

2005 Middle Atlantic Midget Championship Notice of Race
August 22-24, 2005
Bellport Bay Yacht Club
Bellport, New York 11713

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, rules of the Club 420 Class Association, rules of the Optimist Dinghy Association, and the sailing instructions, except as any of these are changed by this notice of race and the sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1.** The regatta is open to competitors, who are members in good standing of a club with one of the following Yacht Racing or Sailing Associations, who organize this event according to the following rotation schedule:

2005 Great South Bay YRA
2006 North Jersey YRA
2007 Barnegat Bay YRA
2008 Chesapeake Bay YRA
2009 YRA of Long Island Sound
2010 Eastern Long Island SA
2011 Eastern Connecticut SA
2012 Middle Atlantic YRA

- 2.2.** Each Association may enter two boats in both the single and double handed championship.
2.3. Competitors shall not have reached their 15th birthday during 2005.
2.4. Competitors shall be members of the Club 420 Association or Optimist Dinghy Association.
2.5. Both crew members of double-handed boats must be members of the same club.
2.6. The helmsperson named on the entry shall continue as helmsperson for the series.
2.7. Substitution of an alternate crew in the double-handed class shall be approved by the race committee.

3. Entry Fees and Registration

- 3.1.** Entry fees are \$65 per single-handed boat and \$130 per double-handed boat and include lunches and a dinner for competitors.
3.2. The completed Entry Form, Entry Fee, Event Release Form, and Medical Release Form, must be received by Bellport Bay Yacht Club, by 1900, August 22, 2005. Forms are available on the website at bellportyc.org after August 1, 2005.
3.3. Other fees: Additional dinner reservations are available.

4. Changes to the Racing Rules

- 4.1.** A boat that takes a 720° Turns Penalty shall inform the race committee upon finishing, which modifies rule 44.2.
4.2. A boat intending to protest shall immediately notify the race committee upon finishing of her intent to protest and, if possible, the sail number of the protested boat, without instructor or spectator consultation, which modifies rule 61.1(a).
4.3. Protest flags need not be flown.

5. Classes

- 5.1.** The single-handed Championship shall be sailed in Optimists provided by and sailed by the competitors.
5.2. The double-handed Championship shall be sailed in Club 420's with spinnaker and trapeze provided by and sailed by the competitors.
5.3. This event is not a round-robin event and all boats must comply with class rules.

6. Schedule

Monday, August 22, 2005	1600-1900	Registration and check in
Tuesday, August 23, 2005	0900	Skippers meeting
	1000	Warning signal for first race
		Lunch on the water
	1800	Dinner at Bellport Bay Yacht Club
Wednesday, August 24, 2005	0900	Skippers meeting
	1000	Warning signal for first race
		No warning signal after 1530
		Awards after racing

7. Sailing instructions will be available at check in.

9. Venue for racing will be Bellport Bay.

Driving instructions, lodging and venue are available at the website bellportyc.org.

10. Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS, will apply, except that if seven or more races are completed, one race will be discarded.

11. Boat and Trailer Storage

11.1. Boats shall be dry sailed.

11.2. Boats and trailers shall be stored in designated areas.

12. Housing, Meals and Local Transportation

12.1. Housing is available upon request for the nights of August 22 and 23, 2005 for all competitors.

12.2. Provide the name, age, and sex to help with housing requests.

12.3. Breakfast is provided by housing host. Lunch and dinner is provided by Bellport Bay Yacht Club.

12.4. Local transportation will be provided by housing host if required.

13. Discipline

The organizing authority may disqualify and send home any participant or instructor for consumption of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance, for destruction of property, or for other unseemly conduct.

14. Prizes

14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class, with equal crew and helmsman prizes awarded in the double-handed class.

14.2. A sportsmanship prize may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

14.4. Perpetual Trophies are held by the winners, who are responsible for their safe delivery to the regatta venue the following year.

Middle Atlantic Midget Trophy is awarded to the double-handed class winner.

Mergenthaler Trophy is awarded to the single-handed class winner.

15. Responsibility for Safety

Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. The decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely the competitors responsibility. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.

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