

**USA JUNIOR OLYMPICS SAILING FESTIVAL
NORTHEAST YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
SAFETY CHECK LIST
ALL BOATS**

US Coast Guard approved PFD with whistle attached by lanyard (minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) or equivalent in the 420 and Laser classes). Inflatable buoyancy vests are not permitted.

OPTIMISTS

1. **Bow loop** - Two inch loop of line out of bow gunwale
2. **Bow line** - Floating line tied to mast step, knot free, 24 ft, with bowline at the outboard end
3. **Bailer** - 1 minimum, 2 preferred tied to boat
4. **Air Bags** - 3 (even w/boats with side tanks)
5. **Rudder Retainer Clip** (prevents rudder from popping out)
6. **Daggerboard Retainer** (prevents dagger board from popping up)
7. **Daggerboard Retainer Line**
8. **Mast Tie in Line** or other device
9. **Main Sheet Snap** - closed snap
10. **Mainsheet Bridle** - No looser than 4" from the boom at any point.

420 AND LASER FLEET

The boat shall be fitted with a **floating towing rope** of a minimum length of 8 meters and minimum diameter of 8 mm, secured to the mast, and which can be grasped at the stem (even if the boat is capsized) from a rescue boat.

A safety device shall be fitted so that the **rudder** cannot separate from the **hull** if the boat capsizes.

Optional equipment for 420 and Laser Fleet:

- 1) One hand bailer or bucket and/or sponge
- 2) One compass fixed to a mounting bracket. The compass shall not recess into either side tank or deck. The mounting bracket may be attached on the mast or may be used to close the mast gate. If electronic, only a compass with heading, heading memory and timing functions is permitted. Electronic or mechanical timing devices, which shall be removable.
- 3) Spare parts such as blocks, shackles, ropes etc.
- 4) One paddle