



**2016**  
**Bemis and Smythe Area G Qualifier**  
**Hosted by PYSF**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the Class Rules of each participating class and the Notice of Race, except in the event that any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear USCG approved lifejackets while on the water, the “Y” flag will not be displayed.

**2 Entry/Eligibility**

- 2.1 Complete registration with Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation to enter eligible boats. The entry fee is \$40 per sailor, and must be completed by Wednesday, June 22, 2016.
- 2.2 Competitors in the Radial or C420 must have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, but not their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during 2016 in order to be eligible for the Smythe or Bemis Finals. All other requirements refer to the published Area G Qualifier NOR.

**3 Notices to Competitors/Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board adjacent to the PYSF Classroom.
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official board. Changes may be announced and posted immediately after the Competitors’ Meeting at 1145 June 25.

**4 Schedule of Events**

<u>Saturday, June 25, 2016</u>	<u>Sunday, June 26, 2016</u>
1030-1130: Registration & Rigging	1230: First Race
1145: Competitors’ Meeting	1600: No race started after this time
1300: First Race	1700: Awards Presentation adjacent to PYSF classroom
After Racing: Light Snack	

\*Eight Races Scheduled, with three races constituting a regatta. After five races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. All times are approximate. \*

**5 Signals Made Ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff near the Boat Ramp.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals means “The race is postponed. Do not leave the harbor.” When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in Race Signal ‘AP’.

## **6 Racing Area**

The primary racing area for C420 and Radial will be halfway outside Redwood Creek, to the East and South of the Power Lines. If conditions do not permit racing outside, fleets may be sent inside to the Turning Basin. Both Fleets will be on the same race course.

## **7 Courses**

7.1 See Attachment A for the Course Diagrams.

7.2 The Race Committee boat will display a course placard and may notify competitors by loudhailer of the designated course.

7.3 Boats that have finished shall stay well clear of all boats racing.

## **8 Marks**

8.1 The rounding marks will be orange balls.

## **9 The Start**

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Start Boat, at the starboard end, and a white mark at the port end.

9.3 A boat shall not start later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.

## **10 Communications**

The Race Committee may use loudhailers to communicate information about the course selection, time to start, the competitors' positions relative to the starting time and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **11 Change of Position of the Next Mark**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee may lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## **12 The Finish**

12.1 The finishing line will be staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Start Boat, at the starboard end, and an orange mark at the port end for the outside course.

## **13 Time Limit**

The time limit will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule RRS 35.

## **14 Support/Coach Boats**

- 14.1 All support boats must also act as safety boats. All support boats will have a marine VHF radio.
- 14.2 Coaches, spectators, and other support personnel shall not enter the racing area while boats are racing, unless requested to do so by the Race Committee. There will be safety boats on the water to offer assistance to vessels in need. The penalty for failing to comply with any requirement of this section may be any penalty prescribed by the Jury, up to disqualification from the regatta, for the sailor(s) associated with the infringing parties.

## **15 Protests**

- 15.1 Upon finishing each race, protesting boats shall immediately, without consultation with coaches, spectators, or any others, notify the race committee boat at the finishing line of their intention to protest and the sail number of the protested boat. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).
- 15.2 All protests shall be filed at the protest room no later than thirty minutes after the finish boat docking time. The docking time (beginning of protest time) will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within thirty minutes after the end of protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

## **16 Scoring**

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used.
- 16.2 If six or more races are completed, one throw-out race will be allowed.

## **17 Safety-Equipment**

- 17.1 Each competitor shall wear USCG approved lifejackets, properly secured at all times while on the water. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 17.2 If a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of racing each day, he/she shall notify the race committee or a support boat before retiring. If someone is unable to notify the race committee afloat, they shall notify a safety person ashore before leaving the harbor area.
- 17.3 Competitors must accept assistance from an official safety boat. Any sailor not accepting assistance when safety is an issue will be excused from the remainder of the regatta.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.