



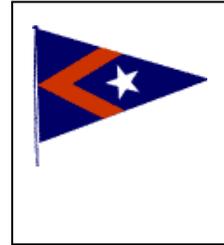
USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL

JULY 13, 14 AND 15, 2011

HINGHAM YACHT CLUB

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *rules* as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the rules of the Club 420, Laser, N-10 and Optimist Classes (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions), and by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall control.
- 1.2 No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.), the possession of which is unlawful. This regulation is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure.

On report of a violation of this regulation, a hearing will be held generally in accord with the recommendations of Appendix L of the RRS. Penalties for a violation of the regulation may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. Additionally, the hearing officers may recommend further action under RRS 69.

The officers for hearing a violation of this regulation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the jury, and the Regatta Chairman.

2. ENTRIES

Boats and competitors that have completed registration in accordance with the Notice of Race are eligible to race.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 Each competitor shall wear and keep fully secured a Coast Guard-approved PFD at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Whistles permanently attached to the PFDs are recommended. This amends RRS 40. Coaches must wear fully secured PFDs while on the water. Support personnel, mark and safety boat operators, parents, etc. are strongly encouraged to wear fully secured PFDs while on the water.
- 3.2 In addition to any other safety equipment required by class rules, each boat is required to have appropriate buoyancy devices, and correct numbers properly located on sails. Each N-10 shall have an anchor and line as per class rules, an 8-meter towline securely attached to a fixed point on the bow and a bailer tied to the boat. Each Optimist shall have an IRYU plaque, a mast preventer to keep the mast from unstepping in the event of a capsize, an 8 meter tow line securely attached to a fixed point on the bow with a bowline loop tied

in the end, a bailer tied to the boat, a properly secured dagger board, and a boom bridle span not exceeding 10 cm.

4. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 4.1 Competitors must check in with the race committee before the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat on a starboard tack and calling out their sail number.
- 4.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee signal boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, notify the Regatta Desk immediately after arrival ashore.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Race Committee bulletin board on the outside of the main Hingham Yacht Club building.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the actual harbor start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be in accordance with Race Signals and displayed from the yardarm of the flag pole on the North Deck at the Hingham Yacht Club.
- 7.2 When displayed ashore, Flag AP with two sound signals when raised and one additional sound signal when lowered means, "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered."
- 7.3 Code flag R displayed and accompanied by one sound signal means: "Boats may leave the floats or launching area and proceed to the race area."
- 7.4 Code flag L displayed and accompanied by one sound signal means: "An official notice has been posted on the notice board."
- 7.5 Code flag B fully hoisted with one sound signal means "Protest time has begun." When lowered halfway, it means "There are less than 30 minutes remaining before protest time ends." When fully lowered, it means "Protest time has ended."

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

| WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 | THURSDAY, JULY 14 | FRIDAY, JULY 15 |
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| 11:00 am Harbor Start. 11:45 am Warning Signal. 5 races scheduled (more or fewer at discretion of the Race Committee). | 10:00 am Harbor Start. 10:45 am Warning Signal. 5 races scheduled (more or fewer at discretion of the Race Committee). | 10:00 am Harbor Start. 10:45 am Warning Signal. 2 races scheduled (more or fewer at discretion of the Race Committee). No starting sequence to begin after 1:00 pm. |

9. FLEET DESIGNATION FLAGS.

Boats sailing in the N-10 and Optimist classes must display fleet designation flags from the top of the mainsail. In the Optimist class, the fleet designations are red, blue, white and green. Optimist class rules govern eligibility for each fleet. In the N-10 class, the fleet designations are Blue (advanced), White (intermediate) and Red (beginner). In the Club 420 class, the fleet designations are White (advanced) and Green (beginner). 420's, Lasers and Laser Radials are not required to fly fleet designation flags.

10. RACING AREAS

The racing areas are designated on the laminate card provided in the skipper's package at check in.

11. THE COURSES

The courses will be designated by a number from 1-6 displayed from the race committee signal boat with or before the warning signal for each start, and are diagrammed on the laminate card provided in the skipper's package at check-in.

