

# Southern California: USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL



Area J Elimination for the US Junior Singlehanded and Doublehanded Championship

## RACE VENUE 2: C420 and Radial

July 12-14, 2013

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

Event Sponsors: Gill, Sperry Top-Sider, West Marine and US Sailing

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The following documents will apply:
  - 1.2.1 US Sailing Regulation 10;
  - 1.2.2 the conditions for the US Junior Sailing Championship;
  - 1.2.3 the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy, Grade 1.
- 1.3 RRS 77 is changed to not require a boat to display national letters.
- 1.4 At no time shall a C420 boat's mainsail be hoisted while ashore.

### **2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted online and on the official notice board located on the window next to the Flag Deck.

### **3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the top of the main dock gangway.
- 3.2 When flown ashore, Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns (one horn when lowered) means "Racing is postponed: do not leave the harbor. The time of the warning signal will be posted before the lowering of 'AP'." This changes RRS Race Signals, AP.
- 3.3 Flag "L" over a numeral pennant displayed ashore will signal the most recent amendment.

### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Ashore: The race committee ("RC") will post any change in the sailing instructions made ashore on the official notice board no later than 0955h on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be made by 2000h on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Afloat: The RC will signal any change in the sailing instructions made afloat by the display of flag 3rd substitute with two sound signals. The RC may communicate these changes either verbally or in writing.

### **5 SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

- 5.1 RRS 40 and preamble to Part 4 is changed to require competitors to wear US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III or V Personal floatation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. no inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing.
- 5.2 Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail past the RC signal boat on starboard tack, announce her sail number, and obtain the recognition of her sail number by the RC. A boat that fails to do so may be subject to protest.
- 5.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify an RC boat before leaving the race area. If that is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative.

## **6 RACING AREA**

The C420 and Laser Radial classes will be sailed approximately 1.0 nm west of the Newport Pier in the San Pedro Channel, Pacific Ocean. The RC reserves the right to relocate the racing area east as weather conditions dictate.

## **7 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 7.1 The first warning signal will be given at 1155h for all days of racing.
- 7.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled, this is a limiting maximum.
- 7.3 The RC will make no warning signal after 1600h on the last day of racing.

## **8 CLASS FLAGS**

The Laser Radial class flag will be numeral pennant 3.

The C420 class flag will be numeral pennant 4.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Except at a gate, a boat shall leave each rounding mark to port.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course description.
- 9.3 The letter "G" displayed with any course description means that a gate will replace Mark 3.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 *Marks* 1, 2, 3 (or 3s, 3p) will be RED inflatable cones.
- 10.2 The offset mark will be a GREEN inflatable cylinder.
- 10.3 The start/finish *mark* will be an ORANGE inflatable cylinder.
- 10.4 The start and finish line *marks* are not marks of the course except when *starting* or *finishing*.
- 10.5 A new *mark* is defined as a RED inflatable cone with a BLACK cap.

## **11 START/FINISH**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The start/finish line will be between the course side of a staff with an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end start/finish *mark*.
- 11.3 A race committee boat displaying Code flag "X" positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that were OCS and will display their sail numbers.
- 11.4 A race committee boat displaying a black flag positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that were BFD and will display their sail numbers. Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately. However, if there are additional races scheduled for that day, boats having been disqualified in the first race may stand by in an area outside the race course for a subsequent race.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.

## 14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race to finish will be seventy-five (75) minutes.
- 14.2 A boat that fails to *finish* within ten (10) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and *finishes* will be scored Time Limit Expired (“TLE”) without a hearing. In such case, the RC may terminate the race and score the boat points equal to the number of boats *finishing* plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.

## 15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 RRS 60.1 (a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rules other than class equipment measurements rules. Additionally boats are prohibited from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of sailing instructions: 1.3(b)(c), 5.2, 5.3 or 15.
- 15.2 RRS 60.3 is changed to permit the protest committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes a competitor may have committed a breach of good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport or the event into disrepute
- 15.3 Protests must be delivered within sixty (60) minutes of the race committee signal boat docking time. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to request for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4 The protest committee will hear protests as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted on the notice board and at the protest desk no later than 10 minutes after the close of protest time. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 15.5 Only the skipper may represent a boat in a hearing. No coach or other person may represent a boat or file a protest on her behalf. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- 15.6 It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 15.7 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one (1) hour after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.
- 15.8 A list of boats penalized under Appendix P will be on the official notice board.
- 15.9 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5. However, a decision following a hearing under RR 69.2(a) may be appealed.

## 16 US SAILING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN AREA ELIMINATION REOPENING

- 16.1 E-mail and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairmen of the protest committee and the race committee will be available in the NYHC Race Office.
- 16.2 RRS 65.2 is deleted and replaced with the following: A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the protest committee no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or sixty (60) minutes after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.
- 16.3 RRS 66 is deleted and replaced with the following:
  - 66 REOPENING A HEARING
  - 66.1 A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.
  - 66.2 The protest committee may reopen the hearing. A *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened under rule 66.2, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

### 66.3 Area Elimination reopening

- a) A *party* to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Elimination reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the *party* believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence that is available. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original protest or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing as well as the chairman of the protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Championships Director, LizWalker@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Championships Chairman, swmadero@aol.com.
- b) The protest committee for an Area Elimination reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the committee's members shall be Senior or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint its chairman.
- c) An Area Elimination reopening will be conducted by telephone conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the parties to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

## 17 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel (including family members) shall stay outside areas where boats are *racing* from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, or until the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Any penalty associated with this SI shall apply to the boat(s) associated with the support boat in question. This SI shall not apply to any support boat (or her associated competitors) that the RC has directed to help a boat or competitor that is in danger while *racing*.

## 18 SCORING

18.1 Three (3) completed races shall constitute a series.

18.2 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with no score excluded. When more than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

## 19 TROPHIES

Take home prizes will be awarded in all classes to the top three (3) boats as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday, July 14, 2013.

## 20 DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, RC, PC, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### Appendix A: Course Descriptions

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