

USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL
MID-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

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JULY 26 & 27, 2010
Island Heights Yacht Club
Island Heights, NJ 08732
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the rules of the Laser, 420, Optimist & Sunfish classes, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 A boat and her crew shall comply with Appendix 1 of the RRS. This is a Category A regatta.
- 1.3 No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may be used or sold during the Regatta, from time of arrival till departure. Failure to adhere to this Rule may result in a reprimand to expulsion from the Regatta with a report to US Sailing and the sailor's club. A Hearing consisting of the Regatta Chairs and the Jury will review the facts and decide.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration online at www.ihyc.com and following the links to Junior Olympics. Eligibility requirements for competitors are: all sailors (helmsman & crew) must be members of US SAILING and must be at least 9 years old and not 18 by the start of the regatta.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the first floor of the club by the porch doors.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 PM on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club's flagpole.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two guns means the next race is postponed. One horn when lowered means the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered.
- 5.3 Flag B fully hoisted with one gun means Protest Time has begun. The ending time for the submittal of protests will be posted on the Official Notice board for each fleet.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

A total of 8 races are scheduled with one drop race if 5 or more races are completed. The first race will start at 11:30 am on Monday with up to six races sailed the first day. The start of the first race on Tuesday will be at 9:30 am. No warning signal will be made after 12:30 PM on the last day of racing. The Race Committee will sound a loud continuous horn when leaving the dock.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class designators will be as follows:

Class	Designator
Optimist	Optimist class flag
420	420 class flag
Laser Radial	Laser Radial flag
Laser Full	Laser flag
Laser 4.7	Laser 4.7 flag
Sunfish	Sunfish Flag

8 RACING AREA

The racing areas will be as shown in Illustration B, attached. The Race Committee may move the courses to the West if the wind exceeds 15 knots.

Alpha Course-Opti Gold	Bravo Course- 420, Laser, Laser radial, Laser 4.7
Charlie Course-Opti Silver	Delta- Sunfish

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Illustration A show the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed from the Race Committee boat. The course designation will be displayed with the warning signal.
- 9.3 Courses may be shortened per Racing Rule 32.
- 9.4 If the Start and Finish are in the middle of the windward leg, all yachts must avoid crossing the finish line unless finishing. Crossing the finish line if not finishing is automatic DSQ. (Gate is closed)

10 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be announced and shown at the competitor's meeting. The starting and finishing marks will be between the Race Committee boat and an anchored pin boat or mark.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26. On Course Bravo, the order of starting sequence is 420, Laser Radial. There will be a short period of time between starts for each class.
- 11.2 **Races will be started as follows:**
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|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Notice of start | | No flag | Series of Horns |
| Warning Signal | 5 minute Class | Flag up | Sound horn |
| Preparatory | 4 minutes | P,I, Z or Black flag up | Sound horn |
| One-minute | 1 minute | P,I, Z or Black flag down | Sound horn |
| Start | 0 | Class Flag down | Sound horn |
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a port-end starting line boat or mark.
- 11.4 Boats not in the 5-minute starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 11.5 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.
- 11.6 The RC may hail sail numbers of boats over the line starting at one minute if the I flag is flown.

12 MARK BOATS

Mark boats may be stationed beyond each mark. Failure of a mark boat to be on station or to display her signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and an orange ball at the port end. The RC Boat will fly a Blue shape or flag to signal that it is in position to take finishes.
- 14.2 If finishing in the area of the windward mark, the finish line will be upwind and to starboard of the windward mark.
- 14.3 If finishing in the middle of the windward leg, the port end of the starting line will be picked up and moved closer to the RC boat after the last class has started. Once the finish line is set, the gate is closed.

14.4 After finishing, all yachts shall sail upwind from the finish and to the starboard side of the course.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.2, the Two -Turns Penalty will apply.

16 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 1 ½ hours for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

17 PROTESTS

17.1 Competitors shall notify the Race Committee immediately after the race of the yacht's sail # being protested. The protesting competitor must inform the yacht protested that she is being protested at the time of the incident and should notify the protested yacht again after the race, to assure all parties show up at the protest hearing.

17.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the **Official Bulletin Board** and delivered there within 30 minutes after Protest time has been signaled. Protest time will start upon arrival at the dock of the RC boat for that course.

