

2023 DRYA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Organizing Authority: Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association
And Sponsoring Clubs

July 6 - August 10, 2023

Cass Lake and Lake St Clair

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **DEFINITIONS:**
 - 1.1 The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat or the race committee may not protest for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.2(a).
 - 1.2 The notation [DP] in a rule means that a boat may be given a Discretionary Penalty for breaking that rule (see RRS 64.6).
2. **RULES:**
 - 2.1 The regatta shall be governed by the "rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 2.2 [NP] All Classes shall meet the requirements of the NCS - "Non-Class Sails" a DRYA document governing the use of sails in DRYA Junior Regattas. The NCS Document can be found on the DRYA website.
 - 2.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to Rule 63.2 shall not apply.
 - 2.4 Each club and participant shall follow the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for their event developed from the DRYA EAP template available on the DRYA Website
 - 2.5 Each club and participant shall follow the applicable Covid-19 rules, regulations and orders.
3. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - 3.1 Standard Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the DRYA website prior to June 12, 2023 and on the Official Notice Board at the Sponsoring Club.
 - 3.2 Amendments approved by a DRYA Representative or Judge to the Sailing Instructions shall be sent to each Club Team Leader and Race Committee PRO by email before the change is implemented.
4. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 4.1 All boats with Team Leaders, coaches and Race Committee shall have VHS radios to communicate on the water. The following channels shall be used: Course 1: CH 68, Course 2, CH 69, Course 3 CH 71, Course 4, CH 72.
 - 4.2 "[DP] [While racing] [From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats."
5. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:**
 - 5.1 Classes:

The series is open to boats of the 420 Spinnaker Class, 420 JAM Class, Laser Full Class, Laser Radial Class, and Optimist classes.
 - 5.2 Membership Eligibility

- a) To be eligible for season awards, competitors must be junior members of DRYA by completing the entry forms and paying the required registration fee to DRYA, 23915 Jefferson Ave Suite #1 St Clair Shores, MI 48080
- b) Competitors must be registered in a junior sailing program of a DRYA club. Other competitors may be invited by junior sailing programs of DRYA clubs to compete, if they have provided the host club with a signed copy of the Health Form, Liability form and Concussion form and they are accompanied by a responsible adult at all regattas.
- c) An Invited Guest may place in the DRYA regatta and receive an award flag, however, they will not be scored or entitled to a Season Award.

5.3 Entry:

- a) Eligible competitors may enter by completing the forms in NOR 5.3(b) [below] and sending them together with the required fee, to DRYA, Suite 1, 23915 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 by July 6, 2023.
- b) A complete entry shall consist of a filled out and signed Entry Form, US Sailing Medical Consent Form (download), State of Michigan Parent and Athlete Concussion Info Sheet (download), DRYA Release Form (download) and payment of the entry fee. Competitors with incomplete entries shall not be allowed to compete.
- c) The Scorer must be provided by each club program the name, boat type, Class and correct sail number of each competitor prior to 1800 hours on the day preceding a given regatta. Late entries or corrections will be scored only at the discretion of the scorer.

6. FEES:

- 6.1 The required fee for each competitor is \$25 for the DRYA Junior Series. Entries received after July 6, 2023, shall be subject to a \$30 fee. A Competitor, for whom a registration fee has not been paid, will not be scored.
- 6.2 There will be no proration of registration fees. Fees are paid for each individual competitor with no substitutions allowed after submission of names and fees.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS:

7.1 Age

- a) All competitors in the 420 Spinnaker, 420 JAM, and Laser Full and Laser Radial Fleets must have reached their 9th but not their 19th birthday by July 6, 2023.
- b) All competitors in the Optimist Red Fleet must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 16th birthday by July 6, 2023.
- c) All competitors in the Optimist Blue Fleet must have reached their 11th birthday but not their 13th birthday by July 6, 2023.
- d) All competitors in the Optimist White Fleet must have reached their 7th birthday but not their 11th birthday by July 6, 2023.
- e) All competitors in the Optimist Green Fleet must have reached their 7th birthday but not their 15th birthday by July 6, 2023. Once the competitor has placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in two regattas, they are required to move up to Red, White or Blue fleet as appropriate at their next regatta.
- f) Once age eligibility has been determined for a particular class/fleet (other than Optimist Green) as of July 6, 2023, then the competitor shall retain that eligibility for the remainder of the series.

