

# *Midget Challenge*

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
*at United States Coast Guard Academy*  
New London, Connecticut

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.

**1.2** Rules of the United States Coast Guard Academy will apply to all participants and guests. Some to know:

- Every visitor to the USCGA must have a photo ID (school ID acceptable)
- Single use water bottles are not allowed. Water to refill reusable water bottles will be provided.
- USCGA Liability form will need to be completed. A coach, instructor, or guardian may need to co-sign.

**1.3** The event is a fleet race following normal fleet racing rules, no team racing is allowed.

### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**2.1** The regatta is open sailing teams (skipper and crew) from each of the following associations:

- Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association
- Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound
- Great South Bay Sailing Association
- Peconic Gardiners Junior Sailing Association

20 boats (more if available) will sail, each association is assigned 5 boats. Each association is responsible for selecting the teams that participate. Alternates are allowed at the event.

**2.2** All competitors must qualify as Midget sailors: cannot reach age 16 in the current calendar year.

### **3 SCHEDULE**

**3.1** Wednesday, August 10

- 9:45am Skippers Meeting
- No Race will start after 3:30pm
- Further details at Skippers Meeting

### **4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**4.1** Sailing Instructions will be presented at Skippers Meeting

## **5 TRAVEL AND VENUE DETAILS**

- 5.1** Bus service from the New London Ferry Terminal (Cross Sound Ferry) will transport registered sailors and coaches from the 8:00am Orient Point departing ferry (approximate arrival in New London 9:20am). Return Bus service to the 5:00pm New London departing ferry will be provided. All ferry tickets, reservations, and arrangements are the responsibility of the participants.
- 5.2** All participants, coaches and guests must agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the United States Coast Guard Academy.
- 5.3** All racing will take place on the Thames River within direct viewing of the Sailing Center, Jacobs Rock facility. No coach or spectator boats are allowed in the racing area. Coaching is allowed between races at the sailing center only.

## **6 SCORING**

- 6.1** Boats will be scored per RRS Appendix A, except no races shall be excluded (this modifies RRS A2)
- 6.2** The winning Sailing Association will be determined by adding the regatta scores of each of their boats. The team with the lowest cumulative score will be the *Midget Challenge* champion.

## **7 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the members of the winning team, as well as the skipper and crew of the top 3 individual finishers.

## **8 FOOD & EQUIPMENT**

- 8.1** All participants should bring their own bailer and reusable water bottle.
- 8.2** All participants, coaches and guests must bring a U S Coast Guard approved PFD (life jacket). PFDs must be worn by anyone when on any boat, pier, float, or near the water.
- 8.3** Boats will be supplied and assigned by the Academy.
- 8.4** Participants can bring a bag lunch. Alternatively, we will take orders prior to the skipper's meeting for a local sandwich shop, place the orders, and deliver sandwiches to the sailing center. Costs to cover such orders will be charged in cash at the time the order is placed.

## **9 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.

## **10 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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