



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
Narragansett Bay Yachting Association  
2023 Junior Race Week  
August 14-16, 2023 – Sail Newport

Junior Race Week is organized by the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association (NBYA) and its Junior Sailing Program. NBYA is the organizing authority in cooperation with its host, Sail Newport.

**1. RULES**

- a. The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- b. The following additional documents govern the regatta: completion of the on-line entry form including age, parent/guardian and medical information.
- c. Racing rules 40, 60.1, 61.1(a) are changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - i. US Coast Guard-approved PFDs are required and shall be worn at all times on the water except as specified in the sailing instructions. Use of inflatable PFDs or buoyancy aids is not permitted. A whistle is recommended. This changes rule 40.
  - ii. A competitor may not be protested for breaking a class rule that requires membership. An Optimist competitor may not be protested for breaking the IODA requirement for a paddle. This changes rule 60.1.
  - iii. Protest flags are required for all fleets except the Optimist Green fleet. This changes rule 61.1(a).
- d. Alcohol and drugs: No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages or any substance, the possession of which is unlawful. This rule is in effect during the entire event from the time of arrival through the completion of all activities and departure from the venue.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

- a. The regatta is open to boats in the Club 420, Optimist, Laser Radial. This is a “bring your own boat” event. NBYA may add additional one-design classes with entries of 5 or more boats on written request.
- b. Each competitor must be a junior member of NBYA. Membership will be verified during registration.
- c. Competitors may not reach their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday in the current calendar year.

**3. ENTRY and FEES**

Entry in JRW includes the following: the regatta, regatta BBQ on Tuesday, Ice Cream social on Wednesday, regatta T-shirt and SWAG. (NOTE: Lunch is NOT provided; it is the competitor’s responsibility to bring his or her own lunch.)

- a. Registration and entry are accepted on-line at the NBYA Junior page and regatta landing site on ClubSpot
- b. The on-line entry fee per competitor is \$ 190.00 (C420 class= \$ 380 per team of 2)
- c. Entry is not complete until the registration is completed and accepted and the regatta fee is paid.
- d. Parent/Coach BBQ dinners or wrist band replacement fee is \$40.00. Wristbands are available for purchase on-line.
- e. Refund policy, withdrawals and refunds are available until noon August 10th. No refunds will be available after that date.

**4. AGE DIVISIONS and CLASSES**

- a. Club 420 Division I: neither skipper nor crew may reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in the current calendar year.
- b. Club 420 Division II: neither skipper nor crew may reach their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday in the current calendar year.
- c. Optimist class: sailors may not reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in the current calendar year. Skippers will register into White, Red and Blue fleets according to their ages as of July 1, 2023. Green fleet sailors follow USODA Green fleet guidelines.
- d. Laser Radial sailors may not reach their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday in the current calendar year.

**5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

8/14	0800	Boat drop off begins – No drop off before this time is permitted.
	0930	Check-in (There will be NO on-site registration, on-line registration closes at 9am.)
	1130	Competitor, coach and parent briefing
	1145	Harbor Start for C420, Lasers and Opti R/W/B, followed by Green Fleet
	1300	Warning signal for the first race (no specified end time for racing)
	After racing	No social planned this day

8/15	0900	Competitor, coach and parent briefing
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	0945	Harbor start for C420, Lasers and Opti R/W/B, followed by Green Fleet
	1100	Warning signal for the first race (no specified end time for racing)
	After racing	BBQ Dinner with food and refreshments (free for competitors)
8/16	0900	Competitor, coach and parent briefing
	0945	Harbor start for C420, Lasers and Opti R/W/B, followed by Green fleet
	1100	Warning signal for first race
	1500	No warning for a new race after this time
	After racing	Awards – Ice Cream social

The Optimist Green fleet will sail a similar but informal schedule. The Green fleet may not sail in all conditions and may launch, come ashore and re-launch at the direction of the Race Committee.

#### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Sailing instructions will be available at check-in and online at [www.nbya.org](http://www.nbya.org) after 8/10.

#### 7. RACING AREA

- a. The race area will be in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay off Newport Harbor or Potters Cove as directed by the RC.

#### 8. COURSES

- a. The courses to be sailed may include triangle, windward-leeward and trapezoid courses, as described in the sailing instructions.
- b. The Optimist Green fleet may sail other courses.

#### 9. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- a. Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The PFD shall depend 100% on foam for flotation and be the appropriate size for the sailor. The PFD shall be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- b. The only gear, rigging, or equipment a team may take aboard a boat shall be: magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects including PFDs and protective clothing. Competitors in the C420 class shall bring their own trapeze harnesses.
- c. The use of electronic compasses, communications equipment and GPS devices of any type is forbidden.

#### 10. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- a. No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana, alcoholic beverages as defined by state and federal law, or any other substance, the possession of which is illegal.
- b. An alleged breach of this requirement shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the Protest Committee believes that a competitor may have breached the above requirement, it shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the rules of Part 5.

#### 11. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- a. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event.

#### 12. SCORING

- a. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- b. Three races constitute a series for the purpose of awards.
- c. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

#### NBYA Season Scoring:

- a. Sailing in 61% of races sailed (see paragraph c.) qualifies competitors for the 2023 NBYA Season Championship.
- b. Season scoring will utilize rule A9.
- c. The 2023 NBYA season consist of day regatta scheduled dates, any rain checked additional dates and NBYA's Junior Race Week (this regatta) The MRM Clinic & Regatta is not included in season scoring.
- d. Season scoring will utilize the Cox Sprague Scoring system.
- e. Optimist Green fleet is a developmental fleet and is NOT scored. Races are tracked and posted but not tallied. All participants receive participation awards. While race placement and progress may be tracked, winning races is less

important than learning, improving and having fun along the way. Competitors and parents who are looking for a more competitive environment should consider the Opti Red, White and Blue racing divisions.

### 13. PRIZES

- a. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded for each class and division based on competition.
- b. The Peggy Read Sailor of the Week Trophy will be awarded to the NBYA member skipper and/or crews with the best percentage score utilizing the Read sailing performance scoring system.
- c. The IYAC Trophy will be awarded to the most improved Optimist Green fleet sailor.
- d. Additional prizes may be awarded and may be based on criteria other than competition.

### 14. MEDIA

By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent or guardian if under 18) grants to NBYA and its 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 or other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

### 15. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY:

Sailing has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these events participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, volunteers or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, and in accordance with Section 7-6-9 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**Competitors, coaches and parents are reminded that Narragansett Bay contains restricted channels and that sailing vessels do NOT have right-of-way over vessels under power that may be restricted in their ability to maneuver. Participation in this regatta does NOT provide standing over vessels that have right-of-way.**

**Competitors, coaches, parents and programs are expected to provide and sail in boats that are properly rigged and equipped with the safety equipment required by class rule. Safety checks may be conducted and boats failing inspection must be corrected before being allowed to sail.**

**Supplemental Information, not included as part of the Notice of Race:**

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