NOTICE OF RACE

2016 CLUB 420 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
July 22 – 24, 2016
Falmouth Yacht Club
Cape Cod, MA

1 - ORGANIZING AUTHORTIY AND VENUE

1.1 The organizing authority (OA) is the Falmouth Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Club 420 Association. The event website is:

2 – RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

2.3 No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the Falmouth Yacht Club. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.

2.4 Appendix T1 shall apply.

3 - VENUE

3.1 The racing area will be the Falmouth outer harbor and the waters of Vineyard Sound.

3.2 Boats competing in the regatta will be stored overnight on beaches and parking lots near Falmouth Yacht Club. Boats will be assigned specific storage areas.

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4 – ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The regatta is open only to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class.

4.2 Competitors must be current members of the Club 420 Association.

4.3 Individuals who will be twenty two years old or older in 2016 are not eligible to compete in this regatta.

5 – REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

5.1 Registration will be limited to 150 boats. The first 150 boats to pay the entry fee, regardless of their entry date, may participate in the regatta. Registrations received after 150 boats have paid the entry fee will be added to a waitlist.

5.2 Registration for this regatta may only be completed on-line at**:**

5.3 The entry fee is $225 per boat for registrations that are paid before 1700 on July 10, 2016. The entry fee is $275 per boat for registrations that are paid after 1700 on July 10, 2016, but before 1700 on July 20, 2016. The entry fee is $300 for registrations paid after 1700 on July 20, 2016. No registrations will be accepted after 1700 on July 21, 2016.

5.4 The entry fee includes breakfast and lunch each day, a pizza party, a buffet dinner, the awards cookout, a $10 voucher from Coral Reef Sailing Apparel, and the end-of-regatta raffle. Each skipper and crew are entered in the post-race raffle. Raffle participants must be present at the raffle to win a prize.

5.5 All competitors under the age of 18 must submit a Release of Liability form signed by a parent or guardian prior to participation in the Regatta. These forms are available from the event website and may be faxed to Falmouth Yacht Club at (508) 540-0889.

5.6 Every skipper must complete and submit an Equipment List form prior to participation in the Regatta. These forms are available from the event website and may be faxed to Falmouth Yacht Club at (508) 540-0889 or submitted at the Check-In desk upon arrival in Falmouth.

5.7 No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received. No refund of registration fees will be possible after Sunday, July 15, 2016.

5.8 A representative from each boat shall check-in upon arrival in Falmouth and each day before racing begins.

6 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Pre-Regatta Check-In, and may be available before the regatta on the event website.

6.2 The courses for the regatta will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

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7 - SAIL NUMBERS AND PROTESTS

7.1 All boats must have a unique sail number that must match the sail number on their entry form. Boats having duplicate sail numbers or sail numbers that do not match the sail number on the entry form will be informed and will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A5 and G4. Boats may amend the sail number on their entry form in writing to the organizing authority at least one hour before the harbor start, but will not be re-scored in any race that has already been completed.

7.2 A competitor who wishes to file a protest must inform the start boat or the finish boat of their protest immediately after finishing and no later than the start of the next race.

8 – FORMAT OF THE REGATTA AND SCORING:

8.1 If more than 80 boats are registered, the fleet may be divided into divisions.

8.2 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply as modified below.

8.3 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta. If the fleet is split into divisions, a race consists of all divisions completing a course with results that may be scored. This changes A2.

8.4 There will be a maximum of 12 races sailed.

8.5 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her individual race scores, excluding her worst score.

8.7 If the fleet is divided into divisions, there will be a Qualifying Round and a Medal Round attempted. If fewer than five races have been completed before the start of competition on the third race day, then the regatta will remain in the Qualifying Round format. If five or more races have been completed in the Qualifying Round, there will be a Medal Round on the third race day.

