competitors meeting prior to the regatta is required. The host club may arrange for a **Virtual Coaches Meeting** prior to the event date to address any questions and help reduce the number of questions at the Skippers Meeting. As delineated by the Notice of Race, a Skippers Meeting may/may not be held at the regatta host venue.

iii. Each hosting club is required to identify & assign a club member to assist the MAYRA scorer for the day. This individual may NOT be scoring the event, they will however, be assigned to make sure that the scorer has everything that they need to do their job and that they are situated where they will be able to best accomplish their job.

B. Schedule

The 2026 South Jersey Summer Series schedule has been established as follows:

- **Thurs. June 25** **OCYC**
- **Thurs. July 2** **AYC**
- **Thurs. July 9** **CRYC**
- **Thurs. July 16** **YCSH**
- **Thurs. July 23** **BYC**
- **Thurs. July 30** **GWYC / YCSIC**
- **Thurs. August 6** **CYCCM**

Other MAYRA Youth Events:

- **Sunday, July 26 - MAYRA Sunfish Championship @ BYC (open age)**
- **Sunday, July 26 – MAYRA ILCA 4 Championship @ BYC (open age) **NEW**
- **Sunday, August 2 – MAYRA c420 Championship @ OCYC**
- **Friday, August 7 – Nickerson Cup: Team Racing (C420) @ CYCCM**
- **Sunday August 9 - ILCA 7 / ILCA 6 MAYRA Championship @ CYCCM (open age)**
- **WEDNESDAY, August 12 – Summer Series Awards Event @ YCSIC**

- **Saturday, December 19 – MAYRA Awards Banquet / Board Mtg. @CYCoP (by invitation only)**

C. Starts

i. 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".
ii. C420, Sunfish, ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 fleets shall each have separate starts.
iii. There shall be one start for all Optimists – Red, Blue, White fleets.

D. Courses

i. The ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4, Sunfish, and C420 fleets may race together on one course. When/If the Optimist Dinghies are hosted at the same event, the Optimist fleet must sail on its own course. Additional courses may be utilized as room and resources dictate. The Optimist Green fleet must sail its own, separate, course.
ii. 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.
iii. Except when prohibited by paragraph iv. of this section, courses for the C420, ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 fleets 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.
iv. When three or more fleets are racing on the same course, there must be a separate Start Boat and Finish Boat in order to maintain a safe, fair, and manageable racing environment.
v. 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 may 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 last Race Committee or Rescue boat docking. The regatta chairperson shall coordinate the formation of the Protest Committee and shall solicit representation from participating clubs. The Protest Committee must ensure that the sailors involved in the protest are provided with the specific US Sailing Rule(s) infringed or found to be in compliance based on the committee's findings. This shall be done in writing – on Protest Form and given to MAYRA Scorer – and verbally to the sailors in the hearing.

10. Scoring

A. General

i. Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A4, will be utilized for all South Jersey Summer Series events.

ii. Optimist fleet scoring will be based on overall scores in accordance with the prescriptions of the USODA.

iii. For each South Jersey Summer Series event, one race will constitute a regatta.

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, the following system will be used:

a. Each participant 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 four (4) regattas held during the season each boat would be allowed one dropped score. For example, count 4 of 5 sailed events, 3 of 4 sailed events. If three (3) or less regattas are conducted (for a one design class), all final scores will count toward season standing.
b. Any ties will be broken in favor of the individual with the most first place placements, then most seconds, etc.
c. The lower score in the final regatta will be the final tiebreaker.
d. C420 will be scored by skipper only for purposes of the seasonal scoring. Crew awards recipients to be determined by skipper.
e. Amendment to RRS Appendix A9: A boat 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.
f. For the Optimist Dinghy, overall placements will be utilized, not placements within each fleet (Red, Blue, White).
g. The ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 fleets shall be scored separately (Note 7.C.ii states these fleets must have separate starts).
h. Each participant who did not compete (DNC) in a Summer Series event shall be scored points, for season scoring purposes, for that DNC event that is one more than the total number of all participants in that class during the Summer Series. A participant will be deemed DNC for a Summer Series event if that participant is not physically present to check in before the Skipper's Meeting for a Summer Series event.

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:

a. The final season position for the top two (2) finishers from each club in the participating classes that are awarded five trophies under section 11.A. will be added to determine the club's score for the Club Championship.
b. The final season position for the top (1) finisher from each club in the participating classes that are awarded three trophies under section 11.A. will be included in the club's score for the Club Championship.
c. If a club does not participate in a particular class or have the requisite number of participants; they shall receive a DNC for each non-participant in that fleet.
d. Each club is granted one (1) throw-out position / score, from among any fleet, before their final score is calculated.
e. The club with the lowest combined score shall be the winner of the South Jersey Summer Series Club Championship.
f. Any ties will be broken in favor of the club with the most first place class placements, and so on. Next tiebreaker is the fewest "DNC" scores. If a tie still remains it shall stand.
g. Participating classes for the Club Championship:
    1. Optimist White Fleet
    2. Optimist Blue Fleet
    3. Optimist Red Fleet
    4. ILCA 4
    5. ILCA 6
    6. ILCA 7
    7. Club 420 (C420)
    8. Sunfish

11. <u>Trophies</u>

A. South Jersey Summer Series – individual events

- 1. Trophies will be awarded to the top three or five individual finishers in each class. MAYRA will provide trophy flags: Blue (1st), Red (2nd), White (3rd), Yellow (4th), and Green (5th). Five finishers are awarded in the ILCA 6, ILCA 4, Optimist Blue, and Optimist White fleets.
- Three finishers are awarded in the C420, ILCA 7, Optimist Red, Sunfish, and Optimist Overall fleets.
- If there are fewer than five or three participants, respectively, in a given class only the actual number of finishers will be awarded trophies.
- The host club may elect to supply its own trophies and will be reimbursed by MAYRA at a rate equivalent to MAYRA's cost for flags. In 2026 this is $11.00 per trophy.

B. Junior Interclub Series – Season

1. Trophies will be awarded to the top five individual finishers in each class (skippers and crew) at the annual MAYRA Awards Dinner in the Fall after the current season.