



US Sailing NOTICE OF RACE
US Sailing Junior Olympic Sailing Festival
Lake Michigan Championships
Saturday October 9 & Sunday October 10, 2021
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, and Optimist classes. Towlines are required for all boats regardless of class.

Additional rules may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

CLASSES

Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser Full, C420.

Please note that in contrast to high school sailing the rules of the C420 class allow for use of trap and spin.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

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. Depending on local conditions and guidance in effect you may be screened for any symptoms or exposure to COVID-19. Please do not attend the regatta if your health screening would trigger any of these concerns. We ask that any coaches or parents/chaperones who recognize that if they might screen positive for any of these questions they would refrain from attending as well. We will also be holding regatta volunteer staff to this standard. We will encourage that participants, including coaches, parents, chaperones observe appropriate social distancing following applicable guidelines. The events of the regatta will be principally run outdoors, but we will require visitors to wear a mask when indoors within the MBJA (Junior Sailing) facility, for example when using the restrooms. For those entering the Club, please follow whatever masking guidance is posted for that facility. Please give even greater deference in distancing 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. The indoor areas of our junior sailing building will be closed (except for bathrooms) and reserved for regatta support staff only.

Food: We will ask that you bring your own food and hydration for your sailors. Food and water should 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 portions of the weekend. **Wrap-up:** Our award ceremony will take place outdoors on the lawn adjacent to the Junior Sailing Center.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

AGE

Ages 8-18 eligible to register. Applicants for all classes must not turn 19 years by the time of the event.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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.

FEES

The entry fees for all classes are found on the event registration website. A late registration fee goes into effect after October 2.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 9

0830-1000 Sailor Check-in
1015 Skippers' Meeting on lawn
1045 Harbor Start
1115 First Warning, races to follow
1700 No races to start after 1700

Sunday Oct.10

930 Harbor Start
1000 First Warning
1500 No Races to start after 1500

Awards to follow as soon as scores are finalized.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com. Entry deadline is October 2. Late fee applies thereafter. We will not be doing onsite registration, only sailor check-in.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted near the registration area and posted electronically 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. 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 required 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 of each fleet (excluding Opti Green, which are awarded ribbons for participation).

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 2021 Junior Olympic Sailing Festival 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 usable space for 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.