17.3 All protests to be heard will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 10 minutes of Protest Time being closed.

17.4 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

17.5 Protests will be open hearings and not take longer than 15 minutes per protest.

18 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A, will apply. (1 point for first) Eight races are scheduled. If five or more races are completed, there will be one throw out. For purposes of awarding trophies, one race will constitute a series. DSQ's can be discarded, but DNE and DGM's cannot!

19 SUPPORT BOATS

19.1 Team leaders, parents, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area 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. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be banishment from the course area to disqualification of all team yachts participating on that course, to be decided by the Jury.

19.2 Coach boats are expected to help disabled yachts needing assistance. Failure to observe this fundamental rule of sailing may result in the Coach being banned from further races, a letter to his/her employer as well as to US Sailing.

20 SAFETY

20.1 Life jackets must be worn while on the water.

20.2 All competitors must sail by the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack and yell out their sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee before the first start of each day.

20.3 Any competitor leaving the racing area shall attempt to notify the Race Committee that he/she is leaving the area.

20.4 Any yacht requiring assistance shall wave and **blow their whistle**.

20.5 It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine whether to start and finish a race.

21 MEASUREMENT

All sailors are responsible for their boats being in compliance with class rules.

22 INSPECTION

There may be on the water inspection after a race. All yachts must have the following safety items:

	bowline	lifejacket	whistle	bucket
Laser		x	x	
420	x	x	x	
Sunfish	x	x	x	
Opti	x	x	x	x

USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to each member of the crew placing first through tenth in all fleets, except Laser, Laser 4.7 and Sunfish which will be awarded to the top five places. There are also prizes for the top three finishers in all classes/divisions. The Optimist class will have separate scoring divisions for white, blue, & red divisions within the Gold & Silver fleet, as well as overall prizes. There will be a separate woman's division scored in the Laser Radial.

The Martin Trophy will be awarded to the yacht club with the most number of first, second or third places in all classes (overall scoring) with a minimum of 5 people.

The Egee-Duff Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded to that sailor(s) that best represents the ideal of competing hard but fairly, with respect for his or her competitors while having fun.

Illustration A - Courses

The Gate is closed. You may not cross through the starting line.

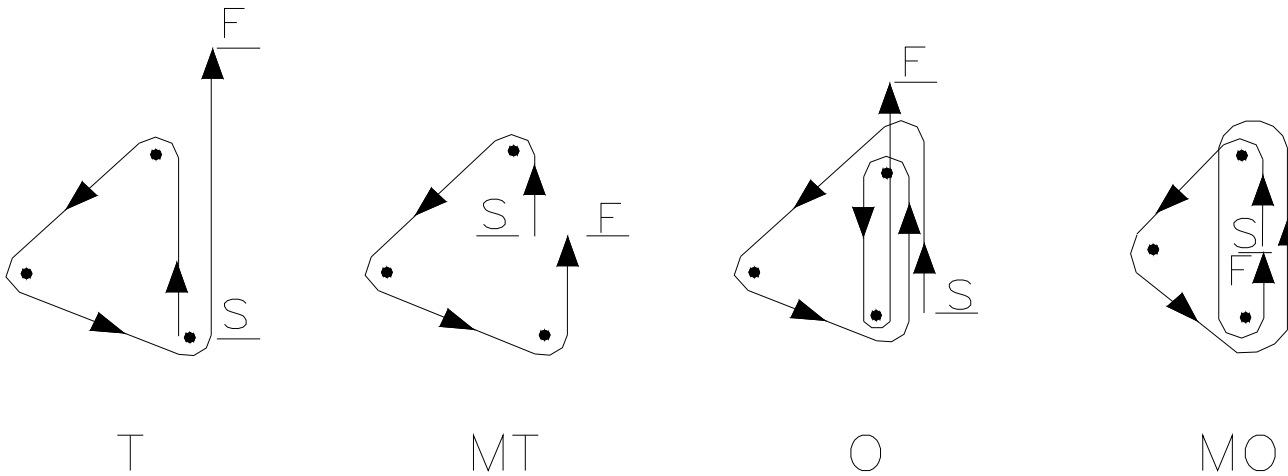


Illustration B- Race Area

