

# NOTICE OF RACE



**USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL**  
**Lake Michigan Championship**  
**October 7-8, 2017**  
**Holland, MI**  
**National JO Sponsors: Gill, Sperry &**  
**New England Ropes**



**Hosted by Macatawa Bay Yacht Club**

## **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the Club 420, High School 420, Laser, Laser Radial, and Optimist classes. Towlines are required for all boats regardless of class.

Additional rules may also be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

### **AGE**

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

### **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](http://www.ussailing.org/membership).

### **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."

### **BOATS/MEASUREMENT**

Each competitor will be responsible for his/her boat being in compliance with the class rules.

Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. A limited number of Optimist's and 420's are available for charter from MBJA.

## FEES

The entry fee for all classes is \$85 per competitor. The entry fee includes: Official USA Junior Olympic T-Shirt, Saturday breakfast and lunch, Sunday breakfast and lunch, Junior Olympic Medals (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place) and Lake Michigan Champion Trophy for first place.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, Oct. 6<sup>TH</sup>

1800-2030 Registration

### Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

0730-0900 Registration  
0930 Skippers' Meeting  
1000 Harbor Start  
1100 First warning, races to follow. Lunch on the water.

### Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

0800-0900 Breakfast  
0930 Harbor Start  
1030 First warning, races to follow.  
1330 No race to start after 1330  
1430 Lunch and awards ceremony  
1500 Awards ceremony to follow lunch.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION** - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). Entry deadline is October 3rd. Late fee of \$25 per sailor applies thereafter.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and on the web at: [www.mbj.org](http://www.mbj.org)

**RACE COURSE AREA:** Lake Michigan. Race Committee may set the course in Lake Macatawa at their discretion.

**SCORING** - The Low-Point Scoring System-Appendix A of the racing rules-will apply for all classes. There are no maximum races scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. If six (6) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

**COACHES** - Coaches may be asked to register. Coaches who bring proof of US Sailing certification will be given appropriate access to participants and recognition. All coach / parent boats shall register with the Race Committee. Each coach / parent 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.

**SAFETY** - A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when 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, immediately after arrival ashore.

An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

Parents not personally attending the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

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.

**MEDIA RIGHTS** - By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA, US Sailing and their 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.

## **DISCIPLINE**

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.

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.

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.

## **PRIZES**

Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions. Green Fleet medals will be awarded to all Green Fleet participants. Lake Michigan Championship Trophy will awarded to first place finishers.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- Regatta Chair: Matt Hemmelgarn, 616-994-3001, [matthew@jesco-llc.com](mailto:matthew@jesco-llc.com)
- Sponsor: Macatawa Bay Junior Association (MBJA), Box 189, Macatawa MI 49434. Phone 616-796-8671. [www.mbjaj.org](http://www.mbjaj.org)
- Host Club: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC), 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa MI 49434. [www.mbyc.com](http://www.mbyc.com).

## **Venue Details:**

The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club is proud to host the 2017 Junior Olympic Sailing Festival – Lake Michigan Championship. The MBYC Clubhouse will be open to visiting adults for food and drinks during the regatta. Guests may pay with cash or credit card.

Local Accommodations: Visit [www.holland.org/hotels/](http://www.holland.org/hotels/) for more information on local hotels and things to do.

Parking: The regatta will have main parking and offsite parking just west of the facility. Trailers will be unloaded by the dock and trailers will be stored at the offsite parking lot.