

**Sailing Instructions**  
**2018 USA Junior Olympic Festival at Brant Beach**  
**Brant Beach Yacht Club/Brant Beach Sailing Foundation, Brant Beach, NJ**

**1. Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Club 420, Optimist classes and the Notice of Race.

**2. Eligibility and Entry**

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

**3. Notices To Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the South Harbor Facility

**4. Changes In Sailing Instructions**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted by the end of the competitors meeting on Saturday and before 0900 for changes on Sunday, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time on the day before it will take effect.

**5. Signals Made Ashore**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag pole next to the South Harbor Facility

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

**6. Schedule of Races**

6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

***Saturday, June 23, 2017***

0730-0900 Continental Breakfast and Check in

0915 Opening Ceremony

0930 Competitor's Meeting

0945 Harbor gun

1045 First Warning signals, races to follow

BBQ to follow racing

***Sunday, June 24, 2017***

0700-0830 Continental Breakfast

0945 Harbor gun

1045 First Warning signals, races to follow

1500 No warning signal will be made after this time.

Awards and Pizza to follow after racing

6.2 There is no maximum number of races scheduled for each day. The maximum number of races for the series will be 7 races.

6.3 The finish boat will display code flag H to signal the end of racing for the day.

**7. Racing Area**

The racing area will be the East of the ICW in Little Egg Harbor Bay.

**8. Courses**

8.1 Courses will be described at the Skippers Meeting. The number of race courses used will be determined by the number of competitors in each fleet and described at the Skippers Meeting.

**9. Marks**

9.1 Marks will be tetrahedrons; their colors will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. Any offset marks will be orange balls.

9.2 If a gate mark is missing or not used, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

**10. The Start**

10.1 Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS 26 or Appendix S (Sound –Signal Starting System, three minute dinghy starts) and identified at the Skipper's Meeting.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Line Boat and the staff on the Race Committee Pin Boat. The pin boat may be substituted with an orange ball.

10.3 If a race course has multiple fleets the RC will begin a new starting sequence shortly after the start of the first fleet. (There will not be a rolling start)

10.5 No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 3 knots throughout the racing area.

### **11. Recalls**

11.1 The individual and general recall flags will be displayed from the RC signal boat using RRS 26. If the Race Committee is using Appendix S verbal notification of recalls will be used. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal as well as within 1 minute of the start when the "I" "Z" or "Black" is displayed. The failure of any boat to hear the hail and untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.

11.2 Postponement or abandonment will be made from any RC boat for respective courses.

### **12. Change Of Course**

12.1 The position of marks may be adjusted slightly for small shifts in the mean wind without signaling a change of course. Any adjustments will be made before the first boat is on the leg to the effected mark. This changes rule 33.

12.2 To make a major change to the next leg of a course, the race committee will set/move the mark(s) and use the change of course signals. Any adjustments will be made before the first boat is on the leg to the effected mark. Any subsequent marks may be altered to maintain the original configuration of the course without additional signals.

### **13. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and round orange mark or boat with orange flag.

### **14. Time limits**

14.1 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

14.2 Boats that are still racing but fail to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat, which sails the course per RRS 28.1 and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). Boats that are no longer racing will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1, A5, and A11.

14.3 The time limit for a race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish.

### **15. Measurement & Equipment**

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the Class rules and failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. **Spot checks may be conducted any time during the regatta.**

### **16. Protests**

16.1 Competitors intending to protest or request redress shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing the race in which the infraction occurred. Boats shall sail to the non-course side of the Finish Line and report to any Race Committee boat other than the boat taking finishes. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee Boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a). The intent to protest shall include the sail number(s) of the boats being protested.

16.2 Protests must be made in writing and filed at the Communication Table within 30 minutes of the posted respective RC docking time.

16.3 Protests will be heard in the order listed on the notice board as soon as practicable after protest time expires. At that time, all parties must report to the communication table, and wait to be called to the SHF as the hearings are held.

### **17. Scoring**

17.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.2 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

17.3 The score for TLE shall be one point more than the number of boats who finished the race within the time limit.

17.4 When fewer than six (6) Sets of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores excluding the worst score.

**18. Safety and other items.**

18.1 Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times while on the water except for brief periods necessary to add or remove clothing. This changes RRS 40.

18.2 A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible. Competitors who leave the racing area before the final finish of the day must check in at the communication table immediately upon return to shore.

18.3 The penalty for a breach of the safety rules shall be a 20% scoring penalty without hearing in the race the boat completes that is closest to the time of infraction. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

**19. Disclaimer of Liability**

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

**20. Awards**

Awards will be given to the top five finishers in the R/W/B Optimist divisions. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each of the C420, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 class.