

South Jersey Summer Series

2011 Rules & Regulations for Junior Events

(Revised 6/13/11)

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, and Brigantine YC.

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 following classes are recognized by the South Jersey Summer Series for the 2011 season:

Laser Radial: Skipper may not be 18 during the Summer Series.

Laser 4.7: Skipper may not be 18 during the Summer Series. *Note – Laser 4.7 fleet does not count for the SJSS Club Championship point totals. Minimum of 4 boats must be registered to be scored as a separate fleet; otherwise, 4.7 rigs will be scored with Radial rigs.

Sunfish: Skipper may not be 18 during the Summer Series. Crews are optional and may not be 15 during the year. Minimum of 4 boats must be registered. *Note – Sunfish fleet does not count for the SJSS Club Championship point totals.

C420: Skipper and crew may not be 18 during the Summer Series. Skipper may not change crews during a regatta without permission from the race committee

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 an individual member of MAYRA and 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

An entry fee shall be charged at each event. This is intended to cover the cost of providing instructors, Race Committee, patrol members, and other costs related to running a regatta. T-shirts shall be provided for all contestants. Specific fees shall be posted on the NOR for each event. The host club retains these fees.

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 2011 South Jersey Summer Series schedule has been established as follows:

6/30	BYC
7/7	AYC
7/14	OCYC
7/21	YCSH
7/28	CRYC
8/4	CYCCM

C. Starts

Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26 ("5-4-1-Go") or Appendix Q (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".

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, 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

A. 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. A boat whose skipper and/or crew do not conform to this requirement will be disqualified. Sailing Instructors and coaches shall wear life jackets properly at all times while on 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 can 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, the following system will be used:

- Each individual will count five (5) of his or her six (6) overall scores from the six (6) South Jersey Summer Series events.
- Any ties will be broken in favor of the individual with the most first place placements, then most seconds, etc.
- The lower score in the final regatta will be the final tiebreaker.
- For the Optimist Dinghy, overall placements will be utilized, not placements within each fleet (Red, Blue, White).

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- The club with the lowest combined score shall be the winner of the South Jersey Summer Series Club Championship.
- 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.
- Participating classes for the Club Championship:
 - Optimist White Fleet
 - Optimist Blue Fleet
 - Optimist Red Fleet
 - Laser Radial
 - 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.

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: 2011 CYCCM, 2012 YCSH, 2013 BYC, 2014 CRYC, 2015 AYC, 2016 OCYC, Etc.