

# 2017 West Michigan Youth Sailing Association 420 Team Regatta

Hosted by the St. Joseph Junior Foundation July 7, 2017

## The Organizing Authority for this Regatta is

The Grand Rapids Junior Sailing Association  
The Gull Lake Junior Yacht Club  
The Macatawa Bay Junior Association  
The Muskegon Yacht Club  
The Saugatuck Yacht Club Sailing Program  
The South Haven Yacht Club  
The Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association  
The St Joseph Junior Foundation  
The White Lake Junior Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as modified by the WMYSA 2017 Championship Regatta Series Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Please note that Class Rules are now referenced in the RRS.
- 1.1.a Boats in the 420 Class shall be limited to 2 sailors. The use of spinnakers and trapeze is prohibited.
- 1.1.b RRS Rule 33 is changed to allow the Race Committee to make a course change of less than 5 degrees without issuing a signal.
- 1.1.c RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the words "Two-Turns Penalty" are replaced by "One-Turn Penalty".
- 1.1.d RRS Rule 61 is changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat of its intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.
- 1.1.e The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. RRS A2 is amended so that each boat's score at each regatta will be the sum of all her races. See NOR 9.1
- 1.2 In accordance with Michigan State Law, the WMYSA requires that any competitor who experiences a potential concussion injury be immediately removed from competition – and will not be allowed to return to competition without a written clearance from a health professional.
- 1.3 Substitutions of boats and/or sails will not be allowed once racing has started unless permission has been received from the Race Committee.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to youth sailors of middle school age or older. The format of racing is similar to that of high school or college sailing so this regatta is a great opportunity to experience this type of sailing. The regatta will be sailed in 420 class sailboats and open to those sailors who are entered representing one of the following sailing organizations:
  - The Grand Rapids Junior Sailing Association
  - The Gull Lake Junior Yacht Club
  - The Macatawa Bay Junior Association
  - The Muskegon Yacht Club
  - The Saugatuck Yacht Club Sailing Program
  - The South Haven Yacht Club Sailing Program
  - The Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association
  - The St Joseph Junior Foundation
  - The White Lake Junior Yacht Club

The host club has 12 boats so those clubs that don't own 420 boats may also compete even if they do not have enough sailors to field a four person team. Because the goal is to get participation from as many clubs as possible, the Organizing Authority will be assigning individual sailors to mixed teams and may arrange for additional boats from nearby clubs so those traveling a longer distance may not have to trailer a boat.
- 2.2 Eligible sailors may enter by submitting the race registration form and signing in prior to 10:00 am on the day of the event.
- 2.3 All parents and guardians must sign the "Disclaimer of Liability" and this form must be submitted at registration. The Disclaimer of Liability is part of the Entry Form. This document is available from your coach, on the WMYSA web site [www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org](http://www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org) and at the registration table at the event. Coaches are strongly encouraged to have parents sign this form prior to competitors travelling to the regatta.

- 2.4 All parents and guardians of competitors must read and sign the “Parent and Athlete Concussion Information Sheet” required under Michigan State Law. Each WMYSA member program is responsible for collecting these forms and keeping them on file. Concussion forms do not need to be submitted to the WMYSA on the day of the event unless requested by the WMYSA.
- 2.5 Junior sailors are eligible to compete until the end of the summer season immediately following their graduation from high school.

### **3 SCHEDULE**

9:00am – 10:00am	Registration and sign in
10:00am	Safety, Coach and Race Committee meeting
10:30am	Competitors Meeting Following the Competitors Meeting there may be a brief presentation/clinic to discuss the racing format for the regatta and talk about opportunities to sail in high school and college.
11:30am	Scheduled harbor start (launching of boats). Additional races will follow as time and weather permit. There will be no warning signals after 3:00pm.

### **4 MEASUREMENTS**

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to request a valid measurement or rating certificate for any boat entered.

### **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be posted at [www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org](http://www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org) and will be available at the Competitors Meeting.

### **6 VENUE**

The races will take place on waters of Lake Michigan off the St. Joseph pier heads. In the event of inclement weather the races may be moved to the turning basin in the St. Joseph River Harbor.

### **7 COURSES**

A complete description of sailing courses to be sailed will be provided at the Competitors Meeting.

### **8 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### **9 SCORING**

- 9.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. RRS A2 is amended so that each boat’s score will be the sum of all her races. There shall be no throw outs.
- 9.2 There will be two divisions for this regatta “A” & “B” with each division sailing as a separate fleet. Each fleet will start and be scored separately using a fleet scoring mode. The team scores will be the combined total of the “A” division and “B” division sailors for each team.

### **10 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 10.1 Unless specifically instructed otherwise by the race committee, all coaches and spectators shall stay outside areas where boats are racing until all boats are finished for the day or the race committee signals abandonment.
- 10.2 All boats should monitor the Race Committee VHF channel and stand by to assist all competitors if necessary.
- 10.3 Coach boats and designated safety boats are to carry only officially designated coaches and safety personnel. Other spectators shall not ride on coach or safety boats.
- 10.4 All coaches and safety personnel must register with the Race Committee at the beginning of the event and must display coach and safety flags on the water.
- 10.5 The consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on all coach, safety, support and spectator boats.
- 10.6 All coaches and safety boat passengers are required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water. This is in keeping with many other youth sailing organizations and sets a good example for the competitors.
- 10.7 The race committee may decide to allow and encourage coaching for the bottom half of the fleet, and, if so, all coaches will be expected to coach sailors outside their own club/team.

### **11 PARKING & LAUNCHING OF BOATS**

- 11.1 The St. Joseph Junior Foundation has a floating ramp for launching 420 sailboats and a crane for launching safety boats setup for single point lifting. In addition, there is a public boat launch nearby where safety boats can be launched.

- 11.2 Cars will be parked on the adjacent St. Joseph River Yacht Club & West Basin Marina properties so please be courteous as parking there is by special permission for this event.

## **12 FOOD AND BEVERAGES**

- 12.1 The St. Joseph Junior Foundation will be offering a post race meal free of charge for sailors and encourage parents to provide a nominal donation for their meals.
- 12.2 Competitors are strongly encouraged to bring their own pre-race meals or snacks.
- 12.3 Competitors are expected to carry drinking water on their boats. Competitors are encouraged to use environmentally friendly bottles or containers. Littering is strongly discouraged and will be prohibited in the Sailing Instructions.

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Individual prizes will be awarded for the top three boats in each division.
- 13.2 Team awards will be presented to the top three teams overall with the lowest combined "A" division and "B" division scores.

## **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor(s) whom are less than 18 years of age. It is the responsibility solely of the parent of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and conditions that might arise during any of the events in the series. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for the sailor.

## **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact your local Club's Race Coach or:

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