



# 2017 GSBYRA MIDGET CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLE-HANDED & DOUBLE-HANDED



**Monday, July 31, 2017**  
**(Rain Date - Tuesday, August 1, 2017)**  
**NOTICE OF RACE - OPTIMIST CLASS**  
**NOTICE OF RACE – CLUB 420 CLASS**  
(Revised May 26, 2017)

**Organizing Authority: GSBYRA**

**Host: Westhampton Yacht Squadron**  
**Remsenburg, NY 11960**

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by “*The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 Including US Sailing Prescriptions*” (RRS), rules of the Club 420 Class Association, and the rules of the Optimist Dinghy Association, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. This championship is not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the Optimist and 420 classes will apply. However, US SAILING encourages sailors to join the Optimist and 420 Class Associations to support their efforts.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. The regatta is open to members in good standing with US SAILING and a full-member club of the GSBYRA.
- 2.2. Each competitor shall not have reached the age of 15 years at any time during the calendar year in which this event has occurred.
- 2.3. Both crew members of double-handed boats must be members of the same club.

## **3. QUALIFICATION**

- 3.1. Each club may enter an unlimited number of boats in either of the single or double-handed championships.
- 3.2. The helmsperson named on the entry form shall continue as the helmsperson for the series.
- 3.3. Substituting of an alternate crew in the 420 Class shall be approved by the Race Committee.

## **4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. All competitors must register online at [regattanetwork.com](http://regattanetwork.com) prior to the event. The link to the registration for these events is on the GSBYRA website calendar at <http://www.gsbyra.org/schedule/july.htm>
- 4.2. Registration for the Singlehanded Championship may be found at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14578>

- 4.3. Registration for the Doublehanded Championship may be found at:  
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14579>
- 4.4. The Entry Fee is \$30 for the Singlehanded and includes lunch.
- 4.5. The Entry Fee is \$60 for the Doublehanded and includes lunch.
- 4.6. The Entry Fee shall be paid online with a credit card or with PayPal at the time of registration.

## 5. CLASSES

- 5.1. The single-handed championship shall be sailed in Optimists provided by and sailed by the competitors.
- 5.2. The double-handed championship shall be sailed in Club 420s with spinnaker and trapeze provided by and sailed by the competitors.
- 5.3. This is not a round robin event, and all boats must comply with class rules.

## 6. SCHEDULE

- 0830 Registration and check-in
- 1000 Skippers' Meeting
- 1100 Warning signal for 1<sup>st</sup> race; five (5) races are planned
- 1400 Lunch ashore after races are completed (time approximate)

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Sailing Instructions and course diagrams will be available at check-in.

8. **RACING AREA** - The racing area will be on Moriches Bay to the south and west of the Westhampton Yacht Squadron.

9. **SCORING** - The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series; however, five (5) races are planned. The results will be based on all races completed. There will be one throw out if five races are sailed. This modifies Appendix A2.

## 10. COACHING

- 10.1. Instructors, coaches or other support personnel and family members shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during the racing day.
- 10.2. Outside contact with competitors is prohibited on racing days commencing with the competitors entering the Racing Area and shall continue until competitors are released by the Protest Committee on racing days.
- 10.3. Outside contact is defined as a parent, family member, spectator, or coach. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of outside assistance including using electronic communication devices while at the sailing venue during racing days. It is the intent of this rule to prohibit contact between any person, who, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, is a coach, instructor, or advisor.
- 10.4. The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of NOR 10 on racing days.

## **11. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

- 11.1. Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PDF) at all times while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PDF shall either be a USCG Type III or V that depends 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PDF are permitted. The PDF must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PDF to prevent snagging.
- 11.2. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be: magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty bag, personal effects including PFDs, and protective clothing. For the events using the C420, permission is granted to bring Fast pins, and the competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses.
- 11.3. Electronic flux gate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles, and combinations are specifically banned.

