



NOTICE OF RACE

Narragansett Bay Yachting Association – Summer 2026 Junior Day Regattas

Narragansett Bay Yachting Association is the Organizing Authority

This NOR is for all one-and two-day NBYA Junior regattas:

Opti #1 – July 1-2, Ida Lewis YC	ILCA #1 – July 14, Sail Newport	C420 #1 – July 7-8, Sakonnet YC
Opti #2 – July 16, Barrington YC	ILCA #2 – Aug 11-12, Wickford Sailing Assn.	C420 #2 – Aug 5-6, Conanicut YC
Opti #3 – July 26-27, Saunderstown YC		C420 #3 – Aug 11-12, Wickford Sailing Assn.
Opti #4 – August 4, Edgewood YC		

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

1. RULES

- a. The events are governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- b. Racing rules are changed as follows. The sailing instructions and this NoR also change other racing rules.
 - i. [DP] Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment per Rule 40.1 and 40.2(c). Use of inflatable PFDs or buoyancy aids is not permitted. Competitors shall also carry a whistle.
 - ii. [NP] 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. 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"
- c. Alcohol and drugs: No contestant shall use or possess, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance whose possession or use 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the online Official Notice Board for each regatta approximately three days before that regatta begins.

3. COMMUNICATION

The Official Notice Board is located online at each regatta's ClubSpot page. There may also be a physical notice board on site as a courtesy. Check the sailing instructions for its location.

4. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY and FEES

- a. Each regatta is open to all boats in the Club 420, Optimist, and ILCA 6,, as indicated by the regatta name above and in Section 6 - Schedule.
- b. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at each regatta's home page. Links to each regatta's home page are at <https://nbya.org/junior-sailing>. Entry is complete only when registration, waiver of liability and consent for medical treatment forms are completed and accepted and the regatta fee is paid.



- c. Entry fees per event are: \$50 per sailor per day. NBYA members receive a \$10 discount.
- d. Boats must register by 8:00 PM on the day before the regatta. Walk-in registrations will not be allowed.

e. There is a \$10 early entry discount up until 48 hours before registration closes.

5. AGE DIVISIONS and CLASSES

- a. Club 420 Division 1: neither skipper nor crew may reach their 16th birthday in the current calendar year.
- b. Club 420 Division 2: neither skipper nor crew may reach their 20th birthday in the current calendar year.
- c. Optimist class: sailors may not reach their 16th birthday in the current calendar year.
 - i. Opti White Fleet is for sailors age 10 or under on the first day of the regatta.
 - ii. Opti Blue Fleet is for sailors ages 11-12 on the first day of the regatta.
 - iii. Opti Red Fleet is for sailors ages 13-15 on the first day of the regatta.
 - iv. Opti Green Fleet is for any beginner sailor who hasn't reached 16 years in the current calendar year.
- d. ILCA class: sailors may not reach their 20th birthday in the current calendar year.

6. SCHEDULE

- a. Schedule of events:

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- b. Daily schedule (typical – check event SI for specific regatta details)

0815 – Earliest arrival
0845 – 0925 – Check in ashore (Mandatory)
0930 – Competitors' and coaches' briefing
1030 – First warning signal; racing continues
1530 – No warning after this time on last day
ASAP – Awards after protest time & scoring

7. RACING AREA

The race area and rendezvous location will be announced at the competitors' briefing.

8. COURSES

Courses will be described and diagrammed on the NBYA course card, link at <https://nbya.org/junior-sailing>.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V: Alternative Penalties (V1 & V2) will apply, including the default 30% scoring penalty in V2.

10. SCORING

- a. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- b. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c. Season scoring is described in detail on the NBYA web site, link at <https://nbya.org/junior-sailing>.



11. PRIZES

- a. 1st-3rd place for classes and 1st-3rd for divisions will be awarded
- b. A Top Girl's Skipper prize will be awarded
- c. NBYA and/or the host may award other prizes at their discretion.

12. WAIVER & DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY:

RRS 3 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 competitors and their parent(s) or guardian(s) agree and acknowledge 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.

By registering and participating in this event, and in accordance with Section 7-6-9 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, each competitor and their parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to release the race organizers, staff and volunteers associated with the event from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. SAFETY

- a. Competitors, coaches and parents are reminded that Narragansett Bay contains restricted channels.

Sailboats DO NOT have right of way over vessels that may be restricted in their ability to maneuver. Participation in this regatta DOES NOT provide standing over vessels that have right of way.

A boat that impedes the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel of fairway or that receives a sound signal of five horns ("I am unsure of your intentions" or "You are standing into Danger!") may be protested by the race committee or protest committee.

- b. Competitors, coaches, parents and club 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 shall be corrected before being permitted to sail.



NBYA is pleased to participate in the
Sailors for the Sea, Clean Regattas Program.

Use of refillable water bottles is strongly encouraged.

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