



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

### 2. ENTRIES

Boats that have completed registration are eligible to race.

### 3. SAFETY

- 3.1 A Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn and fully secured at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Whistles permanently attached to the PFDs are recommended. This changes rule 40.
- 3.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore.

### 4. CHECK-IN

Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat before the initial warning signal of the first race each day.

### 5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The regatta office is the Spinnaker Room, located on the lower level of Mentor Harbor Yacht Club (MHYC) near the snack bar.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located near the regatta office.

Any change to the SIs will be posted before **09:00** on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **16:00** on the day before it will take effect.

### 7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at ***Flag Pole near the MHYC Pool Deck.***
- 7.2 Flag AP with two **sounds** (one **sound** when lowered) means, "The race is postponed. The initial Warning Signal will be made not less than **forty-five (45)** minutes after AP is lowered." This changes Race Signal AP.

### 8. SPECIAL SIGNALS

Code Flag A (White and Blue vertical stripes) displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "no more racing today."

### 9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

Day & Date	Time	Event
Friday, June 26	9:00 1:00	On-Water Clinic First warning signal, additional races to follow
Saturday, June 27	10:30	First warning signal, additional races to follow
Sunday, June 28	10:30	First warning signal, additional races to follow

- 9