

USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival | June 26-28

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1. The Junior Olympic Festival will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. For the purposes of the definition of *rule*, the class rules shall be the rules of the Optimist, Laser Radial, and Club 420 classes.
3. Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

- 2. ADVERTISING** – Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Competitors may be required to display graphics on the side of their hulls; these graphics will be supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

1. **AGE** Applicants can race through the summer after their senior year of high school. Optimist class age rules apply.
2. **US SAILING MEMBERSHIP** Membership in US Sailing is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for doublehanded 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>. ALL Junior Olympic participants will save \$5 US Sailing membership.
3. **CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP** US Sailing recommends that competitors are members of their respective class associations (i.e., Optimist, Laser, Club 420, etc.).
4. **GREEN REGATTA** This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." As such, 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

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"shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

4. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

1. Boat class Optimist with crew of one (1) including helmsman, will be used.
2. Boat class Laser Radial with crew of one (1) including helmsman, will be used.
3. Boat class Laser 4.7 with crew of one (1) including helmsman, will be used.
4. Boat class Club 420 (Spinnaker) with crew of one (2) including helmsman, will be used.
5. Competitors are required to bring their own boats.
6. All boats must have a floating bowline of appropriate length.
8. Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.
9. Fees – The entry fee for all classes is \$100 per competitor and \$75 per coach participating in the coaching clinic. The entry fee for competitors includes: an official USA Junior Olympic T-Shirt, breakfasts, lunches, dinner parties, Friday clinic, awards, giveaways. The coach fee includes 3-day coach-the-coach training clinic with the JO head coaches, as well as all meals and events for the weekend. The first 150 registrants will also receive a goodie bag filled with lots of great stuff!

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 25, 2015 Registration and check-in, 5-8 p.m.

Friday, June 26, 2015 Registration & check-in, competitor briefing, clinic and/or races

Saturday, June 27, 2015 Additional races of the series, or clinics

Sunday, June 28, 2015 Additional races, Awards presentation

7. ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Competitors and the coaches participating in the coaching clinic shall register in advance by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/MHYCJO2015 or completing the Event Registration Form and submitting it with proof of US Sailing Membership. Entry Deadline is June 21. Late fee of \$35 applies thereafter.

Junior Sailors register here for the JO Sailing Festival:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10349>

Coaches register here for the JO Coaching Clinic:

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8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and on the web by June 21 at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10349>
9. **PENALTY SYSTEM** - Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, Propulsion, will apply.
10. **SCORING** - A maximum of eleven (11) races are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. If seven (7) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. This changes rule A2.
11. **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 to participants and recognition. The Coach-the-Coach training clinic is available to all Level 1 and above coaches for a fee of \$75, which includes access to the US Sailing head coaches as well as clinic/regatta debriefs. Each participating team must bring a coach who will have access to his/her own coach boat for safety purposes.
12. **SAFETY** - A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing and coaching. 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, to the MHYC JO Safety Chair immediately after arrival ashore.
13. **MEDIA RIGHTS** - By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA 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 the period of the competition without compensation.
14. **DISCIPLINE**
 1. Per US Sailing Regulation 5.03 no contestant shall use, either on or off the water, during any US Sailing sanctioned event: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. IRC Code and intended for beverage use). This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale. The penalty shall be that the contestant

after a proper hearing, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home.

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 a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought 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.
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.

15.PRIZES USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions. We will also offer special awards for greatest distance traveled, youngest participant, and sportsmanship awards. All Opti Green fleet participants will be recognized.

16.FURTHER INFORMATION Contact Kathy Allyn, 440-537-4939, mhycsailcamp@gmail.com, 5330 Coronada Drive, Mentor on the Lake, Ohio, 44060 and check the website for further information.

HOST CLUB:

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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

LIFE JACKETS

All support people on the water – race committee, mark and safety boat operators, parents, etc. – are strongly encouraged to wear PFDs.

SAFETY BOATS

Each coach and safety boat will be assigned a number flag for identification purposes during the clinics and regattas. Each competitor will be assigned to a safety and coach boat.

HOUSING OPTIONS

- 1) MHYC is pleased to announce a joint effort with our local boarding school and gold sponsor, Andrews Osborne Academy (AOA). A quick 15 minute drive to MHYC, AOA is located at 38588 Mentor Avenue in Willoughby, Ohio. For the JO Participants, parents/coaches, AOA has graciously offered the use of its upper school dorms as well as its Phoenix House. We can house the first 30 people (first come, first served). Rooms will have beds for 2-4 people. At a cost of only \$25 for the entire weekend, residents will have access to a kitchen, beds (bring your own bedding) and showering/bath facilities on the beautiful AOA campus. Please email mhycsailcamp@gmail.com with your request for a number of beds. AOA and MHYC does not take responsibility for any damage caused by participants. A waiver will be signed by anyone staying at the dorms. At least one responsible adult (coach or parent) is required to stay with any team residing at AOA during the JO event and will take responsibility for discipline, transportation and monitoring.
- 2) Families wishing to bring an RV or camper will have approval to camp on the MHYC West Beach. MHYC will provide bathroom facilities nearby at the beach, as well as showering/bath facilities below the pool deck, a short walk from the beach. Please request a spot for your camper or RV on our West Beach by emailing mhycsailcamp@gmail.com.
- 3) We have limited neighborhood homes and yards open to smaller teams looking to camp.
- 4) Local hotel rooms have been blocked at special rates at the located in Mentor, within 5-10 minutes. Blocks expire May 20.

Please email mhycsailcamp@gmail.com with your requests for camping, local host lodging, or AOA dorm stay. In your request, please state: Team/Club name, number of sailors, and parents/adults expected to attend and in need of housing.

TRANSPORTATION

MHYC is conveniently located just off Interstate 90 in Mentor on the Lake, Ohio. Local airports including Akron/Canton (CAK) and Cleveland Hopkins Airport (CLE) – both within 60 minutes of MHYC.

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Transportation will not be supplied between the AOA dorms or hotel to MHYC. All local host housing and West Beach are within walking distance of the event.

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