



2021 MAINE STATE OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS PYC 420 INVITATIONAL

August 3, 2021

Portland Yacht Club

40 Old Powerhouse Road

Falmouth, ME 04105

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1. Date and Venue

1.1. The 2021 Maine State Optimist Championships and PYC 420 Invitational will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021 at the Portland Yacht Club, 40 Old Powerhouse Road, Falmouth, ME 04105 (207-781-9820).

2. Organization and Rules

2.1. The Organizing Authority is the Portland Yacht Club ("PYC"). The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)*, the "USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships," which can be found at www.usoda.org/ and the Club 420 Class Rules.

2.2. The Class Rules for purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Optimist Association Class Rules and Club 420 Class Rules including the use of spinnakers.

2.3. Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42 and Appendix P will apply.

2.4. Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

3. Eligibility, Fleet, and Fleet Divisions

3.1. The Regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist Class and the Club 420 with spinnakers.

3.2. All competitors/boats shall comply with the following:

3.2.1. Required to be affiliated with a member organization of the Northeast Sailing Association.

3.2.2. Shall not reach their sixteenth (16th) birthday in the current calendar year.

3.2.3. Display a proper sail number in accordance with Class Rules. 420 mainsail and spinnaker numbers must match.

3.3. Championship Fleet Divisions (age groupings) – Competitors in the Optimist Championship Fleet will be divided into three groups according to their ages as of August 1, 2021. Competitor age groups are:

3.3.1. White fleet - 10 years old or younger.

3.3.2. Blue fleet - 11 or 12 years old.

3.3.3. Red fleet - 13 years old or older and shall not have reached their 16th birthday in the current calendar year.

3.4. Opti Green Fleet – This is a special fleet for beginners and novice sailors of any age up to 15 (except that if a 15 year old sailor turns 16 in the same calendar year such sailor is ineligible). The purpose of the Opti Green Fleet is to encourage novice sailors.

3.5. There will be a limit of 50 competitors for the Opti Championship and 420 Fleets and 30 for the Opti Green Fleet. This limitation may be expanded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.6. The organizing authorities may, at their discretion, require satisfactory proof of age and affiliation with a member organization of the Northeast Sailing Association.

4. Registration

4.1. Competitors must have completed all parts of the registration form and submitted it with all fees to:

REGISTRATION IS ON LINE, ONLY, AT:

www.regattaman.com

4.2 The entry fee is \$30.00 per Optimist competitor and \$60 for 420 teams if registration and payment are received on or by July 30, 2021. **REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON Friday, JULY 30, 2021. No on-site registration will be accepted. Entry fees are Non-refundable**

4.3 The entry fee includes an event t-shirt; bottled water; and after race refreshments. Competitors should bring their own lunches to take with them while sailing.

4.4 Each competitor shall confirm that he/she is registered on the

Regatta website. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the Regatta website then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of his/her completed registration.

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5. Travel Logistics

5.1. Optimist/420 boat storage – Storage on PYC docks is limited. All clubs other than PYC will store their boats at the beginning and end of the day on the grass areas to the north of the PYC Club. All clubs should therefore plan on bringing a sufficient number of dollies to launch their boats. The launching of boats stored on the grass areas will not be allowed until the Harbor Start horn has been sounded.

5.2. On-site parking at PYC is limited. [Each club will be issued one parking pass](#). Additional cars, but not trailers, can be parked at an offsite lot which is a 5 to 10 minute walk from the PYC. Car-pooling is encouraged. There is no street parking on Old Powerhouse Road, the road on which the PYC is located.

5.3. Trailer storage – Trailers can be stored at the PYC.

5.4. Support, Coach, Parent, Spectator boats

5.4.1. Coach, parent or other support boats from entrants beyond a 40 mile radius of the PYC may be launched at the PYC on Monday afternoon and evening, August 2, 2021. On Tuesday morning, August 3, from 8 to 9:30 coach, parent or other support boats may be launched. On Tuesday morning there will be **No other** coach, parent or other support boat launching at the PYC until all competitors have launched.

5.4.2. The PYC has limited dock space. The PYC will attempt to find overnight mooring space for a maximum of two coach boats per club. Such overnight mooring space is expected to be on private moorings. Due to a lack of moorings and limited dock space, other coach/support/parent/spectator boats **cannot** be stored overnight. Moorings may also be found at Handy Boat Service.

5.4.3. Limited space on PYC spectator boats for viewing the Championship Fleets is available. If interested, contact a volunteer at Registration check-in it is expected that Green fleet races will be viewable from the PYC Clubhouse. No spectator boats will be provided by the PYC.

5.4.4. All coaches must complete Coach Boat Registration forms by 9:00 AM Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

5.4.5. All coach, parent, spectator or other support boats will be expected to participate in the provisions of safety for the event. All such boats must stay outside the course area at all times. The exception is that coach boats are allowed in the back half of the Green Fleet.

6. Schedule

Monday, August 2. 5:00 – 7:00 PM Distant boat unloading, Coach, Parent, and Spectator Boat launching at the PYC.

Tuesday, August 3. 7:00 – 8:30 AM Opti & 420 Unloading

8:00 – 9:30 AM Coach and Parent Spectator Boats Free Launching at PYC.

8:00 – 9:30 AM Check-in, All sailors and boats.

9:30 AM Coaches Meeting 10:00 AM

Skippers' meeting

Harbor Start*

11:15 AM After all Optis & 420s have been launched late coach and parent spectator boat launching at PYC is allowed.

12:00 PM Approximate time of first warning gun for the day.

4:00 PM No warning signal after this time.

