

# RIVER ROMP 2026



## US SAILING Junior Olympic Sailing Regatta

*Where the Corinthian Spirit is Part of Its "DNA"*

**October 17 & 18, 2026**

### ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Edison Sailing Center

[www.edisonsailingcenter.org](http://www.edisonsailingcenter.org)



## NOTICE of RACE

- 1.1. RULES
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.3. The notation "[NP]" in a rule in this Notice of Race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
- 1.4. Under RRS 87, the one-design class rules for all boats shall apply except as follows:
  - 1.4.1. [DP] The sail and hull numbers need not match.
  - 1.4.2. [NP] Class membership is not required.
- 1.5. The competitor ensures by their entry that their boat and equipment comply with applicable class rules.
- 1.6. [DP] While afloat, all racers, coaches, and support persons shall wear US Coast Guard-approved PFDs.
- 1.7. [DP] **ALL powerboat operators (coaches & support persons) shall wear USCG-approved life jackets and shall adhere to Federal and Florida State laws and shall use an ECOS (Emergency Cut-Off Switch) that shall be attached to their person at all times when the engine is running.**
2. ELIGIBILITY FOR RACING
  - 2.1. The regatta is open to boats of the C420 (with spinnaker), C420 (without spinnaker), ILCA 4, ILCA 6, and Optimist classes.
  - 2.2. To be considered a class, a minimum of 6 registered entries is required.
  - 2.3. Eligibility is limited to youth ages 8-19 at the time of competition. Students over 18 must still be in high school.
  - 2.4. Optimist competitors are eligible to compete through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which he/she attains the age of 15 years.
  - 2.5. *Please reserve **Green Fleet** for sailors with two years or less of experience.*
  - 2.6. Individual or family membership to US Sailing Association is required of all competitors. Memberships may be paid in advance online at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)
3. ENTRIES
  - 3.1. Competitors shall enter by completing the online registration:  
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31589>
  - 3.2. All sailors must check in on-site before 0859 Saturday, October 17, 2026.
  - 3.3. A boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. This includes having input the boat's sail number and contact information for the support person(s) [parent, guardian, coach] who will be at the event.
  - 3.4. [DP][NP] Boats shall race with the sail number that was entered on their registration. Any sail number changes must be entered before 1700 hours on Friday, October 16, 2026
  - 3.5. Entries for this regatta shall not exceed 225 boats.
    - 3.5.1. Entries for the Green Fleet, racing in Race Area A, are limited to 50 boats.
    - 3.5.2. Entries for the Red/White/Blue Fleets, racing in Race Area B, are limited to 100 boats.
    - 3.5.3. Entries for the ILCA 4 & 6, and C420, racing in Race Area C, are limited to a total of 75 boats.
  - 3.6. The OA will maintain a waiting list for each race area.
4. FEES & REGISTRATION
  - 4.1. Fees must be paid at the time of registration and before noon, Wednesday, October 14, 2026
  - 4.2. Entry Fees if paid by October 3, 2026, are \$125 for single-handed; \$200 for double-handed
  - 4.3. Entry fees paid after midnight (ET), October 3, are \$155 for single-handed and \$250 for double-handed,
  - 4.4. Cancellation information and refund policy will be posted on the ESC website
  - 4.5. No registrations will be accepted after noon (ET), Wednesday, October 14, 2026..
  - 4.6. Registrations entered after October 3, 2026, are *not* guaranteed a t-shirt. Sizes will be subject to availability for those registering after October 3, 2026.
  - 4.7. Fees do NOT include meals or beverages.
  - 4.8. Coaches accompanying their competitors MUST register on or before noon (ET), Wednesday, October 14, 2026. See Support and Coach Boats 15.1
  - 4.9. Confirmation of Safe Sport certification will be required as part of Coach registration. Also see FURTHER INFORMATION 19.6.

**4.10. No ID flags will be available to coaches who do not pre-register.** Coaches and spectators without flags will be required to anchor in the restricted area as shown in the Sailing Instructions Addendum (Courses).

