



NOTICE OF RACE

BUZZARDS BAY 420 CHAMPIONSHIP

August 4 – 6, 2017

Community Boating Center, Inc New Bedford, MA

1 - ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organizing authority (OA) is the Community Boating Center of New Bedford, in conjunction with the Club 420 Association.

2 – RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

2.3 No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc...) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the Community Boating Center of New Bedford and Fort Taber park. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.

3- VENUE

3.1 The racing area will be in Buzzards Bay directly off Fort Taber and West of the main shipping channel into New Bedford

3.2 Boat storage during the event will be located at Fort Taber park located at 1000C S Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02744. More information will be posted on the event website.

4 – ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The regatta is open only to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class rules.

4.2 All competitors (Both skipper and Crew) must be current members of the Club 420 class.

4.3 Individuals who will be twenty two years old or older in 2017 are not eligible to compete in this regatta.

5 – REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 Registration for this regatta may only be completed on-line at:
www.regattatoolbox.com
- 5.2 The entry fee is \$250 per boat for registrations that are paid before 1700 on Monday July 10, 2017. The entry fee is \$300 per boat for registrations that are paid after 1700 on Monday July 10, 2017, but before 1700 on Sunday July 30, 2017.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes two t-shirts and post-race snacks on Friday and Saturday.
- 5.4 All competitors under the age of 18 must submit a Release of Liability on the registration site.
- 5.5 Every skipper must complete and submit an Equipment List form prior to participation in the Regatta. These forms are available from the event website and must be submitted at the Check-In desk upon arrival in order to be scored.
- 5.6 No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received. No refund of registration fees will be possible after Thursday July 27, 2017

6 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Pre-Regatta Check-In, and may be available before the regatta on the event website.
- 6.2 The courses for the regatta will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

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8 – FORMAT OF THE REGATTA AND SCORING

- 8.1 If more than 80 boats are registered, the fleet may be divided into divisions.
- 8.2 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply as modified below.
- 8.3 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta. If the fleet is split into divisions, a race consists of all divisions completing a course with results that may be scored. This changes A2.
- 8.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her individual race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 8.5 If The Fleet is divided into divisions there will be a Qualifying Round and a Medal Round attempted. If fewer than five races have been completed before the start of competition on the last race day, then the regatta will remain in the Qualifying Round format. If five or more races have been completed in the Qualifying Round before the start of the last day, there will be a Medal Round.
- 8.6 Scores from the Qualifying Round will carry forward into the Medal Round.

9 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors may arrive at Fort Taber Park on Thursday August 3, 2017 after 1:00PM.

Thursday August 3

1400 – 1800 Arrival and Pre-Regatta Check-In

1800 Competitors Meeting (mandatory)

Friday August 4

0915 Mandatory Coach, parent and support boat meeting

0930 Harbor Start

1030 First warning Signal

Saturday August 5

0915 Mandatory Coach, parent and support boat meeting

0930 Harbor Start

1030 First warning Signal

Sunday August 6

0915 Mandatory Coach, parent and support boat meeting

0930 Harbor Start

1030 First warning Signal

No warning signal after 1500

10 - ARRIVAL AND LAUNCHING

Offsite trailer storage at a nearby location will be available at no cost.

11 – SAFETY

Competitors who are US citizens or US residents must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Competitors who are citizens or residents of another country shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wetsuits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

12 – RISK, RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

- 12.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk. Each competitor must complete and submit a "Liability, Assumption of the Risk and Photographic Waiver" before they may leave shore and participate in the regatta. The form must be signed by the competitor and also by their parent/legal guardian/Designated Adult if the competitor is a minor. The form is available on the event website.
- 12.2 If a minor competitor is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during all activities of the regatta, then the parent or legal guardian shall name in writing a "Designated Adult" person 18 years of age or older, who shall be present at all times in their absence and who will supervise the minor competitor at all times to assure his/her safety. The Designated Adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the minor competitor during any activity related to the regatta. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the event.
- 12.3 It is the parent's, legal guardian's or Designated Adult's decision for any minor competitor to enter the regatta, to leave shore for the day's racing, to start or finish any race in the sea and weather conditions that arise, or to return to shore without parental escort. The parent, legal guardian or Designated Adult of each minor competitor is responsible for the safety of their minor competitor and accepts full responsibility for the risks involved in participating in the regatta or in any activities related to the event before, during, and after the regatta, including both on-shore and on-the-water activities.

12.4 A competitor age 18 or older retains all of the responsibilities for himself or herself.

13 – PRIZES

Overall: 1st place through 5th place

Top Juniors: 1st place through 3rd place (both skipper and crew are under 17 throughout 2017)

14 – COACH BOATS AND SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 All coach and spectator boats must register before racing begins, and must prominently fly a designated flag provided by the OA at all times while in the water.

14.2 Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in a \$20 replacement fee.

14.3 Coach boats and spectator boats launching information will be provided on the event website

14.4 Visit the event website for additional information regarding launching locations and dockage for coach boats and support boats.

15 – CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Community Boating Center

Email: regatta@communityboating.org

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Event Website: <http://www.communityboating.org/bb420champs/>

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