

Ephraim Yacht Club

2025 NOTICES OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS For Club Series Races, Fyr Bal Regatta, Family Regatta, Geezer-gatta and Women's Regatta

1. APPLICABILITY; RULES

These Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions apply to all 2025 Ephraim Yacht Club racing series, and to all EYC 2025 regattas except the Ephraim Regatta, the 420 / Rich Hall Junior Regatta, the Laser Regatta and the Optimist Regatta. The series and regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and by these Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBLE COMPETITORS

2.1 EYC Members. Any boat skippered by an EYC member is eligible to compete in series races and regattas.

2.2 Non-EYC Members. Any boat skippered by a non-EYC member is eligible to compete in any regatta.

2.3 EYC Employees. EYC employees are allowed to race together in one boat as skipper and crew.

2.4 Women's Regatta. The Women's Regatta is limited to female Skippers. Crew may be made up of a combination of male and female, just male, or just female.

2.5 Women's Regatta. The Women's Regatta will be sailed in Flying Scots on Saturday, August 4th, 2025 as part of the Saturday Flying Scot Series Races.

2.6 Family Regatta. The following boats sailing in the July 5th Flying Scot Saturday series races will be eligible for Family Regatta trophies: any boat carrying a husband and wife, or a parent and child, or a grandparent and grandchild, or siblings or cousins. (Any blood relation what so ever)

2.7 Geezer-Gatta. Boats sailing in the July 4th 420 Friday series race that is skippered by a former Ephraim Yacht Club instructor will be eligible for Geezer-gatta trophies.

2.8 Women's Regatta. The Women's Regatta will be sailed in Flying Scots on Monday, August 4th 2025 as part of the Saturday Flying Scot Series Races.

2.9 Optimist Blue Fleet Series. The Optimist Blue Fleet series is limited to competitors who have not yet reached their 12th birthday as of July 1, 2025.

2.10 Optimist Red Fleet Series. The Optimist Red Fleet series is limited to competitors who have reached their 12th birthday but have not yet reached their 16th birthday as of July 1, 2025.

2.11 Flying Scot Junior Series. The Flying Scot Junior series is limited to competitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of July 1, 2025.

2.12 Laser Masters Series. The Laser Masters Series is limited to competitors who have reached their 30th birthday as of July 1, 2025.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the EYC.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes prior to the warning signal for the race in which the change takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 p.m. on the day before they take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the EYC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

Weather and safety permitting (in the sole discretion of the Race Committee), if at least two boats wish to race, races will be held as scheduled. Any races held in a day after the maximum number of races scheduled for that day have been held will not be scored but will be considered practice races.

6.1 Flying Scots

6.1.1 Flying Scot Saturday Series / Flying Scot Junior Series / Fyr Bal Regatta / Family Regatta / Women's Regatta. Races will be held each Saturday beginning June 7th through August 9th. The boat draw for EYC- owned boats will be at 9:00 a.m., the optional skippers meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. and the first warning signal will be at 10:00 a.m. Flying Scot Saturday Series and Junior Series will start together and will be scored as a single fleet, but Juniors will also be scored as part of the Flying Scot Junior series. The Fyr Bal Regatta (June 21st), Family Regatta (July 5th), and the Women's Regatta (August 4th) each will be raced as part of the Flying Scot Saturday series, but each also will be scored separately as a regatta. Up to three races will be held each day.

6.1.2 Flying Scot Monday Series. Races will be held each Monday, beginning June 9 through August 4. The boat draw for EYC-owned boats will be at 5:00 p.m., the optional skippers meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., and the first warning signal will be at 6:00 p.m. Flying Scots and Optis may race on the same course with separate starts.

6.2 420s / Lasers

6.2.1 420 & Laser Series Race Times on Monday (Laser) Thursday (420) and Friday (Both Classes). The boat draw for EYC-owned boats will be at 5:00 p.m., the optional skippers meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., and the first warning signal will be at 6:00 p.m. 420s and Lasers will race on the same course with separate starts. The weekday races will be held on the same starting line with different starting sequences, but may have different windward mark. The Friday 420 & Laser series will begin on June 6th and will end August 8th. No races will be held on August 1st. The Monday Laser Series will begin on June 9th and end on August 4th. The Thursday night 420 Series will begin on June 12th and will end on August 7th. All series are scored as separate series. Up to 4 races will be held each day.

