

**2017 West Dennis Invitational**  
**West Dennis, MA**  
**July 10, 2017**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.3 RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under RRS 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board in the mail room at the West Dennis YC.

**3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the parking lot side flagpole at the West Dennis YC.
- 3.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

**4 SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, July 10**

- 0800 Check-in & breakfast at WDYC
- 0900 Sailors meeting at West Dennis Beach Residence parking lot.
- 0930 Harbor Start. First start to happen ASAP afterwards.
- 0930 Green Fleet Safety Check & Meeting at WDYC. Launch afterwards.
- 1430 Last start will be roughly around this time at the discretion of the Race Comm.  
Awards and BBQ to follow

**5 RACING AREA:**

- 5.1 The racing area will be Nantucket Sound. Opti Green will be the circle closest to the Bass River.
- 5.2 Opti Champ/C420 No Trap/Chutes will be between Rock Island and West Dennis Beach.
- 5.3 C420 will be East of the other lines.

**6 Safety & Check out/Check in Procedures.**

- 6.1 **Prior to Launching** each competitor shall check out with the Beach Patrol, giving his or her name, fleet, and sail number.
- 6.2 **Once on the racecourse**, each competitor shall check in with their Race Committee boat by passing astern and hailing their sail number until acknowledged.
- 6.3 Any sailor/boat decides to leave the racecourse prior to the conclusion of racing, they must check out with the Race Committee. This can be done by having a coach boat or patrol boat radio in their intentions to the Race Committee Boat.
- 6.4 **After returning to shore**, each competitor shall check in with the Beach Patrol, giving his or her name, fleet, and sail number.
- 6.5 Failure to follow the above procedure may be grounds for DSQ from the regatta

**7 MARKS:** All marks will be Orange and Yellow inflatables, pink or yellow balls.

**8 RACE COMMITTEE RADIO:**

- 8.1 The Race Committee for C420 will be on VHF channel 71
- 8.2 The Race Committee for Opt Champs/C420 (No Traps/chutes) will be VHF channel 73
- 8.3 The Race Committee for Opt Green will be VHF channel 68

**9 COURSES:** The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **10 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between an orange or yellow flag on the RC boat and mark
- 10.2 Races will be started using RRS 26 for Opti Championship and both 420 fleets
- 10.3 Races will be started using RRS Appendix U (3 min starts) for Opti Green
- 10.4 The class flag for the Club 420s will be a Green Flag.
- 10.5 The class flag for the Club 420s (no spin/non traps) will be the Numeral Pennant 8.
- 10.6 The class flag for the Opti Champs will be a Blue Flag.
- 10.7 The finish line will be between an orange or a yellow flag on the RC boat and mark.
- 10.8 RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers at any time during the sequence. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.

## **11 TIME LIMITS**

- 11.1 The time limit for each race will be 50 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 11.2 Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DTE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, and A4.
- 11.3 The Race Committee has the option to score a boat in her position if continuing to race will delay the start of the next race.

## **12 PROTESTS**

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee-finish boat of her intention, including the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1a.
- 12.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Chair within **30** minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.
- 13.2 One race constitutes a series.
- 13.3 A boats series score will exclude her worst score if five or more races are completed.

## **14 TROPHIES:**

- 14.1 The top four (4) boats in C420 fleet will receive trophies.
- 14.2 The top two (2) boats in C420 (No traps/No chutes) will receive trophies
- 14.3 The top three (3) boat in each Opti Championship fleet (White, Blue, Red) will receive trophies.
- 14.4 Opti Green fleet racers will receive participation awards.
- 14.5 There will be a mid-fleet trophy given out in both the C420s and the Opti Championship fleets.

# APPENDIX A – COURSES

