

NOTICE OF RACE

**2015 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival—Michigan Championship
Hosted by Macatawa Bay Junior Association (MBJA)
Held at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC)—Holland, MI
October 10-11 2015**



RULES

The regatta will be governed by 'rules' as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the Club 420, High School 420, Laser, Laser Radial, and Optimist classes, (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS

Per US SAILING Regulation 5.03, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.), the possession of which is unlawful. This regulation is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure.

On report of a violation of this regulation, a hearing will be held generally in accord with the recommendations of Appendix L of the RRS. Penalties for a violation of the regulation may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. Additionally, further action under rule 69 may be recommended by the hearing officers.

The officers for hearing a violation of US SAILING Regulation 5.03 will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the jury, and the Event Chairman.

ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES

The class rules will be used except that RRS 60.1 (a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership or imposing a weight limit.

ADVERTISING

Advertising is in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (Appendix 1) and the relevant class rules.

CLASSES

Optimist Green; Optimist Red, White, Blue; 420; 420 high school division (no spinnaker or trapeze); Laser; Laser Radial We will need at least 5 boats registered in each class in order to hold races for that class.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Applicants for all classes must not turn 20 years old* in the year of the event. Optimist class age rules apply.

US SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in US SAILING is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for double-handed classes). Competitors may sign up at registration. If you are already a member, bring your membership card to registration - *it will be checked*. Sailors can join online at www.ussailing.org. Family members should request individual membership cards for each child by calling the US SAILING membership office: 1-800-US SAIL-1.

APPLICATION and FEES

The entry fee for all classes is **\$75** per competitor, and includes all races and lunches Saturday and Sunday and awards. Entry deadline is: **October 7th. Note: Late fee of \$20 per sailor will be charged to those who register after October 7th.** The entry fee is nonrefundable. Please register online at www.regattanetwork.com or go to link at www.mbj.com or mbyc.com

BORROWED/CHARTERED BOATS

Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. There are a limited number of Opti's and 420's available for charter from the MBJA. These will be chartered on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Lexi Petter (lexipetter@gmail.com) if you are in need of a charter boat.

2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Laser, 420, Opti RWB) Green Fleet will have more flexible schedule for sailing

Friday, October 9:

6:00-8:30 pm Registration

Saturday, October 10:

7:30-9:00 am Registration
7:30-9:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Skippers' Meeting
10:00 am Harbor Start
11:00 am First Gun
 Lunch on water

Sunday, October 11:

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast
9:30 am Harbor Start
10:30 am First Gun
No race started after 1:30 pm
Lunch on land to follow racing
Awards will follow lunch

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the web at: www.mbjja.org.

MEASUREMENT

Each competitor will be responsible for his/her boat being in compliance with the class rules.

SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System—Appendix A of the racing rules—will apply for all classes. There are no maximum races scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. If six (6) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

PRIZES

USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions. All Green Fleet competitors will receive participation awards.

SAFETY

A Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn and fully secured at all times while afloat. Whistles attached to the PFDs are required. This amends rule 40.

COACHES

Coaches may be asked to register at the event. Coaches who are able to bring proof of US SAILING certification will be given appropriate access and recognition. Green fleet coaching is allowed in the back half of the fleet

FURTHER INFORMATION

Sponsor: **Macatawa Bay Junior Association** (MBJA), Box 189, Macatawa MI 49434. Phone 616-796-6974. Check the web site www.mbjja.org for further information.

Host Club: **Macatawa Bay Yacht Club** (MBYC), 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa MI 49434. Check the web site www.mbyc.com.