



NOTICE OF RACE

**US Sailing Junior Olympic Sailing Festival
Local/Lake Michigan Championships
Saturday October 10th, 2020
Holland, MI
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, ILCA, Open Bic/Open Skiff, and Optimist classes. Towlines are required for all boats regardless of class.

Please note we are not including an Optimist Green fleet this year.

Additional rules may also be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

CLASSES

As noted above, we will be inviting boats from several classes. Due to space needs for social distancing (see COVID-19 section below) we will be limiting registrations to:

20 Lasers/ILCA dinghy (total of all sail plans- please indicate rig on registration)

10 C420s

10 Optis/Open Skiff

We will be keeping a waitlist as registrations fill.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Local Radius: The 2020 US Sailing Junior Olympic Lake Michigan Championships this year is being run as a **local** regatta, intended for racers within 2-3 hours drive of the venue. For those beyond this local radius, we'd very much like to have you join us *next* year, and very much hope that will be possible.

Timing: We will be timing the day's activities to facilitate same-day travel, enabling families to avoid the need to spend the night on either end of the day of racing.

Screening: Racers, Coaches, Parents, Staff- You must stay home if you are not feeling well. Full refunds offered if you need to stay home due to health reasons. On arrival you will be screened for any symptoms of COVID-19. We will be checking the temperatures of all competitors. We will be asking about any sick contacts, especially

any contacts with anyone positive for COVID-19 within the preceding **TWO WEEKS**. Please do not attend the regatta if your health screening would trigger any of these concerns. Any COVID-19 symptoms, contacts, or elevated temperature will result in the sailor being asked to return home. While we will be focusing our screening efforts toward competitors, we ask that any coaches or parents/chaperones who recognize that they might screen positive for any of these questions would refrain from attending as well. We will also be holding regatta volunteer staff to this standard.

Numbers: We will limit total sailor registration to 50 due to constraints of space, executive orders limiting total gathering attendance, and the need to ensure adequate social distancing in the common areas for check-in, rigging, parking, and launching.

Distancing: It is required that participants, including coaches, parents, chaperones always observe 6 feet of social distancing

Masks: It is **required** that participants, including coaches, parents, chaperones **wear a cloth face covering at all times while on the MBJA premises**. Sailors in singlehanded boats may remove their masks on the water. It is recommended that sailors in doublehanded boats continue to use their masks on the water unless sailing with a member of their immediate household. Sailors should be prepared to put a mask back on should they need to board a coach, committee, or safety boat for any reason.

Courtesy: Please give even greater deference in distancing and masking to any of our volunteers or members who may be seniors to protect their health.

Setting: Our regatta will be run **outdoors** so dress accordingly. Our junior sailing building will be closed and reserved for regatta support staff only. **Bathrooms will be available**. A reminder that masks are required to be worn at all times within the bathrooms.

Hand Hygiene: Hand sanitizer stations will be available. Use them often.

Food: We will ask that you bring your own food and hydration for your sailors, packaged in a way to avoid any cross-contamination. Food and water to be kept by their coaches while on the water.

For parents/chaperones on shore, it is possible that our club restaurant may be open for a portion of the afternoon as permitted by pertinent local guidelines, ordinances, and executive orders which may be in effect, for limited seating and with limited menu and/or takeout options. Further details will follow. Another reminder that masks are required.

Wrap-up: Our award ceremony will be very brief, and socially-distanced on the lawn north of the Junior Sailing Center. We will try to recognize the sailors' results with minimal interruption of the de-rigging and loading process so that you are able to make a return trip home to accomplish our same-day regatta aims.

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.

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 \$40 per competitor. A late registration fee goes into effect after October 1st.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 10

Registration

0830-1030 Registration/Check-in under covered picnic area of junior sailing center

1100 Skippers' Meeting on lawn

1130 Harbor Start

1200 First Warning, races to follow

1700 No races to start after 1700

Awards to follow as soon as scores are finalized. Brief, distanced awards gathering on lawn to be announced while sailors are de-rigging and packing up boats for travel.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com. Entry deadline is October 1st. Late fee of \$10 per sailor applies thereafter.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and posted to regatta network.

RACE COURSE AREA: Lake Macatawa. Race Committee may choose to set a course in Lake Michigan 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. Lake Michigan Championship Trophy will be awarded to first place finishers.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Regatta Chair : Louis Nykamp, 616-204-2575, ljnykamp@gmail.com
- Sponsor : Macatawa Bay Junior Association (MBJA), Box 189, Macatawa MI 49434. Phone 616-796-8671. www.mbjja.org
- Host Club : Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC), 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa MI 49434. www.mbyc.com .

Venue Details :

The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club is proud to host the 2020 Junior Olympic Sailing Festival –**LOCAL** Lake Michigan Championship.

Parking: will be identified by signage on the day of the regatta. Please follow signs closely and instructions from our greeters. Parking may be tight as we maximize the distancing in the rigging areas. Please be courteous and patient.

Trailers will be unloaded in designated areas and trailers will be stored in areas designated by signage on the day of the regatta.

See also COVID-19 precaution section above.