4:45 PM Food served immediately after getting off the water.

After racing Awards Ceremony ASAP

* Harbor Start shall mean leaving the vicinity of the PYC Docks. There will be three harbor starts. The first one will be for the Opti Championship Fleet, the second for the 420 Fleet, and the third one will be for the Green Fleet.

Check-in – Each Sailor shall be present at check-in.

7. Format of the Regatta and Racing Areas

7.1. Weather and resources permitting, PYC is planning for three separate starting lines, one for the Opti Championship Fleet (Red, Blue and White fleets combined), one for the 420 Fleet, and one for the Optimist Green Fleet. Depending on the number of registrants, the Championship Fleet may be separated into divisions. If the Championship Fleet is divided into divisions, they will have rotating starts that will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

7.2. The racing area for the Championship and 420 Fleets will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting but is expected to be to either the Northeast or South of Clapboard Island.

7.3. The racing area for the Green Fleet will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting but is expected to be just outside the anchorage, inside Clapboard Island. For parents and spectators, most of the Green Fleet racing should be visible with the naked eye (although binoculars would make it even better) from the PYC Clubhouse.

8. Course

8.1. The courses will be provided at check-in.

9. Scoring for the Opti Championship and 420 Fleet

9.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used except when modified by the Sailing Instructions.

9.2. One race constitutes a Regatta.

9.3. A competitor's worst finish shall be discarded when five or more races have been completed.

10. Scoring for the Green Fleet

10.1. Consistent with the USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships, section 18, the Green Fleet will not be scored.

11. Sailing Instructions

11.1. Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors through Regattaman.

12. Protests

12.1. Competitors in the Opti Championship and 420 Fleets shall inform the Race Committee finish boat of the intention to file a protest immediately after finishing. Protests shall be filed in writing within 30 minutes of when the Race Committee docks. The docking time for the Race Committee shall be posted on the Notice Board. The location of the protest forms will be announced at the Skippers meeting. Flying of a Code Flag B or other flag signal is not required in the Opti Fleet. This modifies the USODA Class Rules.

12.2. Competitors in the Green Fleet are encouraged to do penalty turns if they commit fouls. However, formal protest hearings will not occur for the Green Fleet. If time and resources allow, "mock protest" hearings may occur for Green Fleet competitors.

12.3. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source believes that a competitor

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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 and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

13. Safety

- 13.1. Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard or other government approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from launching to hauling, unless when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a PDF as required will result in penalty up to and including disqualification.
- 13.2. A whistle must be attached with lanyard to the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction).
- 13.3. Each competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self Certification Safety Checklist form during the regatta check-in. A coach's signature is required on the form. Forms will be available online at the regatta website and during check-in. Compliance with the safety standards listed on the form is subject to the review of the Regatta Safety Officer(s).
- 13.4. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course and immediately after arrival ashore.
- 13.5. All competitors are requested to wear proper footwear at all times on and off the water. Coaches are asked to adhere to this as well.
- 13.6. **Each competitor is required to have an adult responsible for him/her on each race course who shall be a coach or representative from that competitor's club or a designated on the water coach who shall not be responsible for more than 10 competitors.** Each coach must monitor the designated Race Committee VHF Channel for that particular line with his/her own VHF radio.
- 13.7. Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the responsibility solely of the parents/guardians of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
- 13.8. A morning and afternoon sailor safety check-in procedure will occur. This will be discussed at the skippers' meetings. It is required that all

competitors check in when they go out and come off the water. Failure to comply by the procedure will result in a penalty of (10) points for each race sailed the day of the infraction. If a competitor is unable to go on the water for any reason, the adult responsible for him/her is required to notify one of the Race Committee members or the volunteer responsible

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for the safety check in for that day.

13.9. All coach, support, parent, and spectator boats must have a working VHF radio on board to monitor the event or that boat will not be allowed in the sailing area.

14. Coaches

14.1. Coaches will be asked to check in at the event. The Race Committees reserve the right to ask any coach to leave the racing area and return to the Harbor if a coach is being overly aggressive or impeding the racing. Coaches are encouraged to provide sound, safe and courteous information to the competitors between races, but are not allowed to coach during a race with the exception that coaching is allowed in the back of the Green Fleet.

15. Equipment

15.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail(s) during the Regatta. Substitution of such equipment due to damage shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.

16. Liability

16.1. Participants compete in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. Waivers must be signed by all competitors and their parents/guardians.

17. Rule 47 – Trash Disposal

17.1. Competitors are reminded of rule 47, which states that competitors and support boats "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

18. Media Rights

18.1. By participating in this regatta, a competitor and his or her parents/guardians grant to the PYC and any Regatta 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 and other reproductions or him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

19. RRS 13 states:

19.1. "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.

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20. Trophies

Opti Championship Fleets Combined

Red Fleet 1st through 3rd (ages 13, 14 and 15)

White Fleet 1st through 3rd (10 yrs of age and younger)

Blue Fleet 1st through 3rd (ages 11 and 12)

420 Fleet 1st through 3rd

Green Fleet Participation Awards

20.1. Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the organizing authorities, and may be based on criteria other than Regatta results.

21. Perpetual Trophy

21.1. The Maine State Optimist Championship is an open event.

Notwithstanding the qualification of any participant for the individual place trophies, the award of the perpetual trophy will be governed by a certification from each club that the participant, while sailing as a member of that club, is not a visiting sailor but is, in fact, an active participant in its regular programs or a seasonal/family member of that club. The award of the perpetual trophy will be to the highest to finish "Maine Sailor".

22. Additional information:

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ATTACHMENT A

