

2025 DRYA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

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

June 16th – August 5, 2025

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.
 - 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).
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 a use of sails in 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 16, 2025 and on the Official Notice Board at the Sponsoring Club.
 - 3.2 Before the event has started, changes approved by a DRYA Representative or Judge to the Sailing Instructions shall be communicated to each Team Leader and Race Committee PRO before the change is implemented.
4. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - 4.1 All boats with Team Leaders, coaches and Race Committee shall have VHF radios to communicate on the water. The Channels to are: 420, CH 68,
Laser, CH 69, RWB, CH 71, Green, CH 72.
 - 4.2 [See SI #4.3 for limitations on VHF use during a race.]
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) Competitors must be junior members of DRYA
- b) Competitors must be registered in a junior sailing program of a DRYA club.
- c) 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 entry forms [See 5.3(b) below] and they are accompanied by a responsible adult at all regattas.

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 23915 Jefferson Ave, Suite #1 St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 by June 26, 2025
- b) A complete entry consists 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 Liability Release Form (download) and payment of the entry fee. Competitors with incomplete entries shall not be allowed to compete.
- c) Each club program shall provide the name, boat type, Class and sail number of each competitor prior to 1800 hours on the day preceding a given regatta. Late entries or corrections may be scored at the discretion of the DRYA scorer.

6. FEES:

- 6.1 The required fee for each competitor is \$40 for the DRYA Junior Series or \$50 if received after June 19, 2025. 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) Class

Fleet	Birthday In	Out	Transition Date
420, Laser	9 th	19 th	June 16, 2025
Optimist Red	13 th	16 th	June 16, 2025
Optimist Blue	11 th	13 th	June 16, 2025
Optimist White	7 th	11 th	June 16, 2025
Optimist Green	7 th	16 th	June 16, 2025

- b) Once age eligibility has been determined for a particular class/fleet (other than Optimist Green) as of June 16, 2025, the competitor shall retain that eligibility for the series.
- c) **A Green Fleet competitor who has placed in first, second, or third in two regattas that year is required to advance to the Red, White or Blue Fleet at their next regatta.**

7.2 Other 420 Class Eligibility Requirements

- a) Before the beginning of the season the Coach shall register the skippers for the 420 Spinnaker Class and the 420 JAM Class for their Club.
- b) After the beginning of the season the Coach shall register NEW [not previously registered] entries in either the 420 Spinnaker or JAM Class for their Club.
- c) A competitor who has flagged 2 times in one year in the 420 JAM fleet, must advance in 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 greatest number of races in a position in the boat shall be used for season awards.

8. SCHEDULE:

8.1 Registration

- a) Each club must email to the Scorer by 1800 hrs on the day before the event listing the names of each participant, class and the sail number of each boat participating in that day's races.
- b) [DP] Each Competitor must check in with the Scorer at the beginning of each day of the event giving the following: Name, Club, Sail Number and Class of boat.

8.2 Dates of Counter Series racing

Pontiac Yacht Club	June 26
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club	July 9-10
Crescent Sail Yacht Club	July 23-24
Bayview Yacht Club	July 31 - August 1
Detroit Yacht Club	August 5

8.3 Daily Schedule Guideline for Event

Daily Time:	Activity:	Source
1700 Day before event	Weather & Safety Information	DRYA Director
0830 First day of event	Schedule Posted	Host
0900 Each day of event	Competitor's Meeting	Organizing Authority
1000 First Race	Warning Signal	Course PRO
More Races	Warning Signals	Course PRO
1500 Last day	No Warning Signal after [Except Sears Event]	Course PRO
1600 Last day	Awards Ceremony	Organizing Authority

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. A

boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

- 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 **PFD (Personal Flotation Devices)**– 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. Canadian waters are open. However, landing on Canadian shores is prohibited.

11. COURSES:

- 11.1 The courses are diagrammed in the sailing instructions [Appendix A, Appendix B and Appendix C].
- 11.2 Appendix A shows six courses for the following Classes 1. 420 [Spinnaker and JAM]. 2. Laser [Full and Radial]. [*Courses 1&2 use the same marks .*]
Appendixes B & C shows five courses, Optimist Red, White, Blue can © use all 5. Optimist Green will use courses with lettered designations [W-Z].
- 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(c).
- 12.2 Courses using Appendix A shall use RRS 44.1.[Taking a Penalty]
- 12.3 Courses using Appendix B or C [Optimist], RRS 44.1 is changed: 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 regatta score is 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 races will be based on the races completed on day one 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.
- f) An invited Guest Competitor may place in a DRYA regatta and receive an award; however, they will not be eligible for a Season Award.

14. 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).

15. COACHING:

- 15.1 [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).
- 15.2 [DP] 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 15.3 [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.
- 15.3 [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.

16. SPECTATOR BOATS:

- 16.1 [DP] Spectator Boats [Boats not displaying flags with the letters "RC" or a Bright Green with black letter "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 62.

17. RISK STATEMENT:

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is the decision of the competitor." 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.
- 17.2 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.

18. 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.

