

HOBCAW YACHT CLUB
57th OPEN REGATTA
13 and 14 July 2019
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
10 JULY 2019

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Appendix V1 and V2 are in effect.
- 1.3 The USS Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.4. The 2019 NOR for the 2019 Jr. Grand Prix Championship Series for youth classes. This is a 2019 Jr. Grand Prix Championship Series saltwater event

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Hobcaw Yacht Club House rear window near the pool.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted within 30 minutes after the Skipper's meeting on 13 July 2019 or before 1100 on 14 July 2019. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 For oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water the following process will be used: The "L" flag with one sound before the warning signal will be used to signal a change to the sailing instructions. Boats will come to the RC boat and receive verbal instructions for the change. The "L" flag will stay up while the RC is communicating the change. After the change has been announced then the "L" flag will be dropped with one sound. The next signal will be made one minute later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Boatyard Flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Saturday July 13	0900-1045	Registration, HYC Clubhouse
	1100	Welcome and Skipper's Meeting
	1230	First Warning, all courses Race(s) to follow immediately
Sunday, July 14	1200	First Warning, all courses Race(s) to follow immediately
		Awards Ceremony following Protest Hearings

5.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Circle 1 Youth

Club 420	420 White Class Flag
Optimist	Optimist White Class Flag
Open BIC	Yellow Flag

Circle 2

Laser	Laser White Class Flag
Sunfish	Sunfish Blue w/ White fish Class Flag
Moth	White
Snipe	Dark Green
Y-Flyer	Yellow

Circle 3

Lightning	Lightning White Class Flag
SIOD	SIOD Blue 50 th Pendant
VX One	Yellow

Additional classes registering will be announced at the skipper meeting

7 RACING AREAS

The racing areas will be from the mouth of the Wando River to the I-526 Bridge. Due to wind conditions some on-the-water change to circle locations may occur. Each Circle Signal Boat will have a white flag with circle number displayed.

8 THE COURSES

The courses are described on the course sheets (Attachment A is Circle 1 and Attachment B for Circles 2 and 3). The Optimist Green Fleet will have their course right off the HYC Dock.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Circle 1 marks 1B, 2 and 3 will be 2.5 foot yellow Tetrahedrons for the Optimists and Open BIC classes and mark 1A will be an Orange 2.5 foot tetrahedron for the weather mark for the Club 420 class.
- 9.2 Circle 2 Marks 1 and 2 will be 5.5 foot Orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 Circle 3 Marks 1 and 2 will be 5.5 foot Yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 The starting mark for Circles 1, 2 and 3 will be a White ball.
- 9.5 The finishing mark for Circle 1 will be a Red ball.
- 9.6 The finishing mark for Circles 2 and 3 will be a Lime 2.5 foot tetrahedron.
- 9.7 The change mark for Circles 2 and 3 will be indicated by the presence of a black band on the same color mark being used by that circle.
- 9.8 The Circle's Race Committee boat is a mark at the start and at the finish line.

10 THE START

- 10.1 On Circles 2 and 3, races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2 Circle 1 will use Appendix U (3-minute sound-signal starts).
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4 "A boat that has not met the definition of *start* by 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start". This is added as the last sentence to rule A4.2.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line for Circles 1, 2 and 3 is a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the Circle's finishing mark.
- 11.2 Boats who are not finishing shall avoid the finishing area. Only the RC may protest a boat if this rule is broken.

12 PENALTIES

- 12.1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT (RRS V1) - The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark her penalty shall be a two-turns penalty.'
- 12.2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE (RRS V2) - After a race a boat that may have broken a rule of part two or RRS 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the Race Office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has started.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 min. after the first boat in the class sails the course as stated in RRS 28 and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired, TLE. TLE is added to rules A4.1 and A5.
- 13.2 If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may score that boat in the place she would have finished to help get the next race started.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms and Post-Race Penalty forms are available in the front room in the main club house. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Committee Boat for that class has docked for the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress.
- 14.4 Notices of scheduled protest or requests for redress hearings will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress.
- 14.5 Hearings will be held in the upstairs Pool Room of the main club house.
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b) and 61.1(c).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 An unlimited number of races are planned. When six races have been completed, each boat will exclude her worst score. When less than six races have been completed, each boat's series score will be the total of all races scored.
- 15.3 One race will constitute a regatta.
- 15.4 Optimist fleets will be scored as used by USODA.
- 15.5 All boats who are scored TLE will received the number of boats that have finished plus two but no more than DNF.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All boats shall check with the Race Committee signal boat prior to their first warning of the day.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.3 Commercial Shipping traffic has right-of-way and is a privileged vessel.

16.4 Only the RC or PC may protest a boat under SI rule 16. This is an addition to rule 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).

17 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18 PRIZES

1st – 3rd places of boats in each class. The Michele Poulnot Trophy will be awarded to the top female competitor in the regatta.

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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.