



54th ANNUAL - OPEN ORANGE BOWL REGATTA

Coconut Grove Sailing Club - Miami, FL
December 27-30, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2016 CGSC Open Orange Bowl Regatta will be governed by the “The Rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Only the following prescriptions of the US Sailing National Authority will apply: RRS 61.4, Appendix R, and the prescriptions to RRS 67 and 76.1.
- 1.3 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), these SIs and any amendments to these SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7. If there is a conflict between a Class Rule and these SIs, the SIs will take precedence to the extent allowed by the Class Rules.
- 1.4 In particular, the attention of participating 29ers and I-420s is drawn to 29er CR C1.1 (b) and I-420 CR C.1.2.1 which modify RRS 42 under certain conditions. In this regard, the Race Committee will display Race Signals as provided in RRS P5.
- 1.5 Safety Check-out/Check-in - Before launching every day, skippers shall physically sign-out at the Regatta Desk thus indicating their departure to the race course. Immediately upon returning to shore, but not later than 30 minutes after the appropriate fleet’s RC Finish Boat docks, skippers shall physically sign-in at the Regatta Desk.
- 1.6 Race Course Check-in - All boats must check in with the Race Committee prior to the Warning Signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a three place penalty in the first race that day without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 1.7 Any hails to Laser competitors may use the last four digits of the sail number being hailed.
- 1.8 If the Flag “U” has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed. This changes RR 26 and A5. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes RRS A11.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on CGSC’s 1st floor.
- 2.2. **The Race Committee’s VHF channel will be channel 73.**

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Written changes will be posted by 1000 on Tuesday, December 27, and thereafter by 0830 on the day they will take effect. However, any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1000 on Tuesday or by the protest time limit on the day before they take effect (see SI 15.2).
- 3.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" (with one sound) and Competitors shall approach the Signal Boat to receive the change.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CGSC flag hoist.
- 4.2. When Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in SIs or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 4.3. Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. **Eleven (11) races are scheduled.**
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the Harbor Starts and 1st Warning Signals shall be as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 27	
I-420s followed by 29ers	1200
Lasers	1300
Wednesday, Dec.28	
Lasers	1100
I-420s	1130
29ers	1200
Thursday, Dec. 29	
I-420s followed by 29ers	1100
Lasers	1200
Friday, Dec. 30	
Lasers	1030
I-420s	1100
29ers	1130

- 5.3. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1330.
- 5.4. The Race Committee Finishing Boat will display Flag "A" without a sound signal, while boats are finishing to indicate there will be no more racing that day. If Flag "A" is displayed over a Class Flag, the signal pertains to that Class, only.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The Class flags will contain the Laser, Laser Radial, 29er, and International 420 insignias. They will be displayed at the Competitor's meeting.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. All racing will be on Biscayne Bay in an area approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 5sec 8ft).

8. COURSES

8.1. Courses will be as described below, and depicted in "ADDENDUM No. 1-COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS".

8.2. Course Designations:

COURSE W
• Lasers: Start – 1 - OS – 4S/4P – 1 - OS – 4S/4P – Finish W
• I-420s & 29ers: Start – 1 - OS – 4S/4P – 1 - OS – Finish W
COURSE O
• Start – 1 - OS – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish T
COURSE I
• Start – 1 – OS- 4S/4P – 1 – OS - 2- 3S/3P – Finish T

8.3. The interior angle between Marks 1 and 2 for Courses O and I will be approximately 70 degrees.

8.4. Note that if present, the windward Offset Mark (Mark OS) adjacent to Mark 1 is always a mark of the course when rounding Mark 1, regardless of the Course being sailed.

8.5. If Marks 4S/4P are present, they will not be marks of the course for I-420s or 29ers on their last leg to the finish of Course W.

8.6. Courses will be posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the Warning Signal of each race. For each Class, the designation of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing of the first leg, and distance from the Starting Line to the Windward Mark will be displayed. (See Addendum No. 1.).

9. MARKS

9.1. Course Marks, except for the Offset Mark(s), will be 5 ft. (1.5m) inflatable tetrahedron marks.

9.2. The original Windward Marks, and Gates will be orange tetrahedron marks.

9.3. The Offset Mark will be a 3 ft. (0.9m) mini-cylinder mark.

9.4. All marks shall be left to port, except that:

a) The gates (Marks 3S/3P and 4S/4P) shall be left as per *RRS 28.1(c)*, and,

b) The yellow Mark of Finish Line T shall be left to starboard.

9.5. If the Windward Mark or the Offset Mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place by a nearby Race Committee boat, the only remaining Mark shall be left to port.

9.6. If one Gate Mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place by a nearby Race Committee boat, the only remaining gate mark shall be left to port.

