



New Bedford Junior Regatta
July 10th - 12th, 2026
New Bedford Yacht Club Regatta Association
NOTICE OF RACE



1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*; the prescriptions of US Sailing except the Preamble to Part 5, Section B and to RRS 63.1(b), which shall not apply; and the U.S.O.D.A., C420, and ILCA Class Rules.
- 1.2. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or...
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions and courses to be sailed will be available online by July 1st, 2026

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Classes:

- 3.1.1. International Optimist Dinghy: Green*/White/Blue/Red Fleet (*Green Fleet for novice Optimist sailors only)
- 3.1.2. Club 420
- 3.1.3. ILCA
- 3.1.4. Club 420 JAM (Nonspin / Jib and Main)
- 3.2. Competitors must not have reached their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
- 3.3. A minimum of six (6) boats are required to have a start. This determination will be made on July 2, 2026
- 3.4. The regatta shall include utilizing the following class-compliant equipment: Optimist/ILCA/Club 420
- 3.5. [NP] This regatta will be a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." As such, all competitors are required to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. All entries shall be made online at www.nbyc.com/racing
- 4.2. All competitors must submit a completed online registration form and it must be received by the Registration Committee no later than July 9, 2026 to be considered on-time.
- 4.3. New Bedford Yacht Club is able to accommodate competitors' special diets. All special diet requests must be submitted by July 8, 2026.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$110 for Optimists and ILCAs, and \$215 per Club 420 and 420 JAM. Green Fleet will be free thanks to the NBYC Foundation!
- 5.2. A 15% late fee will apply to all late registrations received on July 10th, 2026 or after.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Friday, July 10, 2026

12:00pm Trailers allowed at NBYC

1:00pm - 5:00pm Early Registration

6.2. Saturday, July 11, 2026

7:30-8:45am: Registration

8:30am: Coaches Meeting

9:00am: Competitors Meeting; Launching and races to follow

Green Fleet Competitors Meeting to follow Competitors Meeting

10:30am: First Warning for all classes

*Box lunches available

*Sailor dinner to follow (must have wristband)

6.3. Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:00am: Coaches Meeting

8:30am: Competitors Meeting; Launching and races to follow

10:00am: First Warning

2:00pm no races will be started after this time

* Sailor dinner to follow (must have wristband)

7. FORMAT

7.1. The Championship Fleets will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. The process for allocating boats to division and the format will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2. ~~There will be a Green Fleet if at least six (6) boats are registered by the initial deadline.~~ The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.

8. VENUE

8.1. The racing area will be the Padanaram outer harbor and approximately ¼ miles south of Apponagansett Bay

9. COURSES

9.1. The courses will be listed in the Sailing Instructions and may consist of port triangle, olympic, trapezoid and windward/leeward.

10. SCORING

10.1. There will be no maximum number of races. The Race Committee will start as many races as practical.

10.2. A minimum of one (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

10.3. One discard will be allowed after five (5) races are completed.

10.4. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course, and finishes, will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing. TLE will be defined as the average score of all boats not Finished and still Sailing the Course at the close of the Finish Window and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified. (This changes RRS 35, 61.4(b)(1), A4 and A5..

10.5. RRS 90.3(e) regarding the correction of scoring errors will apply.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

11.1. [DP] Boats may be inspected at any time by a race official or safety boat for

compliance with class rules.

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Coach and spectator boats are required (no charge) to register and may be required to display a specific streamer. Every coach boat must have a working VHF radio and monitor the Race Committee channel.
- 12.2. Coach and spectator boats are required to remain outside the course and at a distance of 100 meters from any boat racing. This requirement may be relaxed at the discretion of the PRO, i.e. after a general recall, postponement, or if safety needs dictate it.
- 12.3. [DP] Support person vessels shall be equipped with a functioning cut-off device and the helmsperson shall wear the device at all times when the engine is running.
- 12.4. Support boats are not allowed on the race course until all boats have finished or unless released by the PRO.
- 12.5. Coach boats and spectator boats may be launched at NBYC or at the Dartmouth town launch ramp (at a fee) in Padanaram at Apponagansett Park. The New Bedford Yacht Club will make an effort to provide moorings and dock space to those who need overnight storage, but space is limited. A document with specific information on coach and spectator boat launching will be available on Clubspot
 - 12.5.1. [DP] All support boat and coach boat operators are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing; they shall monitor the Race Committee working channel for their circle, and be subject to tasking by the Race Committee.
- 12.6. [DP] Coach boats will be assigned a mooring upon arrival. Failure to adhere to your assigned mooring may result in the vessel's affiliated team being DSQ

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Awards will be presented as follows:
 - All Opti Green Fleet sailors will receive participation awards
 - Opti Gold: 1st-3rd White/Blue/Red Fleets and 1st-3rd Overall
 - Opti Silver: 1st-3rd White/Blue/Red Fleets
 - Club 420: 1st-3rd Skipper and Crew
 - Club 420 JAM: 1st-3rd Skipper and Crew
 - ILCA: 1st-3rd

14. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

- 14.1. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (Rule 69.1) and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

15. PARKING

- 15.1. Parking and drop-off instructions will be posted online. **There is no non member parking allowed on site at NBYC**

16. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply. The PFD shall either be a USCG Type III or Type V device that depends 100% on foam for flotation. No modifications of the PFD are permitted.
- 16.2. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that 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. For the events using the Club 420, permission is granted to bring Fast-pins, and the competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses.

- 16.3. Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

17. **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

- 17.1. No participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).

18. **ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

- 18.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 18.2. By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its members, the regatta sponsors, and each class association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, and to license any other person to so make, show and use, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, sound recordings, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of them or their property made during the period of the regatta without compensation to such competitor.

19. **RISK STATEMENT**

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which 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.** 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 regatta.

20. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 20.1. For further information please contact:
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