



COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
50TH ANNUAL
OPEN ORANGE BOWL REGATTA
Co-Sponsored by The Orange Bowl Committee

Lasers, Laser Masters, Laser Radials,

29ers, and

**The International 420 Class North American
Championships**

Biscayne Bay, Coconut Grove (Miami), FL USA
Thursday, December 27 - Sunday, December 30, 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2012 CGSC Open Orange Bowl Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*), rules of the participating Class Associations, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The following Prescriptions of USSailing will apply: *RRS 61.4, 76.3, Appendix F*, and the prescriptions to *RRS 68, 76.1*, only.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between a rule in the NOR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. (This changes *RRS 63.7*.) If there is a conflict between a Class Rule and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence to the extent allowed by the Class Rules.
- 1.4 In particular, the attention of participating 29ers, I-420's and Lasers is drawn to 29er CR C1.1 (b) and I-420 CR C.1.2.1 which modify *RRS 42* under certain conditions. In this regard, The Race Committee will display Race Signals as provided in *RRS P5*. Such signals apply to the 29er and/or I-420 fleets only.
- 1.5 Any hails to Laser competitors may use the last four digits of the sail number being hailed.
- 1.6 Boats shall not put trash in the water.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the first floor of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Written changes will be posted by 1230 on Thursday, December 27, and thereafter by 0830 on the day they will take effect. However, any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by the protest time limit on the day before they take effect (see SI 15.2).

- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water in accordance with *RRS 90.2(c)*. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L," (with one sound) and Competitors shall approach the Signal Boat to receive the change.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.
- 4.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- 4.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal. This changes *RRS Race Signals AP*.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time for the Warning Signal for the first race each day is as follows:
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|---|------|
| Thursday, December 27, 2012 | 1400 |
| Friday and Saturday, December 28 and 29 | 1100 |
| Sunday, December 30 | 1030 |
- 5.2 Ten races are scheduled for the Laser and I-420 Classes. Twelve races are scheduled for the 29er Class.
- 5.3 The Race Committee Finishing Boat will display Flag "A" while boats are finishing to indicate there will be no more racing today. If Flag "A" is displayed over a Class Flag, the signal pertains to that Class, only. If Flag "A" is not so displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.
- 5.4 On the final day of the regatta, no Initial Warning Signal for a Class will be made after 1330 hours. The Warning Signal for the start of any Class following one or more General Recalls of any Class(es) may be after 1330.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class Flags will contain the Laser, Laser Radial, 29er and International 420 Insignias. They will be displayed at the Skippers' Meeting.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 All racing will be on Biscayne Bay in an area approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 5sec 8ft).

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be as described below, and depicted in "ADDENDUM No. 1-COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS".
- 8.2 Course Designations:

COURSE W –

Lasers: Start – 1 - OS – 4S/4P – 1 - OS – 4S/4P – Finish W
I-420s & 29ers: Start – 1 - OS – 4S/4P – 1 -OS – Finish W

COURSE O –

Start – 1 - OS – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish T

COURSE I –

Start – 1 – OS- 4S/4P – 1 –OS - 2- 3S/3P – Finish T

- 8.3 The interior angle between Marks 1 and 2 for Courses O and I will be approximately 70 degrees.
- 8.4 Note that if present, the windward Offset Mark (Mark OS) adjacent to Mark 1 is always a mark of the course when rounding Mark 1, regardless of the Course being sailed.
- 8.5 If Marks 4S/4P are present, they will not be marks of the course for I-420s or 29ers on their last leg to the finish of Course W.
- 8.6 Courses will be posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the Warning Signal of each race. For each Class, the designation of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing of the first leg, and distance from the Starting Line to the Windward Mark will be displayed. (See Addendum No. 1.)

