

# **OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB**

## **NOTICE OF RACE, Junior Sailing 2011**

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 These races/regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the prescriptions of the Ocean City Yacht Club.

### **2. Fleets**

- 2.1. Single-Handed Fleets (i.e., skipper only; no crew)
  - a. Optimist (Green, White, Blue, Red Fleets)
  - b. Laser 4.7
  - c. Laser Radial
- 2.2. Double-Handed Fleets
  - a. Club 420

### **3. Eligibility**

- 3.1 All competitors must comply with the eligibility rules of the Junior Sailing Program of the Ocean City Yacht Club.
- 3.2 The fleet of initial registration at the beginning of a series or regatta shall be the fleet in which that sailor shall sail for the entire series.
- 3.3 Age Requirements: to participate in the races sponsored by the Ocean City Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, sailors must meet the following age requirements.
  - A. Optimist Fleet (Overall) minimum Age: Sailors must be 8 years old on or before July 1, 2011 or entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in September 2011. Maximum age: 15 years old or younger as of December 31, 2011
    1. Optimist White Fleet: Sailors must be no older than 10 years old at the time of registration for the series
    2. Optimist Blue Fleet: Sailors must be age 11-12 at the time of registration for the series.
    3. Optimist Red Fleet: Sailors must be age 13-15 at the time of registration for the series.
    4. Optimist Green Fleet: Sailors must meet the minimum age criteria for the overall fleet as noted above.
  - B. Laser 4.7--Minimum age: Sailors must be 13 years old
  - C. Laser Radial--Minimum age: Sailors must be 14 years old
  - D. Club 420--Minimum age: Sailors must be 13 years old
  - E. Participation in any OCYC Jr. Sailing Program race is limited to any registered junior sailor, 18 years old or younger, as of the start of the first race of the season.
- 3.4 There are races for boats of the **Optimist, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, and Club 420** fleets. Competitors are not required to be registered in any instructional program.
- 3.5 Lasers and C420s: If a sailor wishes to sail in one of these fleets and does not meet the age requirements of OCYC then he must have written permission from a parent and be approved by the Sailing Director or Program Director.
- 3.6 A fleet will be scored if three or more boats are registered for the series.

### **4. Entry Requirements**

- 4.1 A completed Jr. Sailing Program Registration Form with entry fee and copy of birth certificate.
- 4.2 A completed General Release Form
- 4.3 An authorization for Medical treatment Form.

### **5. Registration for Racing Series**

- 5.1 Sailors registering to participate in the July series or August series must submit all required forms and payment no later than Noon on the business day (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) prior to the day the regatta or series is scheduled to start.
- 5.2 Sailors may sail in a different fleet in the July series than in the August series. Request for fleet changes must be filed in writing with the Program Director or the Sailing Director no later than Noon on the

business day (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) prior to the day the regatta or series is scheduled to start. Sailors racing in different fleets for the July and August Series will not be eligible for the Fleet Championship Series.

### 5.3 Club 420

5.3.1 Club 420s must register their crew (2 persons) before each series. That crew (2 persons) must sail in 70% of the races in the July series or the August series to be eligible for an award in the respective series. There will be an Overall Club 420 Fleet Championship Series for the season. The registered crew (2 persons) for a particular boat must sail together in at least 70% of all the races for the season and must qualify for BOTH the July series AND the August series to be eligible for this award. Substitutions may be made in crew for the daily races. The substituted crew will be eligible for only the daily award. All substituted crews must meet eligibility requirements and must be approved before leaving the dock for any race series. All substitutions will be made only with the expressed permission of the Jr. Sailing Director or Jr. Sailing Program Director.

5.3.2 Skippers sailing single-handed boats may not take crew during any OCYC Series Races.

## 6. Schedule

6.1 The schedule of events will be posted on the OCYC Club calendar. The tentative times are as follows:

### 6.1.1 OCYC Fleet Championship Series

Monday: 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Club 420)

Wednesday: 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Laser Radial; Laser 4.7, Optimist Red, Blue and White)

Friday: 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Laser Radial; Laser 4.7, Optimist Red, Blue and White)

Selected Mondays: 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Optimist Green)

## 7. Equipment Requirements

7.1 All boats must conform to any applicable OCYC safety and measurement rules. Boats are subject to inspection at any time during the event.