12. MARKS

The color and shape of the marks of the course will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

13. THE START

- 13.1 For Optimists and N-10's, races will be started using three minute "dinghy starts" with sound signals as described on the laminate card provided in the skippers' package at check-in. If the P, I, Z and/or Black Flags are in use, they will be raised at the three minute signal and lowered at the one minute signal. On the Optimist Championship line, all three Optimist fleets (Red, Blue and White) will start on the same signal and sail the same course. Overall scoring will be used. On the Optimist Green Fleet and N-10 line, the order of starting will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

- 13.2 For 420's, Lasers and Laser Radials, races will be started using the 5-4-1-0 system set forth in RRS 26. Both 420 fleets (White and Green will start on the same signal and sail the same course. Each fleet will be scored separately. The Lasers and Laser Radials will also start on the same signal, immediately following the 420 fleets, and all Laser classes will same the same course.
- 13.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 13.4 Boats that are not in a starting countdown shall keep clear of the starting area and boats that are in a starting countdown.
- 13.5 The race committee may attempt to hail premature starters in all fleets. The failure to hail premature starters, the hail of some but not all premature starters, or the untimely hail of premature starters shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 13.6 A boat that has not started within 15 minutes after the starting signal for that fleet will be scored Did Not Start.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course made by moving a mark after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg leading to the moved mark. The race committee may shorten the course for any reason. This changes RRS 32.2.

15. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the nearby mark at the port end. If Course 3 is in use, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat on the port end and the nearby mark at the starboard end.

16. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, whether or not within the 60 minute time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.2, the 720 degree Turns Penalty will apply.

18. PROTESTS

- 18.1 A competitor intending to protest shall inform the skipper or crew of the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. If the protest concerns an incident in the racing area in which competitor is involved or that competitor sees, such competitor shall hail "Protest" at the first reasonable opportunity for each party. In addition, a competitor intending to file a protest shall inform the race committee signal boat

immediately after finishing of his or her intention to protest, giving the sail number and class of the protested boat. A competitor shall not consult with a coach or parent prior to informing the race committee of his or her intent to protest.

- 18.2 Protests shall be in writing, forms available at the Protest Desk located in the main room of the Hingham Yacht Club and delivered to the Protest Desk within 60 minutes after the time of the docking of the race committee signal boat for that competitor's course.
- 18.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 18.4 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2 and RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision."
- 18.6 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 3, 4, 9, 21 or 22. This changes Rule 60.1 (a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 18.7 The protest committee may penalize without a hearing a boat that has broken RRS 42, provided that a member of the protest committee or its designated observer (which may include any member of the race committee) has witnessed the incident. A disqualification under Rule 42 shall not be excluded from the boat's series score. A boat so penalized shall be informed by notification in the race results.

19. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 19.1 Rule 44 is modified to allow a boat either to take the penalty described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 while on the water or to take a 40% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator. After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the protest committee. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following conclusions:
 - (a) No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest, it will be submitted to the protest committee in the normal manner.

(b) A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of either accepting a 40% penalty or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a protest hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.

- 19.2 If either party elects to submit a protest to the protest committee following arbitration as described in 19.1 above, the protest should be submitted to the protest committee in the normal way. When protests are submitted to the protest committee following arbitration, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest, or be called as a witness or be present in the protest committee room. The arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with protest committee members until after the protest committee's decision has been posted.
- 19.3 Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%.

20. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply for all classes. A maximum of 12 races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If 6 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 Except as provided in 22.3 below, Coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. All support boats shall obey the request of official safety boats and the race committee pertaining to the location of support boats with respect to the competitors. Competitors are responsible for the behavior of their parents and coaches. Violation of this provision may result in disqualification of the competitor or competitors associated with the craft for the race in which the violation occurs.

22.2 In recognition of the fact that the Optimist Green Fleet is strictly for beginning sailors, gentle coaching is permitted during the starting sequence, around marks, and for staying generally "on course." Green Fleet support boats must identify themselves to the Race Committee and be careful not to interfere with any racing boats. Safety is paramount. Coaches and parents are asked to use reasonable discretion in coaching.

22.3 All coach boats and other support boats/support personnel must agree to aid any competitor in distress or requesting assistance of any sort.

23. PRIZES

USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to each member of the crew placing first, second and third in each division. Regatta trophies will be awarded for the first five places in each Optimist and Club 420 fleet, and for the first three places in each other fleet. For the N-10 and Club 420 fleets, trophies will be awarded to both skipper and crew.