19. INDIVIDUAL REGATTA AWARDS:

- 19.1 Competitors who place first, second, and third in each class receive an award from the sponsoring club.
- 19.2 Competitors who place first, second, and third in the Sears, Bemis, and Smythe Events receive an award at the Annual Awards Banquet. First place winners are also recognized with DRYA perpetual trophies.

20. OVERALL SEASON AWARDS:

20.1 **Eligibility:**

- a) To qualify for any overall season award, a competitor's "Races Raced" must be at least **80%** of the total number of finished races in the DRYA Junior Championship Series ("the Series") in a particular class.
- b) To qualify for season awards in a 420 class, a competitor must also meet the 80% eligibility threshold in either the Skipper or Crew position.
- c) The Series does not include the long-course race hosted by Pontiac Yacht Club, the "Around the Island" race hosted by Detroit Yacht Club, or the DRYA Sears, Bemis, or Smythe races. These non-Series races do not count toward season awards.

20.2 **Definitions:**

- a) **"Races to Count"** = Number of finished races in the Series of a particular class multiplied by the eligibility percentage specified in NOR 20.1 (80%). The "Races to Count" for a class is the minimum number of "Races Raced" necessary for a competitor to qualify for a Season Award.
- b) **"Qualifying Competitor"** is a competitor who has enough "Races Raced" in their class (and position in the case of a 420 class) to meet or exceed the required "Races to Count" for their class.
- c) **"Races Raced"** = The number of races a competitor raced in the Series including DNF (Did Not Finish) and DSQ (Disqualified), but excluding DNC (Did Not Compete) or DNS (Did Not Start).
- d) **"Seasons Score"** = the sum of a qualifying competitor's scores for the "Races to Count." In the event a competitor's "Races Raced" exceeds the required "Races to Count," the competitor's lowest scores are used to calculate their "Seasons Score." Scores excluded in accordance with NOR 13.1(c) are counted in determining the "Seasons Score."
- e) **"Average Finish Position"** = "Seasons Score" divided by "Races to Count."
- f) **"Average Boats in a Class"** = [Sum of (the number of boats that raced in a class for each regatta multiplied by the number of races raced in that class for each regatta)] divided by total races in the Series for that class.
- g) **"Adjusted Finish Position"** = "Average Finish Position" multiplied by [Average Boats in the largest Class minus 1 divided by Average Boats in the Class of a qualifying competitor minus 1].
- h) **"Tie Finish Position"** = the sum of the scores of the "Races Raced" by the tied competitor divided by the tied competitor's "Races Raced."

20.3 Annual Class Champion (Excludes Optimist Green):

- a) The qualifying competitor with the lowest “Seasons Score” or “Average Finish Position” in each class is the Annual Class Champion of their respective class (and position within the class in the case of 420 Spin and Jam).
- b) The Class Champion in each class (and position within the class in the case of 420 Spin and Jam) is recognized with a DRYA Perpetual Trophy. The qualifying competitors who place first, second, and third in each class receive awards.
- c) In the event of a tie between qualifying competitors, the competitor with the lowest “Tie Finish Position” wins. If the “Tie Finish Position” does not resolve the tie, the competitor who raced the most races wins. Otherwise, all tied competitors receive an award.

20.4 Boy Skipper, Girl Skipper, and Crew of the Year Award (Excludes Optimist Classes):

- a) The qualifying competitor who is the male skipper with the lowest “Adjusted Finish Position” is the Boy Skipper of the Year.
- b) The qualifying female competitor with the lowest “Adjusted Finish Position” is the Girl Skipper of the Year.
- c) The qualifying crew competitor with the lowest “Adjusted Finish Position” is the Crew of the Year.
- d) The Boy Skipper of the Year, the Girl Skipper of the Year, and Crew of the Year are recognized with a DRYA Perpetual Trophy and an award.

20.5 Most Improved Sailor Award (Excludes Optimist Green):

- (a) The qualifying competitor’s scores of their respective “Races Raced” are plotted on a Google Trendline to measure the competitor’s improvement from the beginning to the end of the season. The qualifying competitor in each class with the greatest negative slope is the Most Improved Sailor of the class and is recognized with an award.
- (b) The qualifying competitor with the greatest negative slope of all the classes is the Most Improved Sailor Overall and is recognized with a DRYA Perpetual Trophy and an award.
- (c) If no qualifying competitor’s trendline in a class has a negative slope, no award is given for that class.

20.6 Other Seasons Awards:

- a) A Committee of the Junior Coaches of each DRYA sponsoring club may select Sportsmanship and Coaches Award winners for each boat type and/or age group.
- b) A Committee of the Junior Coaches of each DRYA sponsoring club may select Shipshape award winners for Optimist Green Fleet.
- c) The DRYA Junior Committee Chairman shall select the winner of the Annual Corinthian Sportsmanship Trophy when it deems someone worthy.

d) The DRYA Junior Committee Chairman shall elect a recipient(s) of the Extraordinary Contribution to DRYA Junior Sailing award when it deems someone worthy.

e) The DRYA Junior Committee Chairman shall receive nominations and elect a recipient(s) of the Coach(es) of the Year award when it deems someone worthy.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact – DRYA Junior Sailing Chair Barb Seski, 23915 Jefferson Ave Suite 1, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 586-778-1000 thedrya@drya.org.

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