



Duxbury Yacht Club Junior Mid-Summer Regatta 2015 Notice of Race

Schedule: Wednesday, July 29th (High Tide 10:14 am):
 8:00-9:00 am Registration and Launch
 9:15 am Skipper's Meeting
 9:30 am Harbor Start (Races will run until approx. 1:00 pm)

 Thursday, July 30th (High Tide 11:04 am):
 8:00-9:00 am Check in with Registration
 9:30 am Harbor Start (no race will start after 1:00 pm)
 Barbeque and Awards approximately 4:00 pm-5:00 pm after racing and scoring

Location: Duxbury Yacht Club, 23 Mattakeesett Court, Duxbury, MA 02332

Authority: The Duxbury Yacht Club Mid-Summer Junior Regatta is organized under the authority of the Duxbury Yacht Club Junior Sailing Committee and will be governed under the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016," U.S Sailing, U.S.O.D.A. Class Rules, Club 420 Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions, and any other applicable rules.

Entries: Club 420's and International Optimist Dinghy

Club 420s will race as a single fleet

The Optimist Championship Fleet will be divided into three divisions according to the ages of the competitors on July 29th, 2015 as follows:

White Fleet: 10 years old or younger.

Blue Fleet: 11 or 12 years old.

Red Fleet: 13 years old or older and will not have reached their 16th birthday in the current calendar year.

The Optimist Green Fleet is intended for novice racers and participation will be awarded

Registration: Go to www.regattanetwork.com to register and pay online with major credit card – payment must be made at time of registration - Please remember to indicate your Fleet if sailing in an OPTI and be prepared to enter your correct sail number at time of registration. \$85 per person (\$85 per Opti, \$170 per 420 team) for two day event. Includes lunch, t-shirt and barbeque for sailors and families after racing on Thursday, July 30th. A late fee of \$15 per sailor will be charged if registered after July 17th. Registration closes at 6 pm on Tuesday, July 28th.

Snacks will be served both days during registration and check in, and there will be a post- race, pre-awards barbeque on Thursday July 30th after racing. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any food allergies!

Boats may be dropped off Tuesday July 28 from 4pm-7pm.

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Duxbury Yacht Club

Junior Mid-Summer Regatta - Race Instructions

Wednesday, July 29th – Thursday, July 30th, 2015

1. Rules and Safety

- a. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing – “RRS” the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of each class, except as changed by these sailing instructions.
- b. In the event of serious breach of good conduct by a skipper or crew member, the Race Committee may, after a hearing, disqualify from the regatta the yacht with which the offender is associated. A serious act of misconduct includes the failure to comply with a reasonable official request.
- c. Lifejackets – Each competitor shall wear and keep fully secured a US Coast Guard – approved PFD at all times while afloat. Whistles permanently attached to the PFD are required. Sturdy boating shoes must be worn at all times.
- d. Inspection. Each boat will be subject to a safety inspection. In addition to any other safety equipment required by class rules, each boat is required to have appropriate buoyancy devices, and correct numbers located on the sails. Each OPTIMIST shall have a mast preventer to keep the mast from unstepping in the event of a capsize, an 8 meter (26 feet) tow line securely attached to a fixed point on the bow with the bowline loop tied in the end, a bailer tied to the boat, a properly secured dagger board, and a boom bridle span not exceeding 10 cm (4 inches).

2. Entries

- a. Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Duxbury Yacht Club, www.regattanetworks.com.
- b. Competitors must participate in both race days to remain eligible for prizes. Only those competitors who have raced on the first day will be allowed to compete on the second day. Exceptions to this rule must be cleared through the Race Chairman.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board at the DYC.
Notices concerning protests will be posted on the protest notice board at the DYC.

4. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be approved by the Event Chair or Chairman of the Race Committee and posted prior to the harbor start on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 4:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Harbor start will be signaled by the code flag “G” and one sound signal.

6. Schedule of Races

- a. Wednesday, July 29th Harbor Start 9:30 am
- b. Thursday, July 30th Harbor Start 9:30 am – no race will start after 1:00 pm
- c. Prior to the starting sequence of the first race of each day, each competitor must sail close by the Race Committee boat on the starboard tack, hail his or her sail number, and be acknowledged by the Race Committee boat. Yachts not complying may not be scored.

7. Racing Area

Duxbury Bay; specific locations will be described at skipper’s meeting

8. Courses

The courses are described on the laminated course card enclosed in your packet.

9. Marks

- a. Marks for the 420’s will be Yellow inflatables.
- b. Marks for the Opti blue, red, and white will be Orange pyramid shaped inflatables.
- c. Marks for the Opti Green line will be small Red or Orange balls.

10. Starting

- a. The starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a flag and a buoy off the port side of the committee boat.
- b. All races will start with audible signals by horn. The format will be a three minute dinghy start.

11. Recalls

- a. Individual recalls will be hailed by sail number from the committee boat.
- b. After the first general recall, the round the ends rule will be in effect. This means that within one minute of the start, boats that are over the line must sail around one of the ends of the line prior to starting.

12. Finishing

The finish will be between the staff on the Race Committee boat and a nearby mark off the port side of the Committee boat.

13. Time Limits

- a. The first place boat must finish the race in one hour and 30 minutes.
- b. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored a DNF

14. Protests

- a. Upon finishing a race, a yacht shall attempt to notify the Race Committee boat of her intent to protest and the number of the protested yacht. In doing so the protestor must keep clear of all finishing yachts.
- b. The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

15. Penalties (720 Rule)

Subject to the provisions of the applicable of the RRS rules, a boat may exonerate herself by making two 360 degree turns, including two tacks and two jibes.

16. Scoring

The Low-point scoring system will be used. One race shall constitute a series. Each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for the entire series. There are no throw-outs – all races will be scored.