## 8. Racing Area

8.1 The racing area will be in Great Egg Harbor Bay.

## 9. Discipline

9.1 The Race Committee may take additional action against a boat for misconduct. Violation of OCYC Junior Sailing Program rules, the OCYC By-laws and OCYC House rules regarding conduct and sportsmanship may be grounds for disqualification from a race, a day of races, or an entire series, depending on the circumstances. Such determination shall be made by the Junior Sailing Director, the Junior Sailing Program Director and the Junior Sailing Chairperson.

9.2 All competitors and parents are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners and fair play. In accordance, the Ocean City Yacht Club or protest committee may discipline any competitor or parent for consumption of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance, for destruction or theft of property, or for any other unseemly conduct.

## 10. Support Craft/ Safety/ Committee Boat

10.1 Safety and Committee Boat Policy: Only instructors and official score keepers approved by the Program Director or Sailing Director may be passengers on the committee and/ or safety boats during races. The only exceptions to this rule shall be parents who are on a safety or committee boat at the request of the Sailing Chairperson, Sailing Director or Program Director for the purpose of taking photographs for publicity, awards or other similar program needs. Spectator boats shall stay well clear of the course area while boats are racing.

## 11. Prizes

11.1 The following awards will be presented to Junior Sailing Program participants at the Junior Sailing Awards Banquet. Recipients must have sailed in 70% of the July series and 70% of the August series of the OCYC Junior Sailing Program and must meet all of the program eligibility requirements.

- 11.2 Lester K. Walters Memorial Trophy
- a. Awarded to the Most Improved Female sailor in the OCYC Junior Sailing Championship Fleet Series.
  - b. Selection is based on the total scores within the current season. August Series total must reflect improvement in fleet ranking over the July Series.
  - c. Final selection will be determined by a committee composed of but not limited to the Rear Commodore, the Junior Sailing Chairperson, the Junior Sailing Program Director the Junior Sailing Director and the award sponsor.
  - d. This is not an annual award but is given at the discretion of the award committee.
- 11.3 J. Donald Gartland, III Memorial Trophy
- a. Awarded to the Most Improved Male sailor in the OCYC Junior Sailing Championship Fleet Series.
  - b. Selection is based on the total scores within the current season. August Series total must reflect improvement in fleet ranking over the July Series.
  - c. Final selection will be determined by a committee composed of but not limited to the Rear Commodore, the Junior Sailing Chairperson, the Junior Sailing Program Director, the Junior Sailing Director and the award sponsor.
  - d. This is not an annual award but is given at the discretion of the award committee.
- 11.4 Jack LeFort Trophy (Pending Endorsement by Trophy Sponsor)
- a. Awarded to the Best Club 420 crew (2 people) in the Club 420 Fleet sailing in the OCYC Junior Sailing Program overall combined series competition.
  - b. Selection is based on the lowest Series Score in the Club 420 fleet after allowance for throw outs. (Ties broken using RRS Appendix A8.)
- 11.5 Roy S. Vollmer Memorial Trophy (Optimist Fleet Championship Trophy)
- a. Awarded to the overall winner in the Optimist Fleet sailing in the OCYC Junior Sailing Program overall combined series competition.
  - b. Selection based on the lowest Series Score in the overall Optimist fleet after allowance for throw outs. (Ties broken using RRS Appendix A8.)
- 11.6 Laser Radial Fleet Championship Trophy
- a. Awarded to the best Laser Radial sailor in the Laser Radial Fleet sailing in the OCYC Junior Sailing Program overall combined series competition.
  - b. Selection based on the lowest Series Score in the Laser Radial fleet after allowance for throw outs. (Ties broken using RRS Appendix A8.)
- 11.7 Morello Family Trophy (Laser 4.7 Fleet Champion)
- a. Awarded to the best Laser 4.7 sailor in the Laser 4.7 Fleet sailing in OCYC Junior Sailing Program overall combined series competition.
  - b. Selection based on the lowest Series Score in the Laser 4.7 fleet after allowance for throw outs. (Ties broken using RRS Appendix A8.)
- 11.8 Fran Abbott Junior Sportsmanship Award
- a. Awarded to a junior sailor demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship in pursuit of the sport of sailing.
  - b. Nominated by registered sailors active in the Junior Sailing Program, and/or instructional staff. (Sailors will be asked to nominate candidates throughout the season. Instructional staff will provide nomination forms.)
  - c. Instructors and Staff may recommend one recipient from all nominees.
  - d. Final selection will be determined by the sponsoring family or a committee composed of but not limited to the Rear Commodore, the Junior Sailing Chairperson, the Junior Sailing Program Director and the Junior Sailing Sailing Director.
- 11.9 Robert L. Monihan Memorial Trophy (Perseverance Award)
- a. Awarded to the junior sailor demonstrating greatest perseverance in the pursuit of the sport of sailing.
  - b. Nominated by registered sailors active in the Junior Sailing Program and/or instructional staff. (Sailors will be asked to nominate candidates throughout the season. Instructional staff will provide nomination forms.)
  - c. Instructors will recommend one recipient from all nominees.

