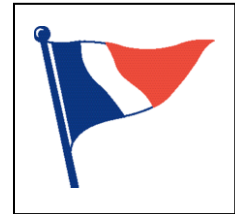




USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL
Massachusetts Bay
Aug. 13-15, 2012
Annisquam Yacht Club, Gloucester, MA
National JO Sponsors: West Marine & Gill



The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Annisquam Yacht Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Junior Olympic Festival will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The rules of the Club 420, Laser Radial, and Optimist classes will apply.
- 1.3 Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors 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 and after the period of the competition without compensation.

2. ADVERTISING - Shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 AGE

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

3.2 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 <http://membership.ussailing.org/>.

3.3 MASS BAY SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Mass Bay Sailing is required for each competitor from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You can become a member online at <http://www.massbaysailing.org/>. Bring your membership card/number to check-in - **it will be checked**.

3.4 CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

US Sailing recommends that competitors be members of their respective class associations (Optimist, Laser, Club 420).

3.5 GREEN REGATTA

This regatta is a Clean Regatta. Competitors should dispose of trash properly and must not throw trash in the water. Competitors are encouraged not to use disposable water bottles and to recycle all appropriate items.

4. BOATS

4.1 Optimists (Red, Blue, White, and Green fleets), Club 420s (Championship and Green fleets), and Laser Radials will be sailed. Five boats shall constitute a class. Fleets will be limited to the following sizes on a first come, first served basis.

Club 420 (total)	110 (maximum of 75 in the championship fleet)
Laser Radial	50
Optimist Championship	75
Optimist Green	50

4.2 Competitors must supply their own boats.

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

4.4 Competitors will be responsible for their boats' being in compliance with the class rules.

5. **FEES** - The entry fee for all classes is \$90 per competitor. The entry fee includes an official USA Junior Olympic T-shirt, continental breakfast on each racing day, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, cookout prior to the awards ceremony, goody bag, and eligibility for giveaways. The entry fee, payable to Annisquam Yacht Club, is non-refundable.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, Aug. 12	Arrival & check-in	AYC Clubhouse	2:00-8:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 13	Check-in	AYC Clubhouse	8:00-9:30 a.m.
	Coaches/Safety Boat meeting		9:30 a.m.
	Opening ceremonies followed by skippers' meetings		10:00 a.m.
	Harbor Start		11:30 a.m.
	First Warning Signal		12:30 p.m.
	<i>Multiple races to follow</i>		
Tuesday, Aug. 14	Harbor Start		9:30 a.m.
	First Warning Signal		10:30 a.m.
	<i>Multiple races to follow</i>		
Wed., Aug. 15	Harbor Start		9:30 a.m.
	First Warning Signal		10:30 a.m.
	<i>Multiple races to follow. No Warning Signal after 1:30 p.m.</i>		

After racing: Cookout and awards ceremony

- 7. ADVANCE REGISTRATION** - Competitors shall register in advance by completing the Event Registration Form, Medical Consent Form, and Waiver Form at Regatta Network [regattanetwork.com/event/5620] and submitting it with proof of US Sailing membership. Entry deadline is July 29, 2012. Late fee of \$25 per sailor applies thereafter. No registrations will be accepted after 9:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 8, 2012.
- 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The sailing instructions will be available at check-in and on the web at: annisquamyc.org.
- 9. SCORING** - The low-point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply. A maximum of 12 races are scheduled, of which 1 shall be completed to constitute a series. If 6 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.
- 10. COACHES** - Coaches will be asked to register at the event and to display a flag provided at registration. Coaches who are able to bring proof of US Sailing certification will be given appropriate access to participants and recognition.
- 11. SAFETY** - A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing, except for brief periods when changing clothing. 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, notify a Regatta Official immediately after arrival ashore. Coaches and mark and safety boat operators are strongly encouraged to wear PFDs.

- 12. DISCIPLINE** - No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, during the event, marijuana or any other controlled substance or alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale. A violation of this regulation is grounds for disqualification from this regatta and the competitor will be required to leave the premises.
- 13. PRIZES** - USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions. Mass Bay Junior Olympic prizes will be awarded to at least the top five finishers in each fleet of 10 or more. There will be a sportsmanship award as well as other appropriate awards announced at the event.
- 14. HOUSING** - Limited housing will be available on a first come, first served basis for sailors who live south of Boston or more than 90 minutes' drive from Gloucester. All housing requests must be received by July 29, 2012. Sailors who request housing will sign a code of conduct and agree to limitations on driving privileges.
- 15. FURTHER INFORMATION** - Contact the Annisquam Yacht Club or check the web site for further information: annisquamyc.org (click on the JO link).

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