- 12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES** - For Junior and Youth events, or for junior or youth competitors in any US SAILING championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached this requirement shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series, and where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

## **13. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS**

- 13.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69.1 and the policies and procedures of US SAILING (Regulation 15.01).
- 13.2. An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached this requirement shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series, and where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.
- 13.3. All competitors must bring a completed [US SAILING Code of Conduct](#) form to check-in, which form is attached to this NOR.

## **14. PRIZES**

- 14.1. Keeper trophies for the GSBYRA Orr and Picken Trophies will be awarded for the First Place in each class at the GSBYRA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in November.
- 14.2. The winner of the Singlehanded Championship will have his/her name and the club name engraved on the Orr Trophy.

14.3. The winner of the Doublehanded Championship will have his/her name and the club name engraved on the Picken Trophy.

**15. BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE**

15.1. Boats shall be dry-sailed.

15.2. Boats and trailers shall be stored in designated areas.

**16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors in this Championship are participating entirely at their own risk and are bound by *"The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 Including US Sailing Prescriptions"* and all other rules that govern this event, and assume full responsibility for starting or continuing to race – see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club and/or personnel conducting this event will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.**



**Introduction**

Each competitor in a US Sailing event hereby pledges that he or she agrees to uphold the spirit of this US Sailing Code of Conduct (Code). This Code is not intended to establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe the appropriate behavior for competitors in every aspect of their participation in a Championship or Qualifier. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct of competitors in situations that have ethical implications.

The competitor commits to familiarization with this Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of participation in a US Sailing event. Competitors who do not conform to this Code will be subject to the consequences of their actions, as specified below. The competitor has a right to a hearing if charged with a violation of this Code.

**Elements of the Code**

Each competitor in a US Sailing event pledges they agree to abide by the Regulations and Bylaws of US Sailing with regard to alleged incidences of misconduct, and by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook. The event is defined as running from on-site registration to departure from the venue at the conclusion of the event.

**Participation**

> Will abide by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws, all rules related to the Championship selection procedures as specified by US Sailing, the Championship Conditions, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the Championship or Qualifier.  
> Are eligible to compete under all US Sailing rules.

**Fair Play and Conduct**

>Will abide by RRS 2 and 69, and the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

**Drugs & Alcohol**

> Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.  
> Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 10.03 for Prohibited Substances as defined below:  
> For Adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law  
> For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no 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.

**Sexual Abuse & Harassment**

>Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.04 for Sexual Abuse & Harassment.

**Physical Abuse & Assault**

>Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.05 for Physical Abuse & Assault.

**Bullying & Hazing**

>Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.06 for Bullying & Hazing.

**Enforcement of the Code**

> Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding the Code and voluntary compliance, secondarily upon reinforcement by peers, and, when necessary, upon enforcement through disciplinary action as outlined by the RRS, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, and the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws.

> If an incident is brought to the attention of the Organizing Authority, Host and/or the Protest Committee for the event alleging that a competitor has violated this Code, the Protest Committee shall protest the competitor and conduct a hearing that meets the requirements of Part 5, Section B of the RRS. The competitor has the right and option to voluntarily withdraw from the event rather than proceeding with a hearing. If the Protest Committee decides that the competitor has violated the Code and is not exonerated, it may  
(a) remove some or all of the competitor's event privileges or benefits,  
(b) disqualify the competitor's boat from the race or races sailed nearest in time to that of the incident, or  
(c) disqualify the competitor's boat from all races in the event and exclude the competitor from the event or venue. Further action may be determined by the Protest Committee if warranted including considering calling a hearing under RRS 69.2(b) or remanding it to the US Sailing Review Board.

**Scoring**

When a competitor withdraws from part of an event pursuant to the Code, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding of subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place. The same scoring applies if a boat is disqualified from the remaining races in an event.

I have read the above Code and agree to abide by it as a condition of my (or if under 18, my child's) participation.

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Competitor's Signature

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

*If under 18, complete the following:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_