5. COMPETITORS, COACHES, Parents, RC, and Volunteers PRE-REGATTA ZOOM MEETING

There will be one ZOOM meeting. Anyone new to River Romp is encouraged to attend. This meeting is designed to facilitate specific Q&A prior to the regatta. Everyone welcome! **7:00 PM (ET)Wednesday, October 14,2026:** The Organizing Authority will use the following **Meeting ID: 806 406 0603, no password required.**

6. REGATTA SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 16, 2026

1630 Onsite check-in opens for competitors, representatives, coaches

1700 Deadline for sail number on entry form.

1830 Check-in closes for the day.

SATURDAY, October 17, 2026

0745 On-site check-in opens for Sailors, Coaches

0859 On-site check-in closes for the event.

0900 COMPETITORS MEETING held in the Check-in area

1030 Intended first warning signal for Race Area B, (Opti Red-White-Blue) and Race Area C (C420, ILCA 4, ILCA 6)

1100 Intended first warning signal for Race Area A for Opti Green Fleet.

1700 No first warning for a race will be made after this time.

SUNDAY, October 18, 2026:

0900 Intended first warning signal for all Race Areas

1300 No first warning will be made after this time

*Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the completion of Sunday's races and the completion of protest/redress hearings that might affect the outcome of the top finishers.*

7. OPTI RED/WHITE/BLUE DIVISIONS

8. The Opti R/W/B Fleet will race in one division if there are less than 56 entries.

8.1. The Opti R/W/B Fleet will race in four divisions if there are more than 55 entries as follows:

8.1.1. The Opti R/W/B Fleet competitors will be assigned to a division by the OA and RC based on the results from recent Optimist events. Seeding shall be 1-2-3-4-4-3-2-1, etc., plus random assignments for those who have not competed in a recent event.

8.1.2. A boat's assignment to a division will remain the same for the entire regatta and shall not be grounds for redress.

8.1.3. Colored streamers identifying each Division will be provided by the OA at check-in and shall be displayed from the top sprit of each Opti R/W/B boat.

9. ICE CREAM/POPSICLE RACES

For the Opti Green Fleet, there will be a special "Race for Ice Cream". The day and time will be determined by the Principal Race Officer of Race Area A. An ice cream cone flag will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat for this race to the shore-.

10. EVENT DOCUMENTS

10.1. This Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SIs), and any Amendments will be posted on the electronic Official Bulletin Board (Regatta Network): <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31589>

**10.2. It is recommended that coaches and competitors print their own NoR and SIs at home or create a digital copy for their mobile devices.**

11. VENUE

11.1. The Regatta venue will be in North Shore Park at 13001 N. Cleveland Avenue (US 41), North Ft Myers.

11.2. Races will be held on designated areas of the Caloosahatchee River in the general vicinity and south of North Shore Park as identified by Addenda in the Sailing Instructions:

12. COURSES

12.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SCORING

13.1. In compliance with USODA guidelines, the Green Fleet scores will be recorded and posted in sail number order.

- 13.2. For Opti Green, ILCA and C420s and RWB Optis sailed in single division, one race shall constitute a series. When six or more races have been completed by a boat, the boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst excludable score.
- 13.3. For Opti R/W/B, a "Set" is a group of three scored races in which each division has raced against each of the other divisions
- 13.4. For Opti R/W/B, when sailed in multiple divisions, one "Set" of races shall constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of a boat's race scores only from completed "Sets" of races.
14. OPTI R/W/B, ILCA, & C420 PENALTY SYSTEMS.
  - 14.1. RRS Appendix P, as revised below, shall apply.
    - 14.1.1. P2.2, "Second Penalty" title is changed to: "Second and Subsequent Penalties."
    - 14.1.2. The first sentence of P2.2 is changed to the following: When a boat is penalized a second time and subsequent times, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2, unless the penalty is signaled after the boat finishes, in which case the boat shall promptly notify the race committee that she is retiring.
    - 14.1.3. P2.3 is deleted.
  - 14.2. RRS Appendix V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT shall apply. See separate posting.
15. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS
  - 15.1. [DP] In support of safety for all competitors, coaches shall register online per NoR 4.8 <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31591> and be identified by clearly displaying the numbered flag provided by the OA volunteer assigned to the coach's club/organization. **There is no Coach registration on-site.**
  - 15.2. For the Opti R/W/B, Laser, and C420 Fleets, a boat not displaying a coach or RC flag shall remain anchored in the designated spectator area.
  - 15.3. Support persons and coaches are to monitor their course VHF channel and assist if requested by the Race Committee.
  - 15.4. Launching facility locations and directions/and parking information will be provided and posted on the ESC website: <https://www.edisonsailingcenter.org/river-romp/>
16. COMMUNICATION DEVICES
  - 16.1. No (competitor) boats shall carry any communication devices whatsoever. This includes VHF radio, pagers, cell phones, smart watches, and similar devices.
  - 16.2. [DP] Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radio and cell phones and monitor radio channels for communications with the RC and OA.
17. PRIZES
  - 17.1. Awards will be given to the following fleets that meet the minimum required fleet size of six boats with a possible adjustment to the number of awards based on the class size:
    - 17.1.1. Red-White-Blue Opti Fleets: gold, silver, and bronze in each fleet;
    - 17.1.2. ILCA4, ILCA 6, C420(spinnaker), C420 (non-spinnaker): Gold, silver, and bronze
  - 17.2. Green Fleet competitors will receive USODA-approved medals.
  - 17.3. A new memorial trophy – the Lana Carlin (Alexander) Memorial Trophy for top Junior Female Sailor in the ILCA fleet.
  - 17.4. The perpetual trophy for Overall Red, White & Blue Optimist will be awarded.
18. RISK STATEMENT
  - 18.1. All coaches, parents, guardians, and 'designated adults' are defined as support persons and are subject to the Racing Rules of Sailing. Support Persons are obliged under RRS 1.1 to 'give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.' Support Persons are obliged under rule 37 to monitor the Race Committee communication channel for search and rescue instructions when code flag V (white with red X) is displayed.
  - 18.2. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' Since the competitors in this event are minors, an adult (parent, guardian, or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor(s). It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor(s) should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. By allowing minor sailors to participate in this event, each support person/designated adult agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
  - 18.3. Parents and guardians not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make the decisions to compete for their sailor(s).

19. **DISCLAIMER** *The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta. AN ONLINE WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL COMPETITORS AND THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN.*

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. Everyone must provide their own food & beverages for both days of the event
- 20.2. As one of the Clean Regatta policies, all sailors, coaches & families are asked to bring reusable water bottles to reduce waste.
- 20.3. Service Dogs in "uniform" are always welcome; pets must be leashed or restrained at all times.
- 20.4. Please observe the County's Regulations: *There are no Drugs, Alcohol, Vaping, Tobacco Products, or Weapons allowed on the premises.*
- 20.5. River Romp will be a participant in US Sailing's Marine Debris Challenge activities. Prizes from JO sponsors will be presented to the event winner(s).
- 20.6. Edison Sailing Center is a US Sailing Accredited Community Sailing Center. As such, we are required to comply with all regulations from the Center for Safe Sport. ***"As per Section X of the Athlete Safety Handbook, the following Event Participants must complete Safe Sport training prior to participating in an event with minors: Coaches, Race Officials, On-site Event Organizers and event chairs, vendors, and other volunteers who are determined to have regular contact with or authority over minor competitors."***  
Confirmation of Safe Sport certification will be required as part of Coach registration. Please read the NOR Appendix in Official Documents (Regatta Network).

21. REGATTA CONTACT: Stephanie Webb (239) 770-1575; email: [edisonsailing.webb@outlook.com](mailto:edisonsailing.webb@outlook.com).

Our Organization has teamed up with a local non-profit, Lee County Sports Housing, to offer discounted hotel accommodations for this event. A team of local reservation specialists will share their knowledge of each hotel's amenities; also the best beaches, attractions, shopping, and restaurants.  
Reservation specialists are available Monday through Friday, 9AM – 5PM Eastern Time by calling 239-541-1800.

Discounted rates are only available by calling the above number or reserving DIRECTLY through the event's housing website link: The Edison Sailing Center U.S. Junior Olympic Regatta – October 17-18, 2026  
<https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=94275>

Please click the link to view accommodation choices/rates and reserve your lodging. Everyone is encouraged to reserve through this special housing link!



*Junior Olympic Program Goals:*

- Engage young people in the excitement of sailing.
- Encourage young people to enjoy racing.
- Increase participation locally, regionally and nationally through USA Junior Olympic Festivals.
- Improve skills of young sailors through training.

***River Romp supports Clean Regatta practices under  
Sailors for the Sea***