



**C420 Class Association  
2018 Mid-Atlantic Championship  
September 29 – 30, 2018**



Niantic Bay Yacht Club, Niantic, CT 06357

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**The organizing authority (OA) is the Niantic Bay Yacht Club, in conjunction with the C420 Class Association (C420).** Niantic Bay Yacht Club is located at 8 Shore Road, Niantic, CT 06357. Phone number is 860 739 0558. VHF channel 72. Club and Event information is available at [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org).

*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.*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The Rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association will apply.
- 1.2 Rule 42 (Propulsion) will be enforced by on-the-water Judges.
- 1.3 No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or any 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 Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Penalties for a violation of these prohibitions may include dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS. [DP].

**2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 Class Association Rules.
- 2.2 All competitors (both skipper & crew) shall be current members of the Club 420 Class Association.
- 2.3 Competitors shall be under the age of 22 as of December 31, 2018 to be eligible to compete in this regatta.
- 2.4 Registration may be completed only on-line at: [www.regattatoolbox.com](http://www.regattatoolbox.com).
- 2.5 All competitors (skippers & crew) must submit a **Release of Liability Form** on the registration site.
- 2.6 Every skipper must complete and submit an **Equipment List Form** prior to participation. These forms are available from the event website and must be submitted at the Check-In desk upon arrival in order to be scored.
- 2.7 No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received.

**3 FEES**

- 3.1 On-site check-in will be held Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 3.2 The entry fee is \$250.00 (USD) per boat for registrations that are paid before 1700 on September 1, 2018. A late entry fee of \$275 per boat will be assessed for registrations that are paid after 1700 on September 1, 2018, but before 1700 on September 26, 2018.
- 3.3 **THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEES AFTER SEPTEMBER 26.**
- 3.4 The entry fee includes:

- Bagels, coffee and juice Saturday and Sunday morning
- Box lunches and water each day
- Pizza after racing on Saturday and snacks after racing on Sunday

#### **4 SERIES FORMAT**

- 4.1 At the discretion of the Race Committee, the fleet may be split into divisions.
- 4.2 If the Fleet is split into divisions, there will be a Qualifying Round and a Medal Round will be attempted

#### **5 SERIES SCHEDULE**

##### **Friday, September 28**

1400 – 1800 Competitors may arrive and check-in at Niantic Bay Yacht Club

##### **Saturday, September 29**

0900 Mandatory Competitors Meeting [DP]

0900 Mandatory Coach and Support Boat Operators Meeting [DP]

0930 Harbor Start

1030 First warning Signal

##### **Sunday, September 30**

0930 Harbor Start

1030 First warning Signal

#### **No Warning Signal after 1500**

#### **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted to the regatta website by September 15<sup>th</sup> and will be available at check-in.

#### **7 VENUE**

- 7.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Niantic Bay. Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

#### **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 Courses that may be used include Windward-Leeward (WL), Triangle (T), Trapezoid (TZ) and Figure 4 (4). Specifics of courses, marks, and signals will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply.

#### **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 One complete race constitutes the regatta.
- 10.2 If the fleet is split into divisions, one complete race per division constitutes the regatta.
- 10.3 When five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

#### **11 COACH and SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1 This regatta is a Grade 1 event. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>
- 11.2 All coach and support boats shall register online before racing begins at check-in and must prominently fly the designated flag provided by the OA at all times while on the water.
- 11.3 Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in a \$20 replacement charge.

- 11.4 The Race Committee may designate a “bull pen” area within which coach and support boats may be required to remain during races. Failure to remain within the designated area may result in loss of on-the-water privileges.
- 11.5 The Race Committee and On-the-Water Judges will communicate to Coach and Support boats on VHF channel 05A.
- 11.6 Coach and Support boats should be ready and available to assist the Race committee in getting boats to safety in the event of serious weather.

*(Coach and Support boats may be launched at Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Boats and trailers may be stored on Niantic Bay Yacht Club grounds. Volunteers and club stewards will provide direction to storage areas.)*

## **12 DESIGNATED ADULT**

- 12.1 Each competitor under the age of 18 years shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible and readily available locally for the competitor throughout the event. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after racing.

## **13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat, coach boat, or support boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This will apply from Harbor Start through the end of each day’s racing. [DP]

## **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Overall: 1st through 5th place trophies will be awarded.
- 14.2 Top Juniors: 1st through 3rd place trophies will be awarded.

*(To qualify for Junior trophy - both the skipper and crew must be under 17years of age throughout 2018).*

## **15 SAFETY**

- 15.1 Competitors shall 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.
- 15.2 Foreign competitors may bring approved flotation devices acceptable by the country of their citizenship or residence.
- 15.3 A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to clothing
- 15.4 Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time.
- 15.5 Violation of a safety instruction may be protested only by the Race Committee and may result in disqualification from a race or the entire regatta. [DP]

## **16 DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY**

- 16.1 Parents, guardians, support persons, designated adults and/or competitors participate 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.
- 16.2 It is the parent, legal guardian 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.

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

### 17 INFORMATION CONTACT

Regatta co-chairs: Paul Grady paulgrady@me.com  
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### ATTACHMENT A