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Course Marks, except for the Offset Mark(s), will be 5 ft. (1.5m) inflatable tetrahedron marks.
- 9.2 The original Windward Marks, and Gates will be orange tetrahedron marks.
- 9.3 The Offset Mark(s) will be 3 ft. (1m) round inflatable marks.
- 9.4 All Marks shall be left to port, except that:
- i) the Gates (Marks 3S/3P and 4S/4P) shall be left as per *RRS 28.1(c)*, and
 - ii) the yellow Mark of Finish line T shall be left to starboard.
- 9.5 If the Windward Mark or the Offset Mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place by a nearby Race Committee boat, the only remaining Mark shall be left to port.
- 9.6 If one Gate Mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place by a nearby Race Committee boat, the only remaining gate mark shall be left to port.
- 9.7 Starting and Finishing Marks are as provided in SI 10.1 and 13.1, respectively.
- 9.8 The positional relationships among the Marks are depicted in Addendum 1, hereto.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat or the course side of a yellow starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes *RRS A4.1* and *63.1*)

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 In the event of an individual recall, the Race Committee will not attempt to hail the sail numbers (see SI 1.4), or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may post the sail numbers of boat incurring OCS, ZFP or BFD penalties from the stern of the Signal Boat following the finish of a race in which any of those penalties were incurred.

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new Mark (or Gate, or move the Finish line), and remove the original Mark as soon as practicable. The new Mark(s) will be yellow.
- 12.2 When, in a subsequent change, the new Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an orange Mark.
- 12.3 If the direction of the next leg will be changed, the direction will be signaled in accordance with *RRS 33(a)(2)*.

13. FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish line(s) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Finish Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby support Boat, or the course side of a yellow finishing Mark. Finish lines "W" and "T" are depicted in Addendum No. 1.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit and target time for each class (in minutes) are as follows:

----Time Limits----

| <u>Class</u> | <u>First Mark</u> | <u>Race</u> | <u>Target Time</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Laser | 30 | 90 | 45 |
| I-420 | 30 | 90 | 45 |
| 29er | 20 | 60 | 35 |

- 14.2 Any race in which no boat in a Class rounds the first mark within the above First Mark Time Limit following the start or finishes within the Race Time Limit following the start shall be abandoned.
- 14.3 Any boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the finish time of the first boat in her Class (which has sailed the course in compliance with *RRS 28*) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4 and A5*.
- 14.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify a Race Committee Finish Boat of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Desk at CGSC. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Regatta Desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore. Protest hearings will be conducted at CGSC or at Coral Reef yacht Club as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.

- 15.3 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 1.6 and 18 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes *RRS 60.1*.
- 15.4 On the last day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or
(b) No later than 20 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes *RRS 66*.
- 15.5 On the last day of racing, requests for redress and scoring inquiries shall be delivered within the protest time or within 30 minutes of the incident or the information being posted, whichever is later. This changes *RRS 66*.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 If six (6) or more races are completed, a boat may exclude her worst score. If 11 races are completed, each competitor's two worst scores will be excluded.
- 16.3 All Laser entrants will start together. Laser Radials will be scored separately. Lasers and Laser Masters will be scored together for the overall Laser full rig standings. In addition, Laser Masters will be scored against one another for the Laser Masters standings according to the Masters Handicap System. For each race, based on their finish places among only the Laser Masters Class: Apprentice Masters – add three points; Masters – add two points; Grand Masters – add one point; and Great Grand Masters – add zero points. Ties will be broken in order of the oldest sailor(s) involved in the tie.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The top five boats in the Laser, I-420 and 29er Classes shall receive prizes. The top three boats in the Laser Masters and Laser Radial Classes shall receive prizes. In addition, for the I-420 and 29er Classes, the top junior team (skipper and crew not yet age 19 on December 31, 2011) and the top female team will receive prizes.

18. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 18.1 All boats must check in with the Race Committee prior to the Warning Signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a three place penalty in each race that day without a hearing. This changes *RRS 63.1*.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Regatta Desk on shore at CGSC.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 4*, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities, Host Club, and their officers, employees, Race Committee, agents, and volunteers 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.

ADDENDUM No. 1
COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD – R/C SIGNAL BOAT

| <u>BEARING</u> | <u>CLASS</u> | <u>COURSE</u> |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 120° | I-420 | O |
| | 29er | W |
| <u>RANGE</u> | Laser | W |
| 0.8 NM | | |