e. Final selection will be determined by the sponsoring family or a committee composed of but not limited to the Rear Commodore, the Junior Sailing Chairperson, the Junior Sailing Program Director and the Junior Sailing Sailing Director.

**11.10 Robert Hitchings, Sr. Memorial Trophy (Junior Novice Regatta Championship)**

- a. Given to the winner of the Junior Novice Regatta.
- b. Participants in the Novice Regatta must be Optimist Green Fleet skippers as defined by OCYC Rules, Notice of Races, and Sailing Instructions.
- c. For the purpose of this award, the 70% participation rule does not apply.
- d. No previous winner will be scored for this trophy.

**11.11 Traveler's Trophy**

- a. Must sail in at least 7 away regattas.
- b. Selection based on the Low Point Percentage Scoring System as (RRS Appendix A) (Ties will be broken using RRS Appendix A8.)
- c. For the purpose of this award, the 70% participation rule does not apply.
- d. To be eligible sailors must have been registered racers in the respective OCYC fleet.
- e. Final selection will be determined by a committee composed of but not limited to the Rear Commodore, the Junior Sailing Chairperson, the Junior Sailing Program Director and the Junior Sailing Sailing Director.
- f. Fleet overall scores from each regatta will be used to determine the winner.
- g. A sailor's best seven overall scores will be used to calculate the winner.
- h. Sailors MUST sail in the same fleet for the seven races.

**11.12 Traveler's Recognition Award**

- a. Must sail in 7 away regattas.
- b. Awards presented in Optimist, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, and Club 420 classes.
- c. For the purpose of this award, the 70% participation rule does not apply.
- d. To be eligible sailors must have been registered racers in the respective OCYC fleet.
- e. Final selection will be determined by a committee composed of but not limited to the Rear Commodore, the Junior Sailing Chairperson, the Junior Sailing Program Director and the Junior Sailing Sailing Director.

**12. Club 420**

- 12.1 Schedules will allow C420 sailors to sail a laser radial or laser 4.7 if desired.
- 12.2 Spinnakers may be permitted on C420 boats for the August Series ONLY.

**13. Club 420 Rental Boats**

- 13.1 Club 420 boats will be rented on a first come/first served basis, priority will be given to sailors who are registered for lessons and by the registration deadline.
- 13.2 Club 420 rental boats may be used only in OCYC events.
- 13.3 Rigs will not be rented separately from a boat

**14. Opti Rental Boats**

- 14.1 Rental boats are available for Green Fleet only; they will be assigned on request, on a first come/ first served basis.
- 14.2 Rigs may NOT be rented separately from a boat.

**15. Laser Rental Boats**

- 15.1 Laser boats will be rented on a first come/first served basis; priority will be given to sailors who are registered for lessons by the registration deadline.
- 15.2 Laser rental boats may be used only in OCYC events.
- 15.3 Rigs will not be rented separately from a boat.