7.2 Other 420 Class Eligibility Requirements

- a) Before the beginning of the season the Team Leader or Coach shall register the skippers for the 420 Spinnaker Class and the 420 JAM Class for their Club.
- b) Late entries will automatically be registered in the 420 Spinnaker Class.
- c) If a competitor has flagged for the Season in the 420 JAM fleet, they must advance the next year to 420 SPINnaker fleet.
- d) Crews may change from one 420 Class to another at any time during a season.

- f) Competitors in a 420 class may change position in the boat [Skipper or Crew] in either direction during a season.
- g) The largest number of races in a position in the boat shall be used to determine season awards.

8. SCHEDULE:

8.1 Registration

- a) An email from each club must be sent to the Scorer by 1800 hrs on the day before the event listing the names of each participant and the sail number of each boat participating in that day's races.

8.2 Dates of racing

- a)

Pontiac Yacht Club - July 6th	All Fleets
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club - July 12-13th	All Fleets
Crescent Sail Yacht Club - July 26-27th	All Fleets
Bayview Yacht Club - August 2-3rd	All Fleets
Detroit Yacht Club - August 7th	All Fleets
- b) Weather related Safety Information shall be communicated to each Team Leader of each club participating by 1700 hrs by email on the day prior to the event by the DRYA Director (or designee) including a decision to Cancel or Postpone the event.
- c) The schedule shall be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0830 hours on the first day of each regatta.
- d) A Competitor's meeting shall be held at 0900 hours each day of the event.
- e) The warning signal for the first race of each day shall be 1000 hrs. Successive races will be started as soon as possible following the previous races.

8.3 Last race of the regatta

On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal shall be made after 1500 hrs. [Except as noted on the DRYA Junior Schedule for Sears event 2023]

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION:

- 9.1 Boats will not be measured at each event; however, competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment complies with class rules, except as provided in NOR 2.2.
- 9.2 Each 420 Spinnaker, 420 JAM and shall carry a separate towing rope of a minimum length of 5 meters and a minimum thickness of 5mm.
- 9.3 **Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)** – Inherently buoyant personal flotation devices (USCG **Certified** Non-Inflatable Type III or Type V) shall be worn by all competitors while on the water. PFDs shall be worn outside all clothing and foul weather gear, except that **a Pinnie shall be worn over the PFD**. This changes RRS 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

10. VENUE:

Each regatta will be conducted in the waters adjacent to the host Club on Lake St Clair or Cass Lake. The Border between the US and Canada is closed so that landing on the Canadian shore is prohibited.

11. COURSES:

- 11.1 The courses will be diagrammed in the sailing instructions [Appendix A and Appendix B].
- 11.2 There shall be four courses - 1. 420 [Spinnaker and JAM]. 2. Laser [Full and Radial]. 3. Optimist Red, White, Blue. 4. Optimist Green.
- 11.3 The PRO will describe the marks for each course prior to the first race of the day for the Course.
- 11.4 The target time for the first boat to finish in all fleets shall be 20 minutes, except for the Optimist Green fleet which shall have a target time of 15 minutes.

12. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 A boat shall report any protest or penalty turns to the Race Committee before the Warning signal for the next race. This changes rule 44.1, rule 31 and Rule 63.5.
- 12.2 Courses 1, 2, 3 shall use RRS 44.1.
- 12.3 For Course 4 [Optimist Green] RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

13. **SCORING:**

13.1 Individual Regattas:

- a) One (1) race is required to be competed to constitute a regatta.
- b) The maximum number of races shall be fifteen (15).
- c) A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race after five (5) races have been completed.
- d) Scoring for the DRYA Sears, Bemis, Smythe Awards will be based on the races completed on the day of the designated event. [See DRYA Junior Schedule.]
- e) Scoring for the Optimist Dinghy class shall be in accordance with section 7 of the USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships.

