



Middle Atlantic Midget Championship

Background: The Middle Atlantic Midget Championship regatta (MAMC) has been contested since 1955. After a lapse of a few years, the event is back for 2025, at Bellport Bay YC, Bellport NY, on August 15-16.

“Midget age” sailors were originally defined as not becoming age 15 in the calendar year and that age continues for singlehanded sailors. Currently, doublehanded sailors may not become age 16 in the calendar year

The MAMC brings together eight Regional Sailing Associations (RSAs) from Eastern Long Island down through the New Jersey shore and into Chesapeake Bay. The regatta venue moves annually in a rotation among the eight regions: Eastern Long Island, Eastern Connecticut, Great South Bay, Western Long Island Sound, North Jersey, Barnegat Bay, South Jersey and Chesapeake Bay. Typical dates for the MAMC have been two consecutive days in late-August on a Friday through Sunday after the end of junior sailing programs.

The MAMC has always been sailed in triple- or double-handed boats, and a single-handed fleet was added in 1992. In recent years the boats have been Club 420s and Optimists. Each of the eight RSAs may send two C420 teams and two Optimists for fleet racing, so each fleet in the MAMC may have up to 16 boats. The competition is very stiff because the sailors had to win qualifying events or achieve a series of top finishes to participate.

If you are a junior sailor who meets that midget age definition and performed well at this summer's JSA LIS Optimist or Club 420 champs, the JSA invites you email the JSA office at info@jsalis.org if you represent a JSA member program located in the YRA LIS region of western LIS and can travel with your own boat to Bellport, NY, on August 15-16. The JSA will select from those who reply through August 10 two Optimist and two Club 420 boats with the best performance among those replying to represent the western LIS region. Those selected may then register directly with Bellport Bay YC and make their own travel and housing arrangements. Beginning August 11, the JSA may accept any eligible boat on a first come basis. *Note: The JSA LIS invites only sailors who are sailing at junior programs located in the YRA LIS region of western LIS. The Eastern Connecticut, Eastern Long Island and Great South Bay regions also participate in the MAMC, so JSA of LIS sailors who participate in a summer program located at a club in those regions may inquire if they may enter as a representative of those regions that are outside of the YRA LIS region.*

MAMC Regatta Format:

- Fleet racing over two days using a format in which each team represents a yacht club within their RSA.
- Fleet size is up to 16 boats for the Optimists, and up to 16 boats for the Club 420s.
- On water coaching is not allowed. Parents and support persons may be on the water only as spectators.
- Housing is not offered, so parents make their own hotel reservations.
- Trophies: Keeper prizes for the first through third finishers are provided by the host. Perpetuals that are retained by the winners in each fleet will be delivered to the venue in the following year.
- Entry fee of around \$90 to \$100 per sailor has typically been determined by the host to cover items like breakfasts/lunches, and snacks and awards on second day. After the event, the JSA will reimburse the entry fee paid.
- The Notice of Race for 2025 may be viewed on the JSA calendar at <https://bit.ly/25MAMC>
- The date this year is Friday and Saturday, August 15-16, 2025, at Bellport Bay YC on Long Island.
- Age of sailors: Optimists, may not become age 15 in the calendar year; Club 420, the invited skipper may not become age 16 in the calendar year and they may select any JSA of LIS crew who meets same age limit.