

**The Carl Zimba
MBL Championship Regatta
to be held at
Community Boating, Inc.
Boston, MA
May 19 and 20, 2025**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MBL Procedural Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Massachusetts Bay League (MBL).

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Competing schools must be members in good standing of the MBL at the time of registration.
- 2.2. Teams must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 3.1. Eligible schools wishing to register for this event may register for all divisions by completing the Google form at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxEz03gUgZIYCKv9nyuprpRuRey7vTjLQVz-LlyvjgoDXiVQ/viewform?usp=header> (In the event of technical problems with the registrations form, email the regatta chair before the registration deadline with a description of the issue.)
- 3.2. Berths are limited in all divisions. (Only 50 Mercury's and 18 - 24 420s are available.) In the event of oversubscription, the MBL officers will allocate berths.
- 3.3. **Registration deadline is Thursday, May 15 at 0900 hours.**
Teams that have registered and are unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson as soon as possible. Any cancellation later than Thursday, May 15 at 1700 hours, or failure to field a registered team that results in another team being denied a berth, will result in putting the offending team on probation for one year with respect to MBL regattas. Any school already on probation who again fails to meet the above criteria shall not be able to compete in any MBL regatta the following year.
- 3.4. No new berths will be issued on the day of the regatta.
- 3.5. Registration of participant names may be made by team leaders via TechScore. Teams who are not NESSA members and/or cannot enter their own RP information shall submit the name and graduation year of their sailors in each race by division to the regatta chair no later than Thursday, May 15 at 1500.

School registrations for this regatta may be viewed at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xy2YrblWaGzKqWfKkD4chRL43GUNtP3zeAIQoSnZBc/edit?resourcekey=&gid=2014491277#gid=2014491277>

4. ENTRY FEE:

None

5. BOATS:

Mercuries and 420s.

6. SCHEDULE:

Monday, May 19, 2025

1500-1545 Registration/check in at CBI
1600 First warning signal
1800 Approximate end of racing for the day

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

1600 First warning signal
1730 Approximate end of racing for the day
1800 Light dinner for competitors
1830 Announcement of results and Awards

Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

7. HELMETS:

Sailors in 420s must wear helmets when sailing. Helmets will not be provided by the host, but need not be specifically made for sailing. Helmets are not required for sailors in Mercuries.

8. FORMAT:

Racing will occur in 4 divisions: 420 A, 420 B, Mercury Gold, and Mercury Silver. Both Mercury fleets will compete both days of the two day event. Fleet 420 A will compete only on the first day of the regatta. 420 B will sail only on the second day of the regatta. There will be no rotations. The 420 B boat assignment will be different from the 420 A assignment for each school. Mercuries may use any Mercury hull, but shall use the same sails on both days.

If there is a shortage of boats, schools registered to race in both 420 divisions shall have preference over teams registered to race in only one 420 division.

No sailor may compete in more than one division. In the Mercury Gold and Silver divisions, schools may use different sailors on different days.

9. RACING AREA:

All races will be sailed in the Charles River Basin. Details will appear in Sailing Instructions.

10. COURSES:

Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses. The course may be windward-leeward or port triangle, with or without a windward offset and leeward gate.

11. PENALTIES

Rule 44.1 is changed. **All penalties shall be changed from a two turns penalty to a one turn penalty.**

12. SCORING:

The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules except as noted. Each of the four divisions will be scored separately (and appear on TechScore as a separate regatta) using the low point scoring system. The various divisions, 420 A, 420 B, Mercury Gold, and Mercury Silver, need not have the same number of races.

Overall regatta winner will be determined by the total of a team's ranks in 420 A, 420 B, Mercury Gold, and Mercury Silver. Any tie for overall winner will be broken based on (1) total points, and then (2) head-to-head results in each of the 4 divisions. Teams that don't have entries in all four fleets are not eligible for the overall award.

13. PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded to sailors placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division of the regatta. One prize will be awarded to the overall winning team.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

15. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

All teams that are not members of Community Boating, Inc., must provide a signed waiver of liability. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. REGATTA CONTACT:

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