

Inviting Optimist & 420 Sailors to be part of St. Augustine Race Week

Dear Coaches:

I hope you will join us and encourage your experienced Optimist and 420 sailors to submit an application to participate in the first annual St. Augustine Race Week. Formally known as the First Coast Offshore Challenge, the new St. Augustine Race Week will include the always popular off shore PHRF racing, as well as a new inshore invitational regatta for youth sailors. Due to the challenging race venue and to ensure a high level of competition, sailors must complete an application detailing their sailing and racing experience.

Here is a chance for your sailors to compete against some of the best Junior Sailors in Northeast Florida! The sailors will compete in the shadow of history at the waterfront of Saint Augustine in front of the Historic Fort and beautiful Bridge of Lions. They will experience a protected, challenging salt water venue with great competition, and the parents will have an excellent area for spectating onshore. An expert race committee with lots of safety boats will ensure safe, fair competition. This invitational event is FREE and the sailors will be treated to lunches and dinner as well as great awards for the top five Optis and top three 420s.

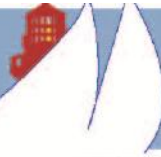
Only 20 invitations will be extended to selected Optimist sailors and 10 invitations to 420 Skippers (who will select their own crew). To be considered, each skipper must fill out the attached application and return it to the selection committee by February 1, 2015. Applications will be reviewed by the host committee and an invitation will be extended if the application is accepted. Our panel of experts will notify sailors by invitation on or before March 15, 2015.

Again, please encourage your sailors to participate. Even if not selected, the process of applying and creating a sailing resume is an educational and worthwhile endeavor. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 904 568 8405 or at CaptjackFeeney@Bamvest.com

Sincerely

Jack Feeney,
Chairman
Youth Sailing Events
St. Augustine Race Week





St Augustine Race Week
Youth Racing Application
Application Deadline February 1, 2015

Sailor: _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone(s) _____

EMAIL _____

Birthday _____ Applying for: _____ Optimist _____ 420

Club affiliation: _____

Coach (or another adult for sailing experience verification):

NAME _____

Email: _____

Phone(s) _____

Tell us about your racing experience (you may attach a second page or include a sailing resume)

Return this application to the address listed above





NOTICE OF RACE

THE ST AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK YOUTH SAILING INVITATIONAL

**For Optimists & C420's Non Spinnaker
April 11 & 12, 2015**

1 Rules

1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), by the rules of the International Optimist Dinghy Association and the 420 Class Association as appropriate to the fleet and this Notice Of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

2 Event The organizing authority is First Coast Sailing Association. The event will be hosted at The St. Augustine Yacht Club 442 Ocean Vista Ave., St Augustine, FL 32080.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 All skippers must submit the attached application demonstrating their sailing experience to be considered for an invitation to participate. Application deadline is February 1, 2015. Invitations extended on or before March 15th, 2015.

3.2 All Optimist competitors will be scored in one Fleet and must have been born on or after January 1, 2000.

3.3 The Club 420 fleet is open to junior sailors, up to and including 18 years of age. BOATS WILL BE PROVIDED for the 420 fleet.

3.4 Competitors must have completed all parts of the entry form and liability release document must be signed by parent/guardian of any participating junior sailor prior to the close of on-site registration.

4 Registration; Entry Fees

4.1 Accepting the Invitation to participate constitutes Registration for the event.

4.2 There are no entry fees for invited participants

4.3 Invited participants will receive breakfast and lunch on both race days, dinner on Saturday night. Additional meal tickets will be available for sale.





5 Safety and Adult Responsibility

5.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. All competitors under the age of 18 must have an adult representative designated and reachable during the event. The adult representative must sign a liability waiver at registration and agree in writing to be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

5.2 The adult representative (parent(s) or guardian(s) is/are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the responsibility solely of the parent or guardian of the sailor to decide if the junior sailor shall sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their junior sailor. It is the competitor's designated adult's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the competitor. This includes insuring that the competitor wears a PFD and appropriate clothing for immersion in cold water. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

6 Schedule (All times below are tentative - Please check Regatta notice board for updates)

6.1 Continental breakfasts and lunches will be provided to competitors on each schedule race day.

6.2 Program and Schedule – This is the General Program/Schedule – A detailed schedule will be mailed to competitors in their acceptance welcome packet.

Friday, April 10th

1600-1800 Early Check in at St. Augustine City Marina
Coach boat launching (Vilano Boat Ramp) Docking available at St. Augustine Marina through regatta

Saturday, April 11th

Breakfast and Lunch provided for competitors
Races to start approximately at noon – 3 races scheduled
No races to start after 1600 hours
Dinner at St. Augustine Yacht Club will be served immediately after racing

Sunday, APRIL 12th:

0900 Skippers Meeting
1000 Warning signal for first race 3 or more races scheduled
No race shall start after 1400
Ice Cream and Awards at St. Augustine Yacht Club

7 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

8 Courses & Racing Area

8.1 The racing area for all classes will be on the Matanzas River in the vicinity of Castillo de San Marcos, 1 S Castillo Dr., St Augustine, FL 3208. The sailing instructions will designate the course for the classes.





8.2 All competitors and boats will be towed to and from the race course from the St. Augustine Municipal Marina.

9 Measurement and Equipment

9.1 420 will be provided to the competitors.

9.2 Optimist competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.

9.3 All Optimist Equipment must be USODA class legal in weight and measurement.

9.4 All Optimist MUST have an attached Bow line of class legal length with a Bowline on the end. The bowline must also stowed neatly and free of knots to assist with safety rescues.

10 Scoring

10.1 The low-point scoring system (rule A2) will apply, except that each boat's worst score will be discarded if more than six (6) races are completed. Otherwise there will be no throw-outs. This changes rule A2.

10.2 One race completed constitutes a regatta.

10.3 In the case of a tie, an absolute tie breaker will be used as follows: (1) the skipper with the most firsts, (2) most seconds, thirds, etc. (3) the skipper beating the other the most times, and if still tied, (4) the skipper beating the other in the last race.

10.4 Optimists classes will not be exempt from displaying a red flag in a protest situation. (Changes RRS 61.1(a)).

11 Prizes

Optimist: Overall: 1-3, and participation award for each competitor.

Club 420 Overall: 1-3: and participation award for each competitor.

12 Coaches and Support Boats

All coach and support boats must check in with regatta management for Berthing assignments and a safety briefing. Each boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for the conditions, and a basic first aid kit. More information for coaches will be sent with the Acceptance Package after competitor selection.

Further Information

Regatta Information contact: Youth Events Coordinator Jack Feeney 904-568-8405

