



# ***2024 AYC Notice of Weekend Races***

## **AYC NOTICE OF WEEKEND RACES – 2024 for Optimist, Sunfish, Laser, Feva and C420 Includes the five “AYC Summer Series” Regattas**

AYC sailors of all ages are invited and encouraged to participate in the seven weekend AYC intraclub regattas, including five that constitute the 2023 “AYC Summer Series.” The scheduled regatta dates and times are:

Sunday, May 26 at 1 pm	Memorial Day Regatta
Sunday, June 30 at 1 pm	Independence Day Regatta (“AYC Summer Series” #1)
Sunday, July 14 at 1 pm	Past-Commodores’ Regatta (“AYC Summer Series” #2)
Sunday, July 28 at 1 pm	Pirates’ Regatta (“AYC Summer Series” #3)
Sunday, Aug. 4 at 1 pm	AYC Foundation Pizza Regatta (“AYC Summer Series” #4)
Sunday, Aug. 11 at 1 pm	Commodore’s Regatta (“AYC Summer Series” #5)
Sunday, Sept. 1 at 1 pm	Labor Day Regatta including Mother, Fathers & Old Timers

Regatta registrations open on race days 45 minutes before scheduled start times. Skippers’ meetings begin at the scheduled times, and races follow. All boats should be rigged and ready before skippers’ meetings so we can get on the water and start sailing!

### **Eligible Classes (Club 420, Feva, Laser, Sunfish & Optimist) and Divisions:**

- **Club 420**
- **RS Feva**
- **Laser:** Full, Radial, and 4.7 classes, each with Adult & Junior (under age 16) divisions.
- **Sunfish:** Master, Alumni (under age 40), and Junior (under age 16) divisions.
- **Optimist:** Opti sailors are grouped into Gold and Silver fleets, divided by skill level (not age). Opti Gold is typically comprised of experienced sailors older than ten and younger sailors who are competitive in interclub regattas. Opti Silver is typically comprised of inexperienced and younger sailors.

Based on the number of boats registered, different classes may be started together (but be scored separately).



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**Conduct of Races:** Up to three races will be run at each regatta for each class, though one race constitutes a regatta. Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Skippers Meetings. (This modifies RRS 90.2.)

**Scoring:** Each sailor will receive points for a race equal to that sailor's finish position in his or her class (1st place is one point, 2nd place is two points, etc.). There are no course time limits, but a race may be abandoned if it is no longer a test of skill. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat to complete a course may be either finished in place or scored as Time Limit Expired (TLE), receiving points equal to the number of finishing boats plus 1. (This modifies RRS Appendix A.) Regatta results are based on the points received by each sailor in all races. No scores are thrown out. First place for the class goes to the sailor with the lowest total points, 2nd place goes to the next lowest total, etc. Depending on the class sizes, awards may be broken down by division. If a sailor attempts to compete but does not finish a race (DNF), he or she will receive points for that race equal to the number of finishing boats in his or her class, plus 1. If a sailor attempts to compete but finishes no races, he or she will be awarded honorable mention. For season series scoring, a sailor not participating in a regatta will receive points for the regatta equal to the number of participating sailors in the applicable class or division, plus 1. Regatta ties shall be broken according to RRS Appendix A8. Ties in season series scoring shall be broken as follows: the sailor who participated in the greatest number of series regattas wins the tie, and any remaining ties will be broken according to RRS Appendix A8. (This modifies RRS Appendix A.)

**Awards:** Weekly awards will be determined and announced by the Race Committee. Participation and performance in the five "AYC Summer Series" regattas are the basis for perpetual awards that will be determined and announced by the Sailing Committee.

**Organizing Authority and Contact Information:** The Avalon Yacht Club, acting through the Sailing Committee, is the Organizing Authority for the weekend regattas. Questions can be directed to Linda or Joe Loeper ([Lindaloeper@verizon.net](mailto:Lindaloeper@verizon.net) and [joeloeper@verizon.net](mailto:joeloeper@verizon.net)).

**Decisions to Participate:** Sailors are responsible for deciding whether to participate in a race or to continue racing. (RRS 3.) Parents or guardians of junior sailors should assist sailors decide if the weather conditions, water conditions, and the sailors' skill and experience are appropriate for the sailors to race.

**Personal Floatation Devices and Safety Equipment:** All sailors must wear at all times on the water a noninflatable Coast Guard approved life jacket that is the appropriate size for the sailor. (This modifies RRS 40.) All boats must have class required safety equipment.



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**Racing Rules:** The weekend regattas will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by this Notice of Race, any amendments, and the Sailing Instructions announced at skippers' meetings. The weekend regattas are opportunities for AYC members of all ages (and varying abilities) to sail, compete, and have fun. Sailors are expected to adhere to Racing Rules of Sailing as part of the friendly competition. Self-policing and self-enforcement for any fouls are expected, and the Race Committee will resolve any protests (if necessary) after considering the nature of the foul, the experience of the sailors involved, the effect on the competition, and any other pertinent factors.

**Coaching and Assistance During Races Is Prohibited (Generally):** Coaching or other assistance to sailors is not permitted while a boat is racing, except as is permitted under RRS 41. However, the PRO may request that race instructors or others assist the back of the Opti Silver Fleet without penalty. (This modifies RRS 41.)

**Special Scoring for Crewed Boats:** Opti Silver sailors who sail together in one boat for a regatta will all receive points that count towards the series standings. For sailors in any other division competing in one boat, the more senior sailor or the sailor designated as skipper (if the sailors are in the same division) will receive points for the series standings, without regard for who actually acts as skipper or crew during the regatta or in any particular race.

**Postponements:** Regattas may be postponed by the Race Committee for any reason, including weather. Races may be postponed to any time later in the originally scheduled weekend (including holiday Mondays). Regattas not sailed on the originally scheduled weekend will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

**Awards Presentation and Sailors' Gatherings:** Sailors, families, and friends are all invited to the awards presentations following the races. For regattas starting at 10:00 a.m., awards are usually presented at a Sailors' Lunch on the North Deck starting around 12:45. For regattas starting at 1:00 p.m., awards are usually presented during a Sailors' Snack in the Bar starting around 3:45. Actual start times for the Sailors' Lunch depends on the timing of the races.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are always welcome to help on land and on the water before, during, and after races.



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**Other AYC Sailing Events:** This 2024 AYC NOTICE OF WEEKEND RACES covers only the seven 2024 weekend regattas specifically for Optimist, Sunfish, Laser, Feva and Club 420. Other 2024 sailing at the Club are expected to include:

- Pre-Season Sailing
- The Avalon Cup
- Friday Evening Lasers
- The Cape-to-Cape Race
- Flying Scot Club Races
- Junior Sailing Camp
- Flying Scot Island Series
- The Leukemia Cup
- Adult Sailing Lessons
- Flying Scot moonlight sail
- MAYRA Interclub Regattas
- The Offshore Pursuit “Lump” Race
- Twilight Sail and Poker Regatta
- Post-Season Sailing
- J/24 match racing

For more information, see the 2024 AYC Sailing Schedule and announcements in the *AYC Topsider*.