1. RULES
1.1 The Junior Olympic Festival will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The rules of the Club 420, Laser, Blue Jay, Optimist and Optimist Green class will apply.

1.3 By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

2. ADVERTISING – Shall be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the relevant class rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY
3.1 AGE
Applicants for all classes must not turn 19 years old in the year of the event. Optimist class age rules apply in those classes.

3.2 US SAILING MEMBERSHIP
Membership in US SAILING is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for double handed classes). Competitors may sign up at registration. If you are already a member, bring your membership card to registration - it will be checked. Sailors can join online at http://membership.ussailing.org/ or at NBYC on the day of the event.

3.3 CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP
US SAILING recommends that competitors are members of their respective class associations (i.e., Optimist, Laser, Club 420, etc.).
4. **BOATS/MEASUREMENT**
4.1 The following boat classes are accepted: Club 420, Laser & Laser Radial, Blue Jay, Optimist and Optimist Green class. Three or more boats will constitute a class.

4.2 Each competitor will be responsible for their boat being in compliance with the class rules.

4.3 All boats must have a floating bowline of appropriate length (Lasers excepted).

5. **FEES & REGISTRATION**
5.1 The entry fee is $35 for single handed entry and $60 for double handed entry and must be paid with registration no later than 9:00 AM, July 12, 2017 at NBYC. Entry fee includes juice & donuts, post-race cook-out, regatta long sleeve Tech style T-Shirt and a raffle ticket. Registrants will also receive a goodie bag filled with lots of great stuff provided by the Regatta sponsors.

5.2 Entry is made online at [http://www.regattatech.com/events/ECSA/NianticJO17](http://www.regattatech.com/events/ECSA/NianticJO17). Entrants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Limited computers will be available at NBYC for entry the day of the event. Entries close at 9:00 AM, July 12, 2017.

6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**
   - 8:30 am  Registration
   - 10:00 am Skippers Meeting
   - 10:30 am Harbor Start – Races will be continuous with snack break on the water. No races will be started after 4:00 PM.
     
     **Bring your own lunch or purchase at NBYC.**
   - 11:00 am (approx) First Warning
   - 4:00 pm (approx) Post Race Cook out and Raffle
   - 4:30 pm (approx) Awards presentation

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the web at: [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org).

8. **NUMBER OF RACES AND SCORING** – The race committee will run as many races as it deems appropriate within the time limits stated in the NOR. One race is required to constitute a series. Scoring in all classes will be the Appendix A Low Point System, **EXCEPT THERE WILL BE NO THROWOUTS**. This changes rule A2.

9. **COACHES** - This event is a Grade 1 coaching event - private coaching and support boats are allowed, but their location on the course, especially near the starting and finishing areas will be directed by the PRO in each circle. A Judge or RC boat on the water may direct a coach or support boat to increase their distance from the course or the competitors or change their position at any time.
10. SAFETY
10.1 A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing. Failure to comply with this rule can result in disqualification as deemed appropriate by the protest committee.

10.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, immediately at the Club House office after arrival ashore.

10.3 The Race Committee and clubhouse will transmit and monitor on channel 72.

11. DISCIPLINE
11.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 5.03, no contestant shall use, either on or off the water, during any US Sailing sanctioned event: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale. The penalty shall be that the contestant after a proper hearing, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home. The contestant's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

11.2 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

11.3 Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and the event chair and others as US Sailing may suggest.

12. PRIZES - USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION
   Contact Regatta Chair and check the NBYC web site for further information:

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