9.7. Starting and Finishing Marks are as provided in SI 10.1 and 13.1, respectively.

9.8. The positional relationships among the Marks are depicted in Addendum 1, hereto.

9.9. Start and finish marks, if located in a boat, include the boat.

10. THE START

10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat or the course side of a yellow starting mark.

10.2. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes *RRS A4.1* and *63.1*).

11. RECALLS

11.1. In the event of an individual recall, the Race Committee will not hail the sail numbers (see SI 1.5), or identification of any boat or boats that are determined to be OCS, or in violation of *RRS 30.1*.

11.2. The Race Committee may post the sail numbers of boat incurring OCS, ZFP or BFD penalties from the stern of the Signal Boat following the finish of a race in which any of those penalties were incurred.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new Mark (or Gate, or move the Finish line), and remove the original Mark as soon as practicable. The new Mark(s) will be yellow.
- 12.2. When, in a subsequent change, the new Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an orange Mark.
- 12.3. If the direction of the next leg will be changed, the direction will be signaled in accordance with *RRS 33(a) (2)*.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line(s) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Finish Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby support Boat, or the course side of a yellow finishing Mark. Finish lines “W” and “T” are depicted in Addendum No. 1.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit and target time for each class (in minutes) are as follows:

Class:	First Mark	Race	Target Time
Lasers	30	90	45
I-420s	30	90	45
29ers	20	60	35

- 14.2. Any race in which no boat in a Class rounds the first mark within the above First Mark Time Limit following the start or finishes within the Race Time Limit following the start shall be abandoned.
- 14.3. Any boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the finish time of the first boat in her Class (which has sailed the course in compliance with *RRS 28*) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4 & A5*.
- 14.4. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

15. PROTEST AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 15.1. A boat intending to protest is required to notify a Race Committee Finish Boat of its intention and the identity of the protest boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.
- 15.2. Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Desk on the CGSC's 1st floor. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Regatta Desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore. Protest hearings will be conducted at Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC), 2984 S Bayshore Dr, Miami FL 33133, as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed. The protest schedule will be posted at CGSC and CRYC. The protest desk and protest notice board at CRYC will be located in the lobby. Parties to any protests or redress requests, and their witnesses, should report to the CRYC protest desk by the time listed on the schedule and remain in that vicinity until called. It is the responsibility of a party to bring their witnesses to CRYC at the scheduled hearing time.
- 15.3. Breaches of SI 18 or *RRS 55* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes *RRS 60.1 (a)*.
- 15.4. The Race Committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes *RRS 62.2*.
- 15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes *RRS 66*.
- 15.6. On the last day of racing, requests for redress and scoring inquiries shall be delivered within the protest time or within 30 minutes of the incident or the information being posted, whichever is later. This changes *RRS 62.2*.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a Regatta.
- 16.2. If six (6) or more races are completed, a boats worst score shall be excluded.
- 16.3. All Laser entrants will start together. Laser Radials will be scored separately. Lasers and Laser Masters will be scored together for the overall Laser full rig standings. In addition, Laser Masters will be scored for the Laser Masters standings according to the Masters Handicap System. For each race, based on their finish places: Apprentice Masters – add three points; Masters – add two points; Grand Masters – add one point; and Great Grand Masters – add zero points. Ties will be broken in order of the oldest sailor(s) involved in the tie.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. The top five boats in the I-420 and 29er Classes shall receive prizes. The top three boats in the Lasers, Laser Masters and Laser Radial Classes shall receive prizes. In addition, for the I-420 and 29er Classes, the top junior team (skipper and crew not yet age 19 on December 31, 2016) and the top female team will receive prizes.

18. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 18.1. Competitors must wear while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a properly secured personal floatation device which conforms to US Sailing Prescription Rule 40. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing. If this is not possible, once back to shore, skipper shall sign the check-in sheet displayed at the Regatta Desk.
- 18.3. Coach and support boats are required by the Race Committee to monitor Race Committee VHF channel **73**. In addition, they shall provide assistance to any competitor in danger, if notified to do so by the Race Committee.

19. COACH BOAT & SUPPORT BOAT (PARENT & SPECTATOR)

- 19.1. All coach and support (parent & spectator) boats must register at the Regatta Desk during registration check-in hours to receive a boat ID flag, provided by the OA. A cash deposit of \$20⁰⁰ is required and will be refunded when the flag is returned to the Regatta Desk no later than 1 hour after the Signal Boat returns to the dock on Sunday afternoon.
- 19.2. Boat ID flags are as follow:

Coach	Yellow flag with assigned number
Support	Red or blue with assigned number

- 19.3. All registered boats are considered support boats.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Refuse may be given to any support RC boat between races.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

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CGSC MANAGER Lauren Simpson | DOCK MASTER Duane Smallwood
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ADDENDUM No. 1

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD – R/C SIGNAL BOAT

<u>BEARING</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
120°	I-420	O
	29er	W
<u>RANGE</u>	Laser	W
0.8 NM		

