



USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL
Hingham Yacht Club, Hingham, MA
July 13-14, 2017

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Organizing Authority: Hingham Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 For the purposes of the definition of *rule*, the class rules shall be the rules of the Club 420, Laser Radial and Optimist classes.
- 1.3 The following rules will be changed: rule 40 and A2. These changes will also appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. Additional rules may also be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 By participating in this regatta, a competitor (and each parent/guardian if the competitor is under 18) grants to the OA, US Sailing, their sponsors and the organizing authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

1.5 Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the relevant class rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 AGE

Applicants for all classes must not turn **19** years old* in the year of the event. Optimist class age rules apply.

2.2 US SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in US Sailing is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for doublehanded classes). Sailors can join online at www.ussailing.org/membership.

2.3 CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

US Sailing recommends that competitors are members of their respective class associations (i.e., Optimist, Laser, Club 420, etc.).

2.4 GREEN REGATTA

This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." All competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of Rule 55 which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

3. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

3.1 Boat class **Club 420** with crew of two including helmsman, will be used. Boat class **Optimist** with a crew of one including helmsman will be used. Boat class **Laser Radial** with a crew of one including helmsman will be used.

3.2 Competitors are required to bring their own boats.

3.3 There are no boats available for charter.

3.4 All boats must have a floating bowline of appropriate length.

3.5 Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.

4. **FEES** - The entry fee for all classes is \$90 per competitor. The entry fee includes lunches on Thursday and Friday, and dinner and entertainment on Thursday night, an official USA Junior Olympic T-shirt and trophies. Registrants will also receive a goodie bag filled with lots of great stuff.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 7/12	Late Registration & check-in	5:00PM-8:00PM
Thursday, 7/13	Race Day #1	
	Late Check-in**	8:00AM
	Skipper's Meeting	9:00AM
	Harbor Start	10:00AM
	Warning Signal	10:45AM
	Evening Entertainment	
Friday, 7/14	Race Day #2	
	Skipper's Meeting	9:00AM
	Harbor Start	10:00AM
	Warning Signal	10:45AM
	Awards presentation	

The Green Fleet schedule will be the same through the Skippers Meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet sailors may be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.

**This is late check-in only. No registrations will be accepted after 8:00PM on Wednesday, July 12th.

- 6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION** - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/14966. Registration deadline is: July 6, 2017. Late fee of \$20 applies thereafter. Registration closes at 8:00PM on July 12, 2017 or whenever event participation reaches capacity, whichever comes first.
- 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and online at: www.hinghamyachtclub.com or www.regattanetwork.com/event/14966.
- 8. SCORING** – The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score (other than a disqualification for violation of RRS 2 or RRS 42) discarded if more than five races are completed. Seven races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 9. COACHES** - Coaches may be asked to register. All coach boats shall register with the Race Committee. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats, including spectator boats, shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Sailing Instructions.
- 10. SAFETY** - A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn and properly fastened, at all times while launching and while sailing, except briefly when adding or removing clothing. Each competitor is urged to have a whistle

attached to their PFD. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, shall check in at the Pilot House at the Hingham Yacht Club immediately after arrival ashore.

11. DISCIPLINE

11.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03 no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1) marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2) any alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the venue. The penalty shall be that the contestant after a proper hearing, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home.

11.2 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source, believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of good manners, a breach of good sportsmanship, unethical behavior or conduct that may bring the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

11.3 Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and the event chair.

12. PRIZES

Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through fifth in the Optimist Champ and Club 420 divisions, and to competitors placing first through third in each other division. For the Club 420 fleets, trophies will be awarded to skipper and crew. Green Fleet medals will be awarded to all Green Fleet participants.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact **Jennifer Drohan (617-755-6251; jendrohan@verizon.net)** and check the Hingham Yacht Club website at www.hinghamyachtclub.com or the event website at www.regattanetwork.com/event/14966 for further information.

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Disclaimer of Liability

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
