

Champ Chase Regatta

Malletts Bay Boat Club
662 W. Lakeshore Dr. Colchester, VT
July 16-17, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The junior sailors of the Malletts Bay Boat Club cordially invite junior sailors from neighboring clubs to participate in the 2026 Lake Champlain Champ Chase Junior Regatta. This annual regatta, which alternates between the Lake Champlain Yacht Club and the Malletts Bay Boat Club on beautiful Lake Champlain, offers a picture-perfect sailing area right off the club. This regatta features racing in single-handed Optimist and double-handed Flying Junior dinghies, great hospitality, competitive racing, and great camaraderie.

1 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 1.1 Open to Optimist sailors age 15 and under and Flying Junior sailors age 18 and under from the following clubs: Lake Champlain YC, Malletts Bay Boat Club, The Lake George Club, Northern Lake George YC, Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center, Lake Sunapee Yacht Club, Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, and Browns Ledge Camp. Sailors from other clubs may be eligible upon application to the MBBC Junior Sailing Program Director (Sam Callison, scallison41@gmail.com).
- 1.2 Classes: Flying Junior & Optimist Dinghy
- 1.3 Registration: Online using the link on the MBBC-VT.org race calendar no later than July 2nd.
- 1.4 Waivers shall be completed in order to participate.
- 1.5 There is no fee to participate.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). As well as the US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 2.2 Lifejackets are required to be worn at all times on the water.
- 2.3 All participating boats must show unique numerical identification on the bow or sail.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online at the link on the MBBC-VT.org race calendar.
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) will monitor VHF marine radio frequency channel 72.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the MBBC-VT.org race calendar by clicking on the Champ Chase entry no later than two days before the event and will be provided by email and at the Coaches meeting.
- 4.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A competitors' meeting will be held each day before racing on the north side lawn of the clubhouse. Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. As many races will be run as practicable.
- 5.2 Changes to the schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 18:00 on the day before they will take effect.

Wednesday July 15

1600 Coaches Meeting
1700 Welcome dinner

Thursday July 16

0800 Host families provide breakfast, bagels at MBBC
0830 Registration
0900 Competitors meeting
0930 Harbor start
1000 First Warning Signal
1003 Start Race One, additional races to follow.
1600 No races will start after this time.
1810 Midweek Summer Series PHRF race Warning Signal. Junior sailors are encouraged to participate!
2000 Host families pick up visiting sailors

Friday July 17

0800 Host families provide breakfast, bagels at MBBC
0830 Competitors meeting
0900 Harbor start
1000 First Warning Signal
1300 No races will start after this time
1400 Awards ceremony

6 RACING AREA & COURSES

- 6.1 Inner Malletts Bay east of Malletts Head.
- 6.2 The illustrations in Diagram A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.3 When one of the "modified" courses is chosen the Start and Finish lines are CLOSED.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 7.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Appendix A. Low point will be used.
- 8.2 A boats worst score will be eliminated from her total if five (5) or more races are scored.
- 8.3 One race constitutes a regatta.

9 SUPPORT BOATS

- 9.1 Coach boats will be allowed within the area where boats are racing as specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 Spectator boats are required to stay outside the area where boats are racing at all times, unless there is an emergency situation. There will be at least one spectator boat provided by MBBC.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may make announcements to coaches and spectators via VHF on channel 72. Coaches and spectators are asked to please limit non-essential radio communication on this channel.

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 11.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each fleet (Opti and FJ).

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 13.2 Parents/chaperones/guardians/or competitors 18 or over at the time of the start of the event are responsible for the safety of the competitors. Racing will be held in conditions that may fall within the capabilities of some participants but exceed the capabilities of others. The decision to race/decision to participate is the responsibility of the competitors and of their parents/guardians/adult chaperones at all times.
- 13.3 All participating competitors (or their guardians) must sign the Liability Waiver and submit it before the end of the competitors meeting.

14 CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 Sam Callison / scallison41@gmail.com

DIAGRAM A

