



Notice of Race

2024 MERRICK TEAM RACE

August 8th, 2024

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Optimist



Club 420



Annual
Merrick Team Race
Bay Head Yacht Club
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The annual Merrick Team Race, one of Barnegat Bay's most exciting junior sailing events, will be hosted by Bay Head Yacht Club on August 8th, 2024. Bay Head Yacht Club hosts this event which promotes team racing in Optimist Dinghies and Club 420's. This year we will hold a one day event with a full day of team racing. The Merrick team race recognizes the contributions of Bay Head's sailing legend, Sam Merrick. For many years, Sam contributed to the education of Bay Head and Barnegat Bay junior sailors. The Merrick Team Race recognizes his contribution by emphasizing the ideals which Sam instilled in all Junior sailors: knowledge, team work and sportsmanship. Sam has influenced all of us who have raced on the Bay. Come sail in his regatta and join in the premier Optimist/Club 420 team racing event on Barnegat Bay.

This year's Merrick Team Race begins with Registration and Check-in on August 8th at 8:00am. We encourage all sailors to drop their Optimists off at the Merrick Center the night before the regatta and their Club 420's at MCYC. We will have a Skipper's Meeting at 9am for all sailors and begin a full day of racing immediately following. All activities for Optimists will be held at, where else, but the Merrick Sailing Center at the Bay Head Yacht Club South Dock. The Club 420's will launch in and out of MCYC but will attend the skippers meeting at BHYC. The Opti racing format matches up to sixteen teams of four boats plus an optional alternate boat from participating clubs which are paired off against each other in a round robin format. The Club 420's will have 8 teams of three boats plus an optional alternate boat competing. Clubs may be eligible to enter two teams based on availability, but no more than two teams. The winning team from 2023 may register two teams. On Aug. 8th, competitors will sail short, consecutive races throughout the day. Individual performance is secondary to the success of the team. Successful competitors have a keen understanding of the racing rules and use them to create tactical advantages for the team. The prestigious Merrick Trophy and Flag will be awarded to the winning Yacht Club.

Come join the fun by participating in the 2024 Merrick Team Race. Please register your teams early as participation is limited.

Registration can be found online at:

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or are available through Regatta Chair Bromley Dougherty (917-750-2863) or the Bay Head Yacht Club Office (732-899-2000). We look forward to seeing you!

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The Merrick Team Race introduces and promotes team racing to Optimist and 420 sailors on Barnegat Bay. The presentation of the Merrick Trophy to the winning Yacht Club recognizes Sam Merrick's contribution to the Junior Sailing program at the Bay Head Yacht Club and the Barnegat Bay sailing community and his promotion of sailing at every level from club racing to the Olympics. Please join us for one of the most exciting and prestigious sailing events of the season.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Team Racing Rules, the class rules of the Optimist Dinghy Class and the Club 420, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to any yacht club located in the State of New Jersey. Participation by out of state Yacht Clubs is by invitation. All participants in the regatta must be a member in good standing of the participating Yacht Club he or she represents. For optimists each team is comprised of four sailors. For Club 420's each team is comprised of three sailors. Each club will be allowed to register an alternate sailor. The regatta will be limited to sixteen teams for Optimists and eight teams for Club 420's. We will keep a Waiting List for Yacht Club's who wish to enter a second team. Any openings will be chosen from the Waiting List on a first come, first served basis. Please send a proposed Roster of your second team, if interested.

Designated Adult

Each competitor shall indicate in writing a parent or adult representative, who can be a coach, who shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. It is the decision of the competitor's parent or designated adult to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event.

Each Yacht Club is encouraged to send a coach and a coach boat equipped with a propeller guard for safety. No parent may act as the coach or be on a coach boat.

Schedule of Events

August 8 th , 2024	0800-0900 Hours	Registration Check-in BHYC
	0900 Hours	Skipper's Meeting-Races to follow
	1700 Hours (est)	Awards and Pizza BHYC

No Races will start after 1630 Hours on August 8th, 2024.

Changes to the Racing Rules

Changes will be posted in the Sailing Instructions and on the official regatta bulletin board.

Registration

Pre-registration is required. Medical Forms will be accepted at Registration/Check-in. Alix Zweig, the Sailing Director, must receive the Team Roster by July 25th, 2024. Registration will close at 9am. Forms can be found online at:

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or through Regatta Chair, Bromley Dougherty 917-750-2863 or the Bay Head Yacht Club office (732) 899-2000. The Registration form must be submitted online.

Fees

The entry fee is \$60 per participant, **including the alternate**, payable to the Bay Head Yacht Club. Registrants receive a regatta souvenir, lunch, juice and doughnuts at the Skipper's Meeting, and pizza at the Awards Ceremony. We will provide lunch for one coach per Club on the day of the event.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skipper's Meeting.

Venue

The regatta headquarters will be the Merrick Sailing Center, Bay Head Yacht Club, 630 Lake Avenue, Bay Head, NJ for Optimists.

Courses

The Race Committee will use the digital N course. The Optimists will sail on the flats and the Club 420's will sail on the Metedeconk River.

Scoring and Awards

RRS D3.1 The Merrick Trophy will be awarded to the team with the best score.

Regatta Chairman

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