

NOTICE OF RACE

2016 FALMOUTH 29er REGATTA August 3 - 4, 2016



Falmouth Yacht Club Cape Cod, MA

1 - ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND VENUE

1.1 The organizing authority (OA) is the Falmouth Yacht Club. The event website is:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12871>

2 – RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

2.3 No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the Falmouth Yacht Club. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.

2.4 Appendix T1 shall apply.

3 - VENUE

3.1 The racing area will be the Falmouth outer harbor and the waters of Vineyard Sound.

3.2 Boats competing in the regatta will be stored overnight on beaches and parking lots near Falmouth Yacht Club. Boats will be assigned specific storage areas.

4 – ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The regatta is open only to boats meeting the requirements of the 29er class.

4.2 Competitors must be current members of the 29er Association.

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5 – REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

5.2 Registration for this regatta may only be completed on-line at:

5.3 The entry fee is \$50 per boat for registrations that are paid before 1700 on July 31, 2016. The entry fee is \$75 per boat for registrations that are paid after 1700 on July 31.

5.4 The entry fee includes a pizza part after racing on day 1, and the the awards cookout on day 2.

5.5 All competitors under the age of 18 must submit a Release of Liability form signed by a parent or guardian prior to participation in the Regatta. These forms are available from the event website and may be faxed to Falmouth Yacht Club at (508) 540-0889.

5.7 No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received. No refund of registration fees will be possible after 1700 on Sunday, July 31, 2016.

5.8 A representative from each boat shall check-in upon arrival in Falmouth and each day before racing begins.

6 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Pre-Regatta Check-In, and may be available before the regatta on the event website.

6.2 The courses for the regatta will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

7 - SAIL NUMBERS AND PROTESTS

7.1 All boats must have a unique sail number that must match the sail number on their entry form. Boats having duplicate sail numbers or sail numbers that do not match the sail number on the entry form will be informed and will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A5 and G4. Boats may amend the sail number on their entry form in writing to the organizing authority at least one hour before the harbor start, but will not be re-scored in any race that has already been completed.

7.2 A competitor who wishes to file a protest must inform the start boat or the finish boat of their protest immediately after finishing and no later than the start of the next race.

8 – FORMAT OF THE REGATTA AND SCORING:

8.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply as modified below.

8.2 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

8.3 There will be a maximum of 10 races sailed.

8.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her individual race scores, excluding her worst score.

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9 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors may arrive at Falmouth Yacht Club starting at 1700 hours on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Competitors who wish to arrive before then must first contact Regatta Chairman Rick Schulz - sailorboy210@comcast.net - 508-495-4892

Tuesday 8/2/2016 1700 – 1800 Arrival

Wednesday 8/3/2016 – Race Day #1

0900 – 1030 Arrival and Daily Check-In

1100 – Harbor start 1200 – Warning signal – Race #1

1600 – Target time to return from race area, followed immediately by pizza dinner

Thursday 8/4/2016 – Race Day #2

1000 – Daily Check-In

1030 – Harbor start

1130 – Warning signal – Race #1

1500 – Target time to return from race area, followed immediately cookout and awards ceremony

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10 - ARRIVAL AND LAUNCHING

Offsite trailer storage at a nearby location will be available at no cost.

11 – SAFETY

Competitors who are US citizens or US residents must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Competitors who are citizens or residents of another country shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

12 – RISK, RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

12.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk. Each competitor must complete and submit a "Liability, Assumption of the Risk and Photographic Waiver" before they may leave shore and participate in the regatta. The form must be signed by the competitor and also by their parent/legal guardian/Designated Adult if the competitor is a minor. The form is available on the event website.

12.2 If a minor competitor is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during all activities of the regatta, then the parent or legal guardian shall name in writing a "Designated Adult" person 18 years of age or older, who shall be present at all times in their absence and who will supervise the minor competitor at all times to assure his/her safety. The Designated Adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the minor competitor during any activity related to the regatta. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the event.

12.3 It is the parent's, legal guardian's or Designated Adult's decision for any minor competitor to enter the regatta, to leave shore for the day's racing, to start or finish any race in the sea and weather conditions that arise, or to return to shore without parental escort. The parent, legal guardian or Designated Adult of each minor competitor is responsible for the safety of their minor competitor and accepts full responsibility for the risks involved in participating in the regatta or in any activities related to the event before, during, and after the regatta, including both on-shore and on-the-water activities.

12.4 A competitor age 18 or older retains all of the responsibilities for himself or herself (See RRS 4, Decision to Race).

13 – Prizes

The number of prizes to be awarded depends on the number of competitors in the regatta. Identical prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews.

3 – 5 boats - 1st place

6 – 8 boats - 1st and 2nd places

9 or more boats – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

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14 – COACH BOATS AND SUPPORT BOATS:

14.1 All coach and spectator boats must register before racing begins.

14.2 Coaching boats and spectator boats may be launched at public launching ramps in Falmouth. The closest public ramp is located just across the harbor from FYC.

14.3 Visit the event website for additional information regarding launching locations and dockage for coach boats and support boats.

16 – FYC GUEST PRIVILEGES

Adults associated with this regatta are welcome to take advantage of guest privileges in the FYC bar and dining room during the regatta. See the FYC General Manager if you want to take advantage of guest privileges.

17 – For additional information, send email to racecommittee@falmouthyachtclub.com