

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

The Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation is proud to host the 2017 C420 Association Mid-Atlantic Championship & the Laser Radial / 4.7 Mid-Atlantic Championship.

1. Date and Venue

The 2017 Club 420 Association Mid-Atlantic and Laser Radial / 4.7 Mid-Atlantic Championship will be held with registration Friday, October 6th and racing October 7th-8th, 2017. The venue will be the Bellport Bay Yacht Club, at the foot Bellport Lane, Bellport NY 11713 – www.bellportbayyachtclub.org

2. Organization and Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 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, the Laser North American Class 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 Bellport Bay Yacht Club. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M of the Racing Rules. The hearing officers may also recommend further action under Rule 69. The officers for a hearing regarding a violation of this prohibition will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairperson of the hearing and the Jury. The Event Chairperson shall serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the panel and will have a right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process.

2.4 The official language for this regatta will be English.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Competitors are required to be current members of their respective classes (Club 420 Association or the Laser North American Class) and their countries sailing authority (i.e. US Sailing Association, Canadian Yachting Association, etc).

4. Risk

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

5. Format of the Regatta

If there are more than 80 boats registered in any fleets, the championship fleet may be divided into divisions.

6. Schedule of Events

Friday October 6th, 2017	
1500 - 1900	Registration
Saturday October 7th, 2017	
0730-0900	Registration & Breakfast at Main Club House
0915	Skippers' meeting
0945	Harbor Start
1030	1 st Warning Signal
Sunday October 8th, 2017	
0730-0900	Breakfast at Main Club House
0930	Harbor Start
1015	1 st Warning Signal
1630	Pizza and Awards to follow (as soon as possible after all scoring, protest, and redress issues are resolved).

6.1 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the final day of the regatta

7. Courses and Racing Area

7.1 The courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions and at check-in.

7.2 The racing area will be Bellport Bay.

8. Scoring

8.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used as modified below.

8.2 One race is required to complete the regatta. If divisions are established, a race shall consist of all divisions completing a course with results that may be scored.

8.3 A boat's worst finish may be discarded when five or more races have been completed.

9. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on line and during on-site check-in / registration.

10. Protests

Boats are exempted from displaying a red flag according to RRS 61.1(a)2..

11. Safety

11.1 Parents/guardians/or competitors 18 or over at the time of the start of the event are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the competitors, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.

11.2 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. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

11.3 A whistle shall be attached by a lanyard to the PFD. The lanyard shall be long enough to permit the sailor to use the whistle while wearing 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.

11.4 All coach boats are considered Safety boats and will at the direction of the OA or Race Committee render aid.

12. Coach Boats

All coach boats shall register and shall prominently fly a designated flag from a staff, supplied by the Race Committee, at all times while in the water.

13. Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian if the competitor is under 18.

14. Entry fee

14.1 Competitors may register online by clicking on the following link [\(Will forward ASAP\)](#)

14.2 Competitors may register and pay on-line anytime up until 9a.m. on October 8th subject to fee schedule in 14.3.

14.3 The entry fee will be \$155 per Club 420 and \$70 per Laser if registration and payment are made on or before September 13. Registrations that are paid after September 13 and before September 28th will pay \$175 (Club 420) and \$85 (Laser) for the registration fee. Online registrations that are paid after September 28th will pay \$195 per boat (Club 420) and \$95 (Laser) for registration.

14.4 The entry fee includes breakfast each day, water, and make you own lunch. **There will also be Pizza or BBQ after the event.**

15. Trophies

Club 420 Championship Fleet

Overall: 1st through 5th

Top girls: 1st (both skipper and crew are female)

Top juniors: 1st (both skipper and crew under 17 throughout 2017).

Laser Radial Fleet - Overall 1st through 4th

Laser 4.7 Fleet - Overall 1st through 3rd

16. Designated Adult

16.1 Each competitor under 18 shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

16.2 For each competitor under 18, it is the competitor's parents' (or designated adult) decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

16.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

17. Additional information

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