

NOTICE OF RACE

2017 Club 420 Association North American Championship

July 24-28, 2017

Buffalo Canoe Club, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada



1 - ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organizing authority (OA) is the Buffalo Canoe Club (BCC), in conjunction with the Club 420 Association.

2 – RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the current 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 BCC. 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.

3- VENUE

3.1 Although the regatta will be held at the “Buffalo” Canoe Club, please note that we are located in Ontario, Canada. To cross the border you will need a Passport or other valid proof of citizenship. For information regarding Border Crossing please visit: <http://www.peacebridge.com/index.php/autos-passenger-vehicles/id-requirements>

3.2 The racing area will be approximately 1 mile south of the sandy beaches of the Buffalo Canoe Club.

3.3 Storage Instructions. C420s on launching dollies will be stored on designated properties with a short walk to the BCC. Specific instructions will be given upon arrival. Road trailers will be provided free storage on site or nearby after 1800 July 23, 2017.

4 – ELIGIBILITY

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

4.2 All competitors (Both skipper and Crew) must be current members of the Club 420 class.

4.3 Individuals who will be twenty two years old or older in 2017 are not eligible to compete in this regatta.

5 – REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

5.1 Registration for this regatta may only be completed on-line at:
www.regattatoolbox.com

5.2 The entry fee is \$250.00 USD per boat for registrations that are paid before 1700 on

July 1, 2017. Registrations paid between 1700 July 1, 2017 and 1700 July 20, 2017 will be \$290.00 USD per boat. Registrations paid after 1700 July 20, 2017 will be \$315.00 USD.

5.3 The entry fee includes 2 dinners for each competitor, awards, boat and trailer storage during the event, use of club facilities during the event, and other meals/snacks may be offered as the budget allows.

5.4 All competitors under the age of 18 must submit a Release of Liability on the registration site.

5.5 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 must be submitted at the Check-In desk upon arrival in order to be scored.

5.6 No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received. No refund of registration fees will be possible after 1600 July 1, 2017.

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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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 A maximum of 12 races sailed.

8.5 When 5 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 last race day, then the regatta will remain in the Qualifying Round format. If five or more races have been completed in the Qualifying Round before the start of the last day, there will be a Medal Round.

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

9 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors may arrive at the BCC after 1800 Sunday, July 23, 2017.

Monday July 24, 2017

1000 – 1700 Arrival and Pre-Regatta Check-In

1800 Competitors Meeting (mandatory)

Tuesday July 25, 2017

0915 Mandatory Coach, parent and support boat meeting
0930 Harbor Start
1030 First warning
1900 Dinner

Wednesday July 26, 2017

0915 Mandatory Coach, parent and support boat meeting
0930 Harbor Start
1030 First warning Signal

Thursday July 27, 2017

0915 Mandatory Coach, parent and support boat meeting
0930 Harbor Start
1030 First warning Signal
1900 Dinner

Friday July 28, 2017

0915 Mandatory Coach, parent and support boat meeting
0930 Harbor Start
1030 First warning signal
No warning signal after 1500

10 - ARRIVAL AND LAUNCHING

If you are coming from the U.S., you will need a Passport or other proof of citizenship. See Section 3.1.

Boats will be stored on dollies on a sandy beach, launched by hand into shallow water. You will be told where to store your boat upon arrival.

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. Wetsuits, 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

There are local cottages in the Crystal Beach area for rent by the week. If you are interested in renting a cottage, you should book early.

There are also hotels in Fort Erie and Port Colborne, approximately 15-20 minutes from the Club. There are larger hotels in Niagara Falls, Ontario and Buffalo, New York, which are approximately 30-40 minutes away.

16 – HOST GUEST PRIVILEGES

CLUB HOUSE: BUILDINGS, SOCIAL ROOMS AND FOOD: The Buffalo Canoe Club (for photos: www.buffalocanooclub.com) is a large facility with multiple dining areas, both formal and informal. Additionally, there is a snack bar/grille eating area with an attached deck for additional seating as well as the club's bar, The Pirates Den. All guests are welcome to use the showers and changing facilities. Competitors and their families will be able to open a guest account for the regatta.

GROUNDS: The clubhouse over looks a wide beautiful sandy beach and warm shallow waters. It has adjacent lawns for hosting various social functions, a long dock, boathouse and launch services. The club has four tennis courts and a baseball diamond/soccer field.

17 – For additional information, send email to predd71@gmail.com