

# BUCCANEER BLAST REGATTA



## NOTICE OF RACE at Upper Keys Sailing Club & Rowell's Waterfront Marina, Key Largo, FL



February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Abbreviations: OA - Organizing Authority | RC - Race Committee | RRS - Racing Rules of Sailing | NOR - Notice of Race  
| SIs - Sailing Instructions | ONB - Official Notice Board | MSYSP – Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program

## 1. RULES

- The OA and Host of the Regatta is the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program.
- The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules.
- Class rules regarding qualifying events and championships will not apply.
- Competitors must wear a properly secured personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing and equipment.
- The following US Prescriptions shall apply: RRS60.3, 61.4, 67, and 6.1.

## 2. VENUE

The regatta will be held at Upper Keys Sailing Club for C420s and Lasers, and Rowell's Waterfront Park for Optis Green Fleet and RWB. Upper Keys Sailing Club is located at 100 North Ocean Bay Drive in Key Largo. Rowell's Waterfront Park is located at 104550 Overseas Highway in Key Largo.

- Cars, motorhomes and campers may not remain on the Rowell's Waterfront Park or UKSC premises overnight as the gates are closed each day by 7pm.
- Boats, equipment and trailers may remain on the premises overnight with the understanding that gates close by 7pm.
- Both the OA and Monroe County bear no responsibility for death, injury, loss or damage suffered during the event.

## 3. ADVERTISING

- Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- The regatta is open to boats in the following classes: Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, Lasers and Club 420s by competitors 8-18 years of age or younger on February 1, 2025..
- Eligible boats must enter by completing the online registration through Regatta Network:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=28932](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=28932)
- To be accepted, each registration must have completed online waivers.
- Entries will be accepted until 6 pm January 30, 2025.

## 5. COMPETITORS' REGISTRATION FEES & REFUND POLICY

- Entry fee until January 17th is \$175 for Opti classes; \$225 per C420 boat.
- Late entry fee as of January 18th is \$200 for Opti classes; \$250 per C420 boat.
- Registration for this event will close at 6 pm Thursday, January 30, 2025.

- d. To receive a full refund less a \$15 processing fee, all refund requests must be submitted via email to [MSYSPdirector@gmail.com](mailto:MSYSPdirector@gmail.com) prior to midnight January 20, 2025. No refunds will be issued after this date.

## 6. SPECTATOR, SUPPORT & COACH VESSELS

- a. All coach and support (parent & spectator) vessels must register online to ensure the OA has adequate contact information: [Coach & Support Boat Registration Form](#)  
Each coach and support vessel must check-in at the Regatta Desk to receive a coach or support vessel ID flag (\$50 cash refundable deposit required).
- b. Overnight rafting-up of coach and spectator boat may be available, weather permitting, at the Upper Keys Sailing Club and the Caribbean Club.
- c. Boats may be launched and retrieved at the Upper Keys Sailing Club and the Caribbean Club in Key Largo or at Rowell's Waterfront Park in Key Largo throughout the weekend.
- d. Coach and support boats shall carry VHF radios and cell phones for communications with the RC and OA and shall monitor their course VHF channel as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- e. All spectator vessels shall remain 100 yards from the racecourse and any racing sailors.

## 7. EVENT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, January 31, 2025

- a. 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Trailer drop-off and boat unloading, Upper Keys Sailing Club & Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- b. 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Competitors, coach and support vessel check-in at Upper Keys Sailing Club
- c. 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Welcome reception at the Upper Keys Sailing Club.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

- a. 7:30 am – 9:00 am Competitors' check-in, coach and support vessel registration/check-in at Upper Keys Sailing Club & Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- b. 9:30 am Coaches' Meeting, beach area facing basin for Optimis at Rowell's Waterfront Park and for C420s at the flagpole at UKSC.
- c. 9:45 am: Skippers' Meeting, beach area facing basin for Optimis at Rowell's Waterfront Park and for C420s the flagpole at UKSC.
- d. 10:30 am: First scheduled warning C420s at Upper Keys Sailing Club.
- e. 10:30 am: First scheduled warning Optimist RWB Fleet at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- f. 10:45 am: First scheduled warning Optimist Green Fleet at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- g. 3:30 am: No warning after this time.
- h. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Dinner at Upper Keys Sailing Club.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

- 9:30 am: First scheduled warning C420s at Upper Keys Sailing Club.
- 9:30 am: First scheduled warning Optimist RWB at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- 10:00 am: First scheduled warning Optimist Green Fleet at Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- 2:00 pm: No warning after this time.
- 3:00 pm: Awards Ceremony at Upper Keys Sailing Club & Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- d. Regatta Desk closes one hour after the protest time limit.
- e. All ID flags must be returned before closing of the Regatta Desk

## 8. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (ONB) AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The ONB is on the Regatta Network website:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_notice\\_board.php?regatta\\_id=28932](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=28932)

- b. The Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am on the ONB.
- c. Addendum identifying division splits will be published no later than 9:00 am on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and 8:00 pm on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

## 9. BERTHING

- a. All boats will be launched, hauled and stored at Upper Keys Sailing Club or Rowell's Waterfront Park.
- b. Each boat shall have a marked dolly with name and fleet.
- c. ***[DP][NP]All skippers and crews must properly dispose of trash while ashore at Rowell's Waterfront Park and the Upper Keys Sailing Club. Trash bags will be made available to all participants at the Regatta Desk. Trash left on the ground will not be tolerated.***

## 10. COURSES

- a. All Optimist races will be sailed at Rowell's Waterfront Park, in Blackwater Sound.
- b. All C420s will be sailed at Upper Keys Sailing Club, in Buttonwood Sound.

## 11. SCORING

- a. The low point system as described in RRS Appendix A4 shall apply.
- b. When five or more races have been scored, a boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1
- c. When less than five races have been scored, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- d. One race shall constitute a series, the total number of races shall be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.

## 12. PRIZES

- a. Optimist Green Fleet: First through Fifth place and Participation Medals.
- b. Optimist RWB Fleet: First through third place within each group and top finish overall.
- c. Club 420s: First through third place.
- d. Additional awards may be provided at the discretion of the OA.

## 13. SAFETY

- a. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) must be responsible for the safety of the sailor both on water and ashore.
- b. All coach, support and RC vessels shall be equipped with functioning engine safety cut-off switch, which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race and RRS 4 Acceptance of the Rules. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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