8.8 Scores from the Qualifying Round will carry forward into the Medal Round.

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9 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors may arrive at Falmouth Yacht Club starting at 1600 hours on Wednesday, July 20, 2016. Competitors who wish to arrive before then must first contact Regatta Chairman Rick Schulz - sailorboy210@comcast.net - 508-495-4892

Wednesday 7/20/2016
1600 – 1800 Arrival and Pre-Regatta Check-In

Thursday 7/21/2016
0800 – 1800 Arrival and Pre-Regatta Check-In

Friday 7/22/2016 – Race Day #1
0730 – 0900 Daily check-in
0730 – 0900 Breakfast buffet
0900 Mandatory competitors meeting
0915 Mandatory Coach, parent and support boat meeting
0930 Harbor Start
1030 First warning Signal
Lunch on the water
1600 Target time to return from race area, followed immediately by Pizza Party.

Saturday 7/23/2016 – Race Day #2
0730 – 0900 Daily check-in
0730 – 0900 Breakfast buffet
0930 Harbor Start
1030 First warning Signal
Lunch on the water
1600 Target time to return from race area, followed immediately by Italian buffet dinner

Sunday 7/24/2016 – Race Day #3
0730 – 0900 Daily check-in
0730 – 0900 Breakfast buffet
0930 Harbor Start
1030 First warning Signal
Lunch on the water
No warning signal after 1430
1500 Target time to return from race area, followed immediately by cookout and awards ceremony ASAP

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10 - ARRIVAL AND LAUNCHING

Offsite trailer storage at a nearby location will be available at no cost.

11 – SAFETY

Competitors who are US citizens or US residents must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Competitors who are citizens or residents of another country shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

12 – RISK, RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

12.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk. Each competitor must complete and submit a "Liability, Assumption of the Risk and Photographic Waiver" before they may leave shore and participate in the regatta. The form must be signed by the competitor and also by their parent/legal guardian/Designated Adult if the competitor is a minor. The form is available on the event website.

12.2 If a minor competitor is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during all activities of the regatta, then the parent or legal guardian shall name in writing a "Designated Adult" person 18 years of age or older, who shall be present at all times in their absence and who will supervise the minor competitor at all times to assure his/her safety. The Designated Adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the minor competitor during any activity related to the regatta. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the event.

12.3 It is the parent's, legal guardian's or Designated Adult's decision for any minor competitor to enter the regatta, to leave shore for the day's racing, to start or finish any race in the sea and weather conditions that arise, or to return to shore without parental escort. The parent, legal guardian or Designated Adult of each minor competitor is responsible for the safety or their minor competitor and accepts full responsibility for the risks involved in participating in the regatta or in any activities related to the event before, during, and after the regatta, including both on-shore and on-the-water activities.

12.4 A competitor age 18 or older retains all of the responsibilities for himself or herself (See RRS 4, Decision to Race).

13 – Prizes

Overall: 1st place through 15th place
Top Girls: 1st place through 3rd place (both skipper and crew are female)
Top Juniors: 1st place through 3rd place (both skipper and crew are under 17 throughout 2016)

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14 – COACH BOATS AND SUPPORT BOATS:

14.1 All coach and spectator boats must register before racing begins, and must prominently fly a designated flag provided by the OA at all times while in the water.

14.2 Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in a $25 replacement fee.

14.3 Coaching boats and spectator boats may be launched at public launching ramps in Falmouth. The closest public ramp is located just across the harbor from FYC.

14.4 Visit the event website for additional information regarding launching locations and dockage for coach boats and support boats.

15 – LODGING

Falmouth is a popular tourist destination on Cape Cod. It is strongly recommended that competitors make lodging reservations as early as possible. Additional lodging information is available on the event website.

16 – FYC GUEST PRIVILEGES

Adults associated with this regatta are welcome to take advantage of guest privileges in the FYC bar and dining room during the regatta. See the FYC General Manager if you want to take advantage of guest privileges.

17 – For additional information, send email to falmouthregatta@falmouthyachtclub.com