



CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Area L Qualifier
for

The U.S. Junior Doublehanded Sailing Championship for the Bemis Trophy
The U.S. Junior Singlehanded Sailing Championship for the Smythe Trophy
and

NWYRC Steve Williams Memorial Regatta
Willamette Sailing Club – 5/16-17, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 apply:
 - a) US Sailing Regulations
 - b) The Conditions for the United States Junior Sailing Championships and the US Sailing Championship
www.ussailing.org/racing/championships
 - c) The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy.
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boats-policy>

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located to the left of the main door inside the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 20 minutes after the close of the Competitors Meeting on the day they take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than the end of the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the main dock southeast of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 All competitors in US Sailing Championships, at all levels, shall wear, while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved US Coast Guard PFD that depends 100% on foam for flotation that is the appropriate size for the sailor. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 5.2 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 5.3 Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats are requested to check in by sailing on starboard tack of their class's race committee signal boat. Each boat is requested to hail her recall number until acknowledged by the signal boat. Failure to check in may result in a penalty.
- 5.4 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, at the first reasonable opportunity after arrival ashore.
- 5.5 The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be: magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, including PFDs and protective clothing. For the Club 420 permission is granted to bring Fast-pins, and the competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses.
- 5.6 Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Saturday, May 16, 2015	1200 1300 1400 Subsequent races to follow 2000	Registration and lunch Competitors Meeting First Warning No starts after 1900 Dinner following racing
Sunday, May 17, 2015	0800 0900 Subsequent races to follow Upon completion of racing	Breakfast at WSC & pack a lunch First Warning No starts after 1600 if six races complete Otherwise, no starts after 1900 Awards and snacks

- 6.2 A maximum of 10 races are scheduled.
- 6.3 The warning signal for succeeding races will be made as soon as possible after finish of preceding race.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a warning signal will be made soon, the RC may make several repetitive sound signals.
- 6.5 Weather conditions, the need to protect borrowed boats and equipment, or the need to expedite the completion of the event may require procedures other than those mentioned in these Sailing Instructions. Any such special procedures must be approved by the Protest Committee.
- 6.6 Shortened Event. Should wind, weather or other conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races within the published time, the event shall be terminated and the results shall be based on the completed races. Termination and decisions regarding results shall be made by the Protest Committee.
- 6.7 The intended starting order for the first race of each day will be the sequence shown in CLASS FLAGS (below).
- 6.8 Subsequent races each day may not follow the initial starting order, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Laser Standard – Laser insignia on a white background
- 7.2 Laser Radial – Laser insignia on a green background
- 7.3 Club 420 – 420 on a white background
- 7.4 Club 420 Non-Spinnaker – Numeral Pennant 4
- 7.5 Optimist – Optimist insignia and a SW on a white background
- 7.6 Optimist Green fleet – Optimist insignia on a white background over a green flag

8 RACING AREA

The sailing area will be on the Willamette River near the Willamette Sailing Club. See chart in Attachment B.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment C show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display the course designation using a numeral pennant.
- 9.3 If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark in position shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Rounding and passing marks will be orange round balls.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow round balls.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a yellow mark at the port end of the line.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
- 11.4 Boats are requested to keep clear of the starting/finishing line except when preparing to start, starting, and finishing.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 The RC will attempt to hail the recall numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.
- 12.2 The failure of any boat to hear the hail, promptness of the hail, failure to hail any boats, or the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of the designated yellow mark (to starboard) opposite the starting line.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.
- 14.2 P2.2 and P2.3 are changed to permit a two-turns penalty for second and subsequent penalties.

15 BOAT ROTATIONS

Competitors in the C420 spinnaker class shall rotate boats at the dock between each race. Boat rotations shall comply with Attachment D –Boat Rotations.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course in accordance with rule 28 finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. Boats not finishing within this finishing window will be assigned points equal to two plus the number of finishers in that race that did finish within the finishing window in accordance with rule 28. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

17 EVENT PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 20, or 21. The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 17.2 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, identifying the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a)
- 17.3 Protests forms will be available at and returned to the Protest Committee representative at the Clubhouse.
- 17.4 The protest time limit is 30 minutes following the docking of the RC signal boat. This time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.5 A protest hearing schedule and the location of the hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board following the expiration of the protest time limit.
- 17.6 Notice of actions taken by the race committee or protest committee and a list of boats penalized under Appendix P will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.7 On the last day of the regatta 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.
 - b) within the protest time limit, or 30 minutes after the decision is announced, whichever is later. This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

18 US SAILING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN AREA QUALIFIER REOPENING

- 18.1 Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.1(a) may be appealed. E-mail and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairmen of the protest committee and the race committee shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at all times during the event.
- 18.2 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 one hour 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. This changes rule 65.2.
- 18.3 The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee and include at least one National Judge. This changes rule 66.1.
- 18.4 A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Qualifier 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 within a reasonable time. 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 Chair, swmadero@aol.com. The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Director and the Chair. This changes rule 66.
- 18.5 The protest committee for an Area Qualifier 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 National or International Judges. The Championship Chair will appoint its chairman. This changes rule 66.
- 18.6 An Area Qualifier Reopening will be conducted by telephone/VOIP 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. This changes rule 66.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 19.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.
- 19.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes rule A2.

20 COACHING AND OUTSIDE CONTACT

- 20.1 This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boats-policy/>
- 20.2 Private/team coaching is permitted. However, all coaches and/or support personnel shall comply with the requirements detailed in the policy referenced in 20.1. Parents and other interested parties may serve on the race committee at the invitation of the PRO.
- 20.3 The Protest Committee may protest and disqualify a competitor for breaking the rules of this sailing instruction from all races on the day of the infringement.

21 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.

22 DISCIPLINE

22.1 For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or any alcoholic beverages. US Sailing Regulation 10.

22.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

23 PRIZES

23.1 The top Club 420 and Laser Radial will qualify for the National Finals for the Bemis and Smythe trophies. See <http://championships.ussailing.org/Youth/ChubbJrChampionships.htm> for registration information.

23.2 Other prizes will be based on registrations.



Attachment A - Borrowed Boats

This Attachment to the Sailing Instructions applies if boats are supplied to the competitors for this event.

A1 BOATS

- A1.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - c) hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided the class rules are compiled with
- A1.2 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- A1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- A1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction is disqualification from the race most recently sailed, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply.

Attachment B - Venue Chart

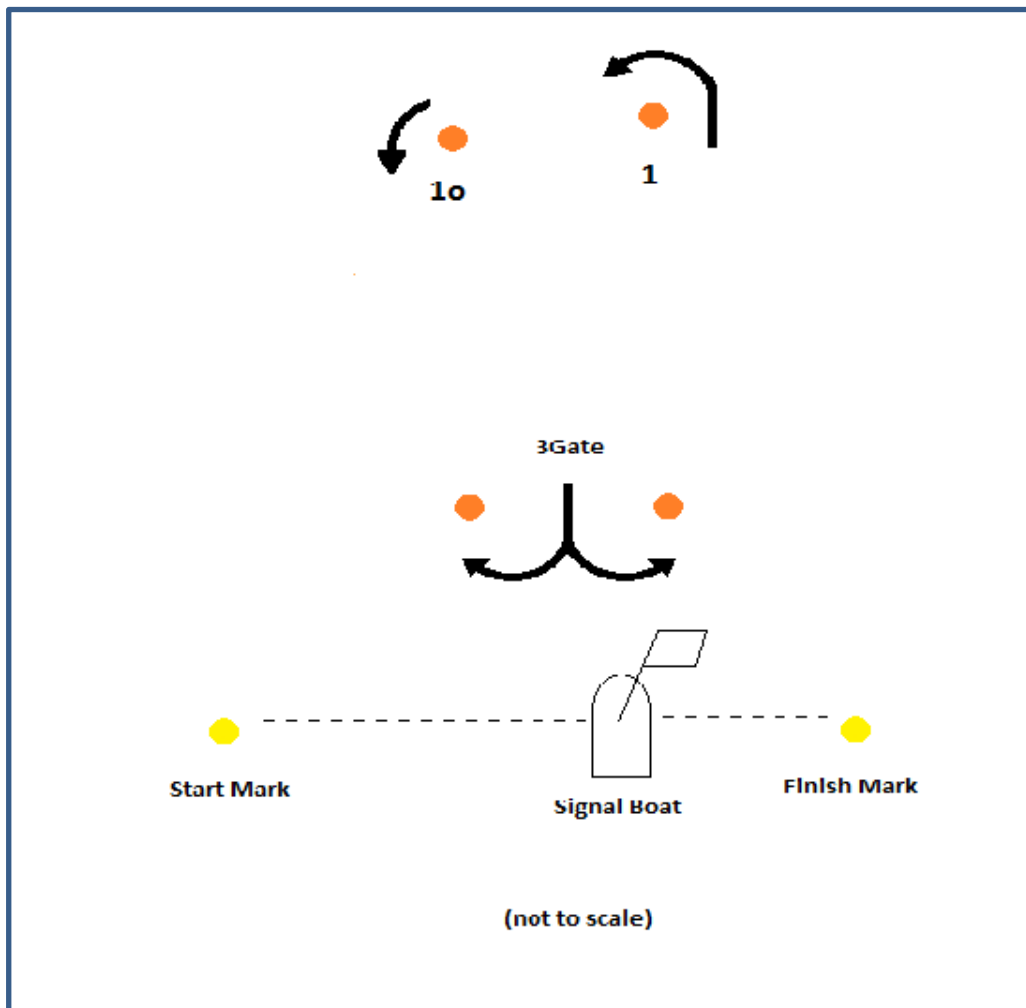


Attachment C – Official Description of Marks and Courses

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Orange round ball set as a Windward Mark
1o	Orange round ball set to port of 1 as an Offset Mark
3Gate	Two round orange balls set as Leeward Gate

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
1	Start - 1 - 1o - Finish
2	Start - 1 - 1o - 3g - 1 - 1o - Finish

Marks 1 and 1o are to be rounded to port





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Attachment D – Boat Rotations – C420 Spinnaker Only

Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Race 10
Krzesowski	1	12	9	7	SYC6	SYC4	3	1	12	9
Hood	3	1	12	9	7	SYC6	SYC4	3	1	12
Werner	SYC4	3	1	12	9	7	SYC6	SYC4	3	1
Hope	SYC6	SYC4	3	1	12	9	7	SYC6	SYC4	3
Read	7	SYC6	SYC4	3	1	12	9	7	SYC6	SYC4
Skene	9	7	SYC6	SYC4	3	1	12	9	7	SYC6
Brush	12	9	7	SYC6	SYC4	3	1	12	9	7