

Mid Season Update: 2026 FD Regatta Season Roadmap

The 2026 sailing season has shaped up to be a good one, from the high-altitude breezes of California to the historic waters of the Finger Lakes.

Here is an update on the 2026 season so far.

Whiskeytown Lake Regatta

Dates: May 23–24, 2026 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Location: Whiskeytown Lake, California

Whiskeytown Lake Regatta

The 61st Annual Memorial Weekend Regatta ran as planned, drawing the usual mix of West Coast FD regulars alongside the club's broader multi-class fleet (Whiskeytown draws 40+ boats across various classes).

As in past years, the best comes from the Whiskeytown Sailing Club's Facebook page rather than a formal write-up. It's worth checking there for photos and specific FD results.

Peter Carr is really trying to make this regatta a standard for us and his Facebook post covering it was great. There were two FD this year, still hope for more next year.

<https://www.whiskeytownsailing.org/copy-of-2025-regatta>

2026 FD World Championship

This one had some drama, and not the kind anyone wanted. 74 teams from 10 nations showed up on the historic sailing site. The stubborn heat wave and dead-calm conditions meant only 4 races got completed (three of them crammed into a single day), one scheduled start was scrubbed entirely for lack of wind.

Despite the compromised series:

- 🏆 Szabolcs Majthenyi / András Domokos (Hungary)

15th world title, out-sailing everyone in the light stuff

- 🏆 Kay-Uwe Lüdtke / Kai Schäfers (Germany)

A strong result just three months after Schäfers' capsize injury in Spain

- 🏆 Nicola & Francesco Vespasiani (Italy)

Defending champs König/Brack had a tougher week, finishing 12th

Given the conditions, it's a credit to the fleet that a championship was decided cleanly.

<https://www.sailfdco.com/fd-worlds-2026-final-day-prize-giving-and-overall-results/>

Coming Up and Mark Your Calendars:

Canandaigua is next up in less than two weeks and it's a good time to confirm crew and registration if you're headed to the Finger Lakes.

Canandaigua Yacht Club Invitational Dinghy Regatta

Location: Canandaigua Lake, New York, July 24 - 26

Canandaigua Dinghy Regatta

- **For the FD sailors:** Five or more boats at this event can set up a designated start.

Information for Canandaigua can be found here:

https://www.sailcyc.com/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=150866&item_id=2758527&event_date_id=414150

Flying Dutchman Regatta @ Baseline Lake

Dates: August 15–16, 2026

Location: Michigan Sailing Club (Baseline Lake), Michigan

The **Michigan Sailing Club** is the place to be in mid-August.

- **The Scene:** Known for its cooperative, volunteer-run spirit, the Michigan Sailing Club events are fantastic for meeting local sailors and enjoying post-race barbecues at the clubhouse.

Information for the FD Regatta at Michigan Sailing Club will be posted here:

<https://michigansailingclub.org/flying-dutchman-regatta>

The Pig Regatta

Dates: September 12–13, 2026

Location: Brookville Lake, Indiana (Brookville Lake Sailing Association)

Our last regatta and the closing out for the season is the legendary **Pig Regatta**. Hosted by the **Brookville Lake Sailing Association (BLSA)**, this event has earned a cult following for its unique blend of fun racing and the serious food on shore.

- **The Main Event:** While the racing on the water is competitive, the shore-side festivities—specifically the namesake roast—are the highlight of the weekend.
- **Classes:** This low key event usually attracts a diverse fleet including keel boats, and various dinghies.

Information for the Pig Regatta at Brookville Lake Sailing Club is posted here:

<https://www.blsa.us/>

Fair winds and following seas—we'll see you on the start line!