

NOTICE OF RACE

Amended June 25, 2012 – NOR 5.5

Amended July 3, 2012 – NOR 2.3

2012 CLUB 420 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

July 20-23, 2012

1 - ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, DATE AND VENUE

- 1.1 The organizing authority (OA) is the Falmouth Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Club 420 Association. The event website is <http://c420na.sailspace.net>
- 1.2 Racing will start on Friday, July 20, 2012 and end on Monday, July 23, 2012.
- 1.3 The racing area will be the Falmouth outer harbor and the waters of Vineyard Sound.
- 1.4 The courses for the regatta will be published in the Sailing Instructions. The SIs will be available at the Pre-Regatta Check-In, and may be available on the event website.
- 1.5 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.

2 – RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association and this Notice of Race.
- 2.2 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 The official language of the regatta is English.

3 - ADVERTISING

This regatta is designated a Category "A" event.

4 – ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The regatta is open only to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class.
- 4.2 Competitors must be current members of the Club 420 Association and the sailing authority of their country (eg, US Sailing, Canadian Yachting Association)

5 – REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 Registration for this regatta may only be completed on-line at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=4614
- 5.2 The entry fee is \$195 per boat for registrations that are paid before 2200 on Sunday, July 1, 2012. The entry fee is \$225 per boat for registrations that are paid after 2200 on July 1, but before 2200 on Thursday, July 12, 2012. The entry fee is \$250 for registrations paid after 2200 on July 12.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes breakfast and lunch each day, a pizza party, the awards cookout, regatta shirts and the end-of-regatta raffle. Each skipper and crew are entered in the post-race raffle. Raffle participants must be present at the raffle to win a prize.
- 5.4 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.
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/4614/2012ReleaseOfLiability.pdf
- 5.5 Every skipper must complete and submit an Equipment List form 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 or submitted at the Check-In desk upon arrival in Falmouth.
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/4614/2012InspectionChecklist.pdf
- 5.6 No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received. No refund of registration fees will be possible after Sunday, July 15, 2012.
- 5.7 A representative from each boat shall check-in upon arrival in Falmouth and each day before racing begins.

6 – FORMAT OF THE REGATTA:

If more than 100 boats are registered, the fleet may be divided into divisions.

7 – COACH BOATS AND SUPPORT BOATS:

- 7.1 All coach and support boats must register before racing begins, and must prominently fly a designated flag provided by the OA at all times while in the water.
- 7.2 A security deposit will be required for the designated flag for each registered coach/support boat. The security deposit will be returned when the flag is returned at the end of the regatta.

7.3 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.

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

8 - SAIL NUMBERS

8.1 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.

9 – SCORING:

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

9.2 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta. If the fleet is split into divisions, a race consists of all divisions completing a course with results that may be scored.

9.3 There will be no maximum number of races. The Race Committee will start as many races as practical.

9.4 A boat's worst score may be excluded from her final series score if six or more races have been completed. A boat's second worst score may be discarded if eleven or more races have been completed.

9.5 Breakdown points will not be allowed.

10 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions and courses to be sailed will be available at the Pre-Regatta Check-In. They may also be available on the event website.

11 - PRIZES

Overall: 1st through 15th places

Top Girls: 1st through 3rd (both skipper and crew are female)

Top Juniors: 1st through 3rd (both skipper and crew are under 17 throughout 2012)

12 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday 7/18/2012

Pre-Regatta Check-In 0800 - 1900

Thursday 7/19/2012

Pre-Regatta Check-In 0800 - 1900

Friday 7/20/2012

Daily check-in 0730 - 0900

Breakfast buffet 0730 - 0900

Skippers Meeting 0900
Harbor Start 0930
First warning Signal 1030
Lunch on the water
1600 Target time to return from race area, followed immediately by Pizza Party.

Saturday 7/21/2012

Daily check-in 0730 - 0900
Breakfast buffet 0730 - 0900
Harbor Start 0930
First warning Signal 1030
Lunch on the water
1600 Target time to return from race area

Sunday 7/22/2012

Daily check-in 0730 - 0900
Breakfast Buffet 0730 - 0900
Harbor Start 0930
First warning Signal 1030
Lunch on the water
1600 Target time to return from race area

Monday 7/23/2012

Daily check-in 0730 - 0900
Breakfast Buffet 0730 - 0900
Harbor Start 0930
Warning Signal 1030
No warning signal after 1430
1500 Target time to return from race area, followed immediately by Cookout.
Awards Ceremony ASAP

13 - ARRIVAL AND LAUNCHING

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

14 – SAFETY

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 A whistle shall be attached by a lanyard to the PFD. The lanyard shall be long enough to permit the sailor to use the whistle while wearing the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.

14.3 All boats may be subject to a safety/inspection check for those items specified in the Club 420 Association Inspection Checklist for this regatta. The Inspection Checklist is available on the event website.

15 – RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 15.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 15.2 Parents/guardians/or competitors 18 or over at the time of the start of the event are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the competitors, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.
- 15.3 Each competitor under 18 shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 15.4 For each competitor under 18, it is the competitor's parents (or adult representative) decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 15.5 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

16 – LIABILITY

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A Waiver of Liability form must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian if the competitor is under 18. The Waiver of Liability form is available on the event website.

17 – LODGING

Falmouth is a popular tourist destination on Cape Cod. It is strongly recommended that competitors make lodging reservations as early as possible. Additional lodging information is available on the event website.

18 – 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.

19 – For additional information, send email to falmouthregatta@comcast.net