



Notice of Race

Middle Atlantic Midget Championships

August 18th & 19th, 2017

Wadawanuck Yacht Club, 196 Water St, Stonington, CT 06378

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the 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 of a club or member program of one of the following Yacht Racing or Sailing Associations (who organize this event according to the following rotation schedule):

*2017 YRA of Long Island Sound, 2018 Eastern Long Island SA, 2019 Eastern Connecticut SA, 2020 Middle Atlantic YRA,
2021 Great South Bay YRA, 2022 North Jersey YRA, 2023 Barnegat Bay YRA, 2024 Chesapeake Bay YRA*

2.2 Each Association may enter two boats in the double-handed championship and two boats in the single-handed championship. The host club may enter one additional midget team in each division.

2.3 Vacancies from other associations may be filled with midget eligible teams. First rights to these spots go to the host club, then the host association, finally the other organizing associations in order of who last hosted the event.

2.4 Open vacancies will be announced after the registration deadline has passed.

2.5 Sailors are eligible for "Midget" status if they are 15 years or younger on both days of the final event.

2.6 Both crew members of double-handed boats must be members of the same club or member program.

2.7 The helmsperson named on the entry shall continue as helmsperson for the series.

3. Entry Fee and Registration

3.1 Entry fees are \$70 per single-handed boat and \$140 per double handed boat and include continental breakfasts, lunches, and BBQ Friday evening after racing.

3.2 The completed Entry Form must be filled out online by August 10, 2017. [LINK HERE \(will be live ASAP\).](#)

4. Classes

4.1 The single-handed Championship shall be sailed in Optimists provided by and sailed by the competitors; the double-handed Championship shall be sailed in Club 420's with spinnaker and trapeze provided by and sailed by the competitors.

4.2 This event is not a round-robin event and all boats must comply with class rules except as changed by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

5. Schedule

Thursday, August 17th

Boat drop-off if desired.

Friday, August 18th

0800 – 0945 Check-in and continental breakfast and lunch pick up

1000 Skippers' Meeting

1100 Warning signal for first race

Lunch on the water between races

BBQ Friday evening after racing

Saturday, August 19th

0800 – 0845 Continental breakfast and lunch pick up

0900 Skippers Meeting

1000 Warning signal for first race

Lunch on the water between races

1530 No race shall start after this time.

Awards after races –Reggae party Saturday night for all competitors and parents. Tickets sold separately.

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available online at least one day before the Skippers Meeting.

7. Venue

The racing area will be south of the Club on Fishers Island Sound.

8. Scoring

8.1 The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A will apply, modified as follows: If 6 or more races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from his/her series score. If less than 6 races are completed, each boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores. (i.e. no exclusions)

8.2 One completed race will constitute a series.

9. Prizes

9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class (including Crew in double-handed class).

9.2 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 winner.

10. Responsibility for Safety

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Wadawanuck Yacht Club: the owner, helmsperson, and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility, and each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Wadawanuck Yacht Club, and any of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. 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. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

12. Further Information

[Please use this link for helpful local details about our club, course, and the greater Stonington CT area.](#)

For further information please contact Regatta Chairperson: Brandon Flack (bflack@amconet.com)