14. **COACHING /SUPPORT BOATS:**

- 14.1 [DP] Each Club shall provide one or more powerboats for each 10 sailboats entered. There shall be a minimum of 3 powerboats assigned to each racecourse in addition to the Race Committee Signal boat and Markset boat (A minimum of 5 powerboats).
- 14.2 [DP] These events are Grade 1 events pursuant to the US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy (<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>), except that level 3 Certification is not required. All coaches must be US Sailing Level 1 certified (or its equivalent).
- 14.3 [DP] Team leaders, coaches (other than designated coaches) and other support personnel shall not make contact or communicate with competitors from the time of the preparatory signal until competitors have completed the race except as in 14.4 [below]. The penalty as determined by the protest committee, for failure to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with any personnel who violate this rule.
- 14.4 [DP] On-the-course coaching is allowed by Coach Boats displaying a Bright Green flag with a letter "C" in all Fleets for the purpose of improving the boat handling skills of those boats who are not among the boats leading in a race.
- 14.5 [DP] Spectator boats [Other than Official Boats displaying flags with the letters "RC" or a Bright Green "C"] shall be restricted from 300 ft outside an area bounded by the starting line and by the lay lines from each end of the starting line which intersect with the lay-lines to the line between the offset mark and the weather mark. The area 300 ft away from a start or finish line in any direction is also restricted. Communications between Spectators and Competitors must be directed through the competitor's coach. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the Protest Committee calling a hearing under RRS 60.3(d).

15. **RISK STATEMENT:**

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone". By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

15.2 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death, or illness sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta, including but not limited to Covid-19 and related laws, regulations, and orders.

16. **INSURANCE:**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$50,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. **AWARDS**

17.1 First, Second and Third place awards shall be given for each class competing.

17.2 First, Second and Third place awards and Perpetual trophies to the 1st place finisher for the DRYA Sears, Bemis and Symthe Events. These awards will be given out at the Annual Awards Banquet.

17.3 Overall Season Championships:

- a) To be eligible for a season championship, a competitor must compete in at least 70% of the DRYA Junior Championship Series races for that class. This number of races is referred to hereinafter as "races to count."
- b) Competitors sailing in more than the number of 'races to count' shall use their best DRYA Junior Championship Series race scores to count in determining their overall score.
- c) A competitor's overall score shall be the sum of their individual "races to count" scores including any races excluded in accordance with SI 13.1(c). Ties shall be broken in accordance with Rule A8.
- d) Average Finish Position is the "Total of the Races to Count / Number of Races to Count"
- e) Boats in a Class = The sum of the number of boats in the Class finishing a race at each regatta / Number of regattas. The value shall be rounded off to the nearest whole number with .5 being rounded up.

17.4 **Season Awards**

- a) The competitors having the lowest score in each class (except Optimist Green) shall be declared the Annual Class Champions in their respective class.
- b) For all classes other than any Optimist Class, the male skipper who is eligible [17.2(a) above] and has the lowest point total for the following calculation shall be awarded the Boy Skipper of the Year Award. Using 17.2(b) & (c) above: $\text{POINTS} = \text{Average Finish Position} \times \text{Boats in the Class sailed} / \text{Tangent of the Class} [\text{Boats in Class} - 1 / \text{Boats in largest Class in series} - 1]$.
- c) For all classes other than any Optimist Class, the female skipper who is eligible [17.2(a) above] and has the lowest point total for the following calculation shall be awarded the Girl Skipper of the Year Award. Using 17.2(b) & (c) above: $\text{POINTS} = \text{Average Finish Position} \times \text{Boats in the Class sailed} / \text{Tangent of the Class} [\text{Boats in Class} - 1 / \text{Boats in largest Class in series} - 1]$.
- d) For all classes other than any Optimist Class, the (male or female) crew who is eligible [17.2(a) above] and has the lowest point total for the following calculation shall be awarded the Crew of the Year Award. Using 17.2(b) & (c) above: $\text{POINTS} = \text{Average Finish Position} \times \text{Boats in the Class sailed} / \text{Tangent of the Class} [\text{Boats in Class} - 1 / \text{Boats in largest Class in series} - 1]$.
- e) A Committee of the Junior Coaches of each DRYA sponsoring club may select Sportsmanship and/or Shipshape award winners for each boat type and/or age group.
- f) The DRYA Junior Committee Chairman shall select the winner of the Annual Corinthian Sportsmanship Trophy.
- g) The DRYA Junior Committee Chairman shall elect a recipient(s) of the Extraordinary Contribution to DRYA Junior Sailing award when it deems someone worthy.

- h) The DRYA Junior Committee Chairman shall receive nominations in order to elect a recipient(s) of the Coach(es) of the Year award when it deems someone worthy.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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b) After the beginning of the season the Team Leader or Coach shall register NEW [not previously registered] entries in either the 420 Spinnaker Class or the 420 JAM Class for their Club.

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