



Marblehead Junior Race Week
Optimist, C420 and ILCA 4 & 6 Classes
July 20 - 22, 2026

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Pleon Yacht Club, supported by the Boston, Corinthian, Eastern, and Manchester Yacht Clubs.

The notation [np] means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Information and documents will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located at [The CLUBSPOT MJRW event site](#) no later than 0900 July 20, 2026.
- 1.3 Life jackets:
 - 1.3.1 [dp] RRS 40 is changed as follows: competitors shall wear a US Coastguard (USCG) approved life jacket, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while launching boats, on the float, and on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
 - 1.3.2 RRS 40 is further changed to require that life jackets shall have a whistle attached.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Competitors shall have reached their 8th birthday as of the event start date and not reach their 19th birthday as of December 31, 2026.
- 2.2 The regatta is open to the Club 420, Optimist, ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 classes.
- 2.3 Divisions will be Club 420 Championship; 420 Green; 420 Green no-spinnaker; Optimist Championship Red, White, and Blue; Optimist Green; ILCA 4 and ILCA 6. Additional divisions may be added at the discretion of the OA.
- 2.4 The minimum number of entries for any class to receive a start is five (5) boats unless otherwise approved by the OA.
- 2.5 Competitors may enter the event by registering online at [The Clubspot MJRW registration page](#).
- 2.6 To be considered an entry in the event, competitors shall complete all registration requirements, including associated forms, and pay all fees.
- 2.7 Registration is by boat, not by sailor. The skipper should start the registration by entering all of the appropriate information plus the name of their crew and their crew's (parent/guardian) email. The crew will receive a link from Clubspot via the email that the skipper provided, with a request to add necessary information. Skipper and crew will have to split the cost of the entry fee privately.
- 2.8 Competitors must personally present themselves at check-in, to be scored in the regatta.
For 420s: Both skipper and crew must present themselves together in person at the check-in desk to complete registration.
- 2.9 Online registration at [The Clubspot MJRW registration page](#) is available until 7:00pm, Thursday, July 16th; thereafter **online registration** is closed.
- 2.10 In-Person registration of competitors and coaches may be accepted Sunday, July 19 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the check in desk. Please note that regatta souvenirs may not be readily available as a late registrant.
No in-person registration of competitors or coaches will be accepted after 7:00pm, Sunday, July 19. *"Time and tide wait for nobody."*

2.11 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply, however the OA may choose to expand or contract the regatta's size based on health and safety conditions.

Optimist Green: 80

Optimist Championship: 80

420 Green: 80

420 Green Non-spinnaker: 40

420 Championship: 80

ILCA 4: 40

ILCA 6: 40

3. FEES

3.1 Entree fees are as follows:

3.1.1 Entry fee until July 10th, \$150 per sailor

3.1.2 Late entry fee after July 10th, \$180 per sailor

3.2 All entree fees are non-refundable on or after July 12th

3.3 All refunds are subject to a reasonable administration fee covering non-refundable credit card, electronic waiver, and registration platform processing fees.

3.4 One branded regatta merch will be provided per registrant. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily, with exception to Wednesday's dinner, when light snacks sandwiches will be made available while sailors store and de-rig boats, prepping for travel.

3.5 Additional regatta merchandise may be purchased individually via [Marblehead Sports Shop](#)

3.6 MJRW Floating Fiesta Pizza Party – Tuesday - EYC Pool (Optis only) Opti Champ, Opti Green, Shoreside Green Team: 16:00-18:00

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online at [The CLUBSPOT MJRW event site](#) not later than Sunday, July 19th, 7:00pm.

5. VENUE

5.1 Registration and launching will take place at the Pleon Yacht Club, 42 Foster Street, Marblehead.

5.2 All fleets will be stored on the grounds of the Pleon or Eastern Yacht Clubs.

- 5.3 All trailers will be stored at Riverhead Beach at the end of the harbor.
- 5.4 Coach and other power boats must launch from Riverhead Beach. The EYC ramp, used by Pleon, is not an authorized venue for launching/hauling.
 - 5.4.1 It is safe to launch/haul for 1.5 hours, either side of high tide from Riverhead:
<https://www.us harbors.com/harbor/massachusetts/marblehead-ma/tides/?tide=2025-07#monthly-tide-chart>
- 5.5 Racing will take place in designated racing areas for each fleet, located outside of Marblehead Harbor. Location information to be provided in Sailing Instructions.

6. SCHEDULE and SKIPPER’S MEETING

- 6.1 Boat Drop Off: **No boats may be dropped off on club grounds before 3PM Sunday, July 19, 2026.**
 Trailers may be stored in the marked area at Usher’s lot, 101 Ocean Avenue, across from Riverhead Beach. **No trailers may be stored on Eastern or Pleon Yacht Club grounds.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sun, July 19	1500-1900	Boat drop off
	1600-1900	Check-in and late, in-person registration, at Pleon YC
Mon, July 20	0730-0900	Check-in at Pleon YC
	1000	Skippers meeting followed by coach and safety meeting
	1100	Harbor Start all fleets; <i>delayed start for Opti Green</i>
Tue, July 21	0930	Harbor Start ILCAs, C420, Optimist Championship
	1015	Harbor Start Optimist Green Fleet
		*No Opti races started after 15:00p
Wed, July 22	0930	Harbor Start ILCAs, C420, Optimist Championship
	1015	Harbor Start Optimist Green Fleet
	1430	No warning signal after this time

7. COURSES

7.1 Course diagrams will be provided in the Sailing instructions.

8. SCORING

8.1 One (1) race shall constitute a regatta for all classes.

8.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her races.

8.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races with her worst score excluded.

8.4 For the Optimist Championship fleet, overall fleet scoring will be used in determining red, white and blue positions.

9. [DP] COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches are required to complete the coach registration for this event through the same registration system as the competitors at [The CLUBSPOT MJRW event site](#) see section 2.9. There is no fee for coach registration.

9.1 Support boats and coach boats shall register with On-Water Safety at the information tent located across from Pleon Yacht Club and display issued flags when operating near the race areas.

9.2 The Field of Play is defined as:

9.2.1 The race course, with consideration for tacking and gybing angles in the prevailing conditions.

9.2.2 A 50-foot buffer zone surrounding the race course including all marks of the course and starting and finishing lines.

9.2.3 Coaches, support and spectator boats shall monitor VHF Channel 72.

9.2.4 **WHEN ON THE WATER, ALL SUPPORT PERSONS MUST HAVE INSTALLED AND USE AT ALL TIMES AN ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCH (ECOS). IF THEIR BOAT IS LESS THAT 26 FEET IN LENGTH. IF THE BOAT'S PRIMARY HELM IS INSIDE AN ENCLOSED CABIN THIS RULE SHALL NOT APPLY.**

10. **TRASH DISPOSAL**

10.1 [DP] This event is designated as a CLEAN REGATTA by the Sailors for the Sea Organization. By entering, all competitors shall abide by [CLEAN REGATTA Best Practices](#)

11. **BERTHING & LAUNCHING**

11.1 [DP] Each boat will be assigned a specific berthing area for storage, rigging and de-rigging. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places for the duration of the regatta.

11.2 Launching for Harbor Start will be organized by a berthing group each day.

12. **PRIZES**

12.1 Prizes will be given for first through third places for all fleets including Optimist Championship white, blue and red.

12.2 Additional prizes may be awarded based on fleet size, acts of sportsmanship or any other factors the OA determines worthy of recognition.

13. **RISK STATEMENT**

RRS3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

14. **MEDICAL CONSENT, CODE OF CONDUCT AND MINOR WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 To be completed by guardian at time of online registration, see next pages.

Medical Consent

In the event of accident, injury, or illness while on or about the premises of the Pleon Yacht Club or the Eastern Yacht Club while participating in an event under the auspices of the Pleon Yacht Club, the Eastern Yacht Club or Marblehead Junior Race Week, where I am unable to consent or am not present, I, the parent or legal guardian of the competitor, a minor, hereby:

1. Voluntarily consent to the furnishing of such medical care and treatment by any hospital or physician(s) as the hospital or physician(s) deem necessary or advisable, consistent with the medical information that I have provided as part of this registration.
2. Authorize any officer, member, volunteer or organizing authority of the Pleon Yacht Club and supporting organizations or the Marblehead Junior Race Week to consent to such medical care or treatment.
3. Agree to pay the cost of such medical care or treatment and to indemnify and hold free and harmless of all liability for such cost the Pleon Yacht Club and supporting organizations, the Marblehead Junior Race Week, and their respective officers, members, volunteers and organizing authority.

Waiver of Liability

I recognize and understand that participation in this Regatta is voluntary and that my child incurs risk by participating, including the possibility of injury or death. In consideration of the acceptance of my child's entry, I waive, both for myself and for my child, any and all claims, charges, losses and liabilities including those caused by negligence, against the Pleon Yacht Club, the Marblehead Junior Race Week, the supporting organizations and their respective officers, directors, contractors, employees, members, volunteers and organizing authority, that may arise from or in any way be in connection with the activities of Marblehead Junior Race Week. I am aware that the activities of my child may involve maneuvering a boat on water in potentially hazardous conditions which may include, among other things, cold water temperatures, strong winds, high waves, lightning, and collisions with other watercraft or stationary objects such as docks, pilings, and buoys. I understand that I am responsible for the actions of my child while he or she is participating in the regatta both on land and at sea and that I am solely responsible for whether or not my child participates or sails each day.

MARBLEHEAD JUNIOR RACE WEEK CODE OF CONDUCT

Each Marblehead Junior Race Week competitor pledges to uphold the spirit of this Code of Conduct. This Code is not a prescription for appropriate behavior, but rather a set of general principles to guide sailors' decision-making when faced with situations that have ethical implications.

Terms & Conditions

Substance & Alcohol Possession

During Marblehead Junior Race Week, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:

- 1.) Marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under Massachusetts or federal law or
- 2.) Alcoholic beverages

The penalty shall be that the competitor, after a proper hearing, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home. Any additional costs associated with enforcement of the penalty will be borne by the contestant.

Sportsmanship

All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the 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 a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought 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. Additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

Competitor Agreement: As a Marblehead Junior Race Week competitor, I agree to comply with the restriction on drinking and substance use and possession. I also agree to share the responsibility for making the event run smoothly both on and off the water. In particular, I will respect my fellow competitors; I will respect property that is not mine; and I will respect the efforts of the event's hosts.

Parent (Guardian) Agreement: I have read the competitor agreement above and the restriction on the use of alcohol and illegal drugs during Marblehead Junior Race Week.

I fully understand that offenders of the restriction may be immediately removed from the racing and, if practical, sent home. I understand that I am responsible for the behavior of my child and liable for any damage to property they cause.

I also understand that my own behavior on and off the water can impact my sailor and the event, and therefore I will:

- Respect racing area restricted zones
- Provide no outside assistance to competitors during racing in violation of RRS 41
- Respect event organizers and race officials
- Help create a positive experience for all sailors
- Agree that photos of my child may be posted on social media