

**DENNIS YACHT CLUB  
BELLE OF THE WEST YOUTH INVITATIONAL**

**Sailing Instructions, Organization and Rules**

This regatta will be governed by the current US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing. Any changes to the rules will be made clear by the Race Committee before racing begins.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- The regatta is open to all Opti fleets and Club 420's.
- Skippers and Crews shall not reach their 19th birthday in calendar year 2019.
- Completed and signed registration and waiver forms must be submitted prior to a sailor's participation in competition.
- Prepayment of regatta fees is required to participate.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

All Coach boats must launch at the East Dennis Town Public Ramp on Cold Storage Road.

- 8:00 AM: Check in and breakfast
- 9:00 AM: Competitors' Meeting
- 9:15 - 9:30 AM: Staggered Harbor Start
- Race Committee will determine last starting sequence. The last starting sequence will begin no later than 2:30 PM.
- Cookout and awards immediately following racing

**RACING**

- Any signals made ashore will be communicated throughout the club and written on the race board at the sail shack. The racing area will be located outside of the harbor on the east side. There will be two starting lines, one for Opti Championship and Green fleets and another for the C420s.
- The Red, White, Blue, and Green Opti fleets will use a 3 minute dinghy start. Five warning blasts will be blown before the initial 3 minute ensues.
- The C420s will use a 3 minute dinghy start with appropriate flags. Five warning blasts will be blown before the initial 3 minutes ensues.
- Courses sailed will be D (windward- leeward), D2 (twice around windward-Leeward), or M (a triangle). All of these courses are modified: each starts and finishes in the middle. The courses will be displayed at the skippers' meeting as well as on the whiteboard off the committee boat before each race. The gates will be closed.
- The course will consist of four orange buoys and Race Committee boat. The starting pin and the course marks will be clarified at the skippers' meeting.
- The last starting sequence will begin no later than 2:30pm.

## RACE COMMITTEE

- There will be a Race Committee boat anchored at the starting line. Other safety and patrol boats will be assigned the course to ensure that no sailor is found in a dangerous situation
- The Race Committee reserves the right to shorten a course or abandon a race due to inclement weather.
- The low point scoring system will be used.
- After five races have been completed, a drop race will be awarded.

## PROTESTS

- A protesting boat must inform the Race Committee of the Infraction immediately after the race.
- Protest will be heard at the conclusion of the day only if the forms have been properly filled out and submitted 60 minutes after the Race Committee arrives at the dock.
- Protest forms will be located in the sail shack and available upon the race committee boat returning to the dock.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- NYC sailing staff will be around the club and on boats. Please feel free to contact any one of them with questions, concerns or problems.
- Sailors shall not interfere with the proper course of any boat motoring through the channel.
- Sailors will not discharge waste on the water.