6.2.2 Laser / Laser Masters Friday Series. Laser Masters races will be held on alternating Fridays beginning June 6th through August 9th (June 6th, 20th, July 4th, 18th, and August 8th). Lasers and Laser Masters will start together and will be scored as a single fleet, but master's will also be scored as part of the Laser Masters series. Up to four races will be held each day.

6.3 Optimists

6.3.1 Optimist Race Times on Tuesday and Thursday. The boat draw for EYC-owned boats will be at 5:00 p.m., the optional skippers meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., and the first warning signal will be at 6:00 p.m. On Thursdays 420's and Optis may race on the same course with separate starts. On Mondays Flying Scots and Lasers may race on the same course with separate starts.

6.3.2 Optimist Blue and Red Fleet Series Dates. Races will be held for both the Blue Fleet and the Red Fleet each Tuesday, and Thursday beginning June 10th through August 7th. The Blue Fleet and the Red Fleet will start together on the same racecourse but be scored separately.

6.3.3 Optimist Red Fleet Identification Opti Red Fleet Sailors must affix a colored streamer to the sail, as provided by the PRO on the day of the race.

6.3.4 Number of Races. Up to four races will be held on each Optimist race date for each of the Blue and Red fleets.

6.4 RS Tera's

6.4.1 RS Tera Race Times on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The boat draw for EYC-owned boats will be at 5:00 p.m., the optional skippers meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., and the first warning signal will be at 6:00 p.m. On Thursdays, 420's and RS Teras may race on the same course with separate starts. On Fridays, 420's, Lasers, and RS Tera's may race on the same course with separate starts.

6.4.2 RS Tera Series Race Dates. The RS Series consists of races on Tuesdays and Fridays. Races will be held each Tuesday beginning June 10th through August 5th. Races will be held each Friday, beginning June 6th through August 8th.

6.4.3 Up to four races will be held on each RS Tera race date.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Eagle Harbor, Ephraim, Wisconsin, in the vicinity of the EYC.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

8.1 Exhibit A shows the courses, course designations, the marks in order, and the rounding direction of each mark. Courses will be designated either on a whiteboard on the Race Committee boat, or verbally by the Race Committee. Competitors should sail past the committee boat prior to each race to ask about the course. All marks will be pink, orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

8.2 For multi fleet races, except when starting or finishing, the Start/Finish line will be closed, and no boat should sail between the marks and the signal boat. A boat crossing the closed line may be exonerated by completing a two-turn penalty. Additionally, the finish line may be a mark on the starboard side of the signal boat.

9. STARTING SEQUENCE

9.1 Flying Scots. The starting signals and timing set forth in Rule 26 shall be used, except that the preparatory signal shall always be a P flag and shall never be an I, Z, U or black flag. For the convenience of competitors, that sequence is as follows:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before start
[Alert prior to Warning; not mandatory]	No flag; At least five short sounds	[no specific time]
Warning	Class flag; one sound	5
Preparatory	P; one sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; one long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; one sound	0

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

9.2 420s, Lasers, RS Teras, and Optimists. The three-minute sound-signals-only starting sequence shall be used:

Sound Signal	Time
At least five short	[no specific time; competitors are alerted to upcoming three minute signal]
Three long	3 minutes

Two Long	2 minutes
One long and three short	1 ½ minutes
One long	1 minute
Three short	30 seconds
Two short	20 seconds
1 short	10 seconds
1 short	5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 seconds
One long	Start

10. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; SIGNALS

The starting and finishing lines will be between a staff on a Race Committee boat flying an orange flag or an "RC" flag, and a pink, orange or yellow inflatable buoy, or a pin mark with an orange flag. Individual recalls will be signaled by hail from the Race Committee, and no code flag "X" is required to be flown for individual recalls.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 45 minutes (Flying Scots) or 30 minutes (420s, Lasers, RS Teras and Optimists) for the first boat to sail the course in accordance with Rule 28.1

12. PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee not later than one hour after the Race Committee boat has returned to the EYC pier after the last race that day. The Race Committee or other EYC staff, in consultation (when possible) with the Race and Regattas Committee Chairman, shall serve as judge(s) and hearings will be held as soon as possible at the EYC.

13. SCORING

13.1 Flying Scots.

13.1.1 Scoring shall be by skipper, or by team of up to three sailors, if the team members and applicable series are identified to the PRO before they race in 2025. The skipper and crew on the boat must be comprised of the team members to be scored as the team. Additionally, a privately owned boat may be scored by sail number, at the owner's request, if they identify their sail number and applicable series to the PRO before they race in 2025.

13.1.2 Flying Scot Junior Champion. The Flying Scot Junior Champion trophy shall be awarded to the eligible Flying Scot skipper with the lowest aggregate points from his or her cumulative race results excluding throw-outs, in the Saturday Flying Scot series, including for purposes of calculating his or her scores all boats racing but not eligible for the Flying Scot Junior Champion trophy.

13.1.3 Fyr Bal Regatta, Family Regatta, Geezer-gatta, Women's Regatta.

In awarding places in the Family Regatta, the Geezer-gatta and the Women's Regatta, a boat will be awarded its total points for the day, including for purposes of calculating regatta scores all boats racing but not eligible for the specified regatta trophies.

13.2 Optimists, Lasers, RS Teras and 420s.

13.2.1 Scoring shall be by skipper. Lasers and Laser Radials shall be scored separately as two fleets. Opti red and Opti blue will be scored as two separate fleets.

13.2.2 Laser Masters Series. The Laser Masters trophy shall be awarded to the eligible Laser skipper with the lowest aggregate points from his or her cumulative race results excluding throw outs, in the Friday Laser Masters series, including for purposes of calculating his or her scores all boats racing but not eligible for the Laser Masters trophy.

13.3 Scoring Method. The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that one throw out for each four completed races in the series, except as otherwise stated in this Notice of Race. This changes rule A2. Please note Rule A9, which states that, in a series longer than a regatta, a boat which came to the starting area but which scored DNS, DNF, DSQ or retired shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that came to the starting area; but a boat which did not come to the starting area will be scored “DNC” and shall be scored one point more than the number of boats entered in the series.

13.4 Race Committee. EYC staff may designate one club race series to be their preferred race. For races in their preferred series for which they are assigned to serve as Race Committee or dock person, their score shall be corrected at the conclusion of the season to be the average of their series total, excluding throw-outs.

13.5 Scoring Eligibility. In order for a race to be scored, 3 boats must cross the starting line. If at any point in the day of racing only 2 boats cross the starting line, the race will not count towards the series and is considered a practice race.

14. EQUIPMENT

14.1 Inspections. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

14.2 Flying Scots. Competitors are reminded that Flying Scot class rules require carrying an anchor and line, paddle, and bucket or bailer. Competitors are also reminded of the Flying Scot class rule which requires the sail number to match the hull number, except for sail numbers starting with the prefix “EYC” or as pre-approved by the PRO.

14.3 Lasers and Laser Radials. The EYC permits the use of unlicensed parts and unlicensed sails in Laser and Laser Radial racing. Parts and sails must generally conform to the dimensions and specifications of similar licensed items. This modifies any class rule to the contrary.

14.4 Optimists. The EYC permits the use of Optimist hulls and rigs which were built prior to 1995 and which do not conform to IODA 1995 class rules. This modifies any class rule to the contrary.

14.5 420s. Racing is limited to the School and College Version of the Club 420 class. 420s shall not be equipped with trapezes and spinnakers.

14.6 RS Teras. Racing is limited to the RS Tera Sport. RS Teras should not be equipped with the RS rowing kit.

15. USE OF EYC-OWNED BOATS IN EYC RACES AND FYR BAL, FAMILY, GEEZER-GATTA AND WOMEN'S REGATTAS

15.1 Daily Boat Draw Rules

15.1.1 General. Daily boat draws will be held promptly when scheduled and skippers must be personally present to participate. Upon completion of the boat draw, the selected boat must be identified within 30 seconds, or assignment will be made by the PRO.

15.1.2 Optimists, RS Teras, and 420s

15.1.2.1 No Skipper's License Required. To encourage junior participation in racing, no Skipper's License is required to skipper an EYC-owned Optimist, RS Tera, or 420 in any race, but members and parents are asked to use good judgment, considering age, weight, strength, maturity, skill level, and weather conditions (including air and water temperature and expected wind velocity), in deciding whether to race or to allow their children to race.

15.1.2.2 No Priority. No priority will be given to any person in conducting any Optimist, RS Tera, or 420 boat draw.

15.1.3 Flying Scots

15.1.3.1 Skipper's License Required. EYC members must have an EYC skipper's license to be eligible to participate in a draw to skipper an EYC-owned Flying Scot in any series race or regatta.

15.1.3.2 No Priority. No priority will be given to any person in conducting any Flying Scot boat draw, except that women competing in the Women's Regatta will participate in a boat draw prior to the remaining Thursday Flying Scot skippers on August 4, 2025.

15.1.4 Lasers

15.1.4.1 No Skipper's License Required. To encourage junior participation in racing, no Skipper's License is required to skipper an EYC-owned Laser in any race, but skippers must have past a rigging test to prove they have the knowledge and ability to rig and launch a Laser on their own. Members and parents are asked to use good judgment, considering age, weight, strength, maturity, skill level, and weather conditions (including air and water temperature and expected wind velocity), in deciding whether to race or to allow their children to race.

15.1.4.2 No Priority. No priority will be given to any person in conducting any Laser boat draw.

15.2 Redress. Redress is not available to a skipper who experiences a breakdown or equipment failure in an EYC-owned boat, or who draws a boat and for any reason is unable to compete in that boat. Decisions of the EYC staff and race committees with respect to boat draw matters are final and are not eligible for redress.

15.3 Responsibilities of Drawing Winners

15.3.1 Persons drawing an EYC-owned boat are expected to skipper that boat in all races in the event drawn for, unless that person believes it is unsafe for that person to

sail due to boat condition, weather, or other factors. Repeat violators of this rule may be ruled by the Race and Regattas Committee to be ineligible for future drawings.

15.3.2 In the event the person winning a drawing does not compete as skipper, a drawn boat is not assignable by the original winner to another skipper but will either be (a) assigned to a skipper who drew as an alternate, in the order drawn, or (b) placed back in the drawing pool.

15.3.3 The skipper of an EYC boat is expected to use due care. The skipper is responsible for the cost of any repairs of any damage caused by the skipper to the boat or sails or caused by a third party to the boat or sails or caused by the skipper to another boat.

16. SAFETY

16.1 Decision to Race. Competitors are reminded that they alone are responsible to decide whether to race or to continue to race. Parents of competitors who are minors are responsible for deciding whether their children should race or continue to race.

16.2 Personal Floatation Devices

16.2.1 Competitors are required to always wear PFDs when on club-owned boats.

16.2.2 All competitors in all 420, Optimist, RS Teras, and Laser races are required to wear PFDs, regardless of whether the boat is privately-owned or club owned.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Trophies will be awarded as follows:

17.1.1 420 Thursday Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.2 420 Friday Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.3 Flying Scot, Monday Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.4 Flying Scot Saturday Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.5 Flying Scot Saturday Series Junior Champion: 1st skipper.

17.1.6 Laser Monday Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.7 Laser Friday Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.8 Laser Masters: 1st, skipper.

17.1.9 RS Tera Tuesday Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.10 RS Tera Friday Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.11 Optimist Blue Fleet Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.12 Optimist Red Fleet Series: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

- 17.1.13** Fyr Bal Regatta: 1st – 3rd, skipper.
- 17.1.14** Geezergatta: 1st – 3rd, skipper.
- 17.1.15** Family Regatta: 1st – 3rd, skipper and Crew.

17.1.16 Family Regatta: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.1.17 Women's Regatta: 1st – 3rd, skipper.

17.2 The Club Series trophies will be awarded at the Annual Commodore's Reception.

17.3 All Regatta trophies will be awarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.

17.4 The winner of each club race will be awarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing as follows:

17.4.1 420, Friday: 1st place skipper.

17.4.2 420, Sunday: 1st place skipper.

17.4.3 Flying Scot, Thursday: 1st place skipper.

17.4.4 Flying Scot Saturday: 1st place skipper, overall.

17.4.5 Laser, Friday: 1st place skipper, overall.

17.4.6 Laser, Tuesday: 1st place skipper.

17.4.7 RS Tera, Tuesday: 1st place skipper.

17.4.8 Optimist Blue Fleet: 1st place skipper.

17.4.9 Optimist Red Fleet: 1st place skipper.

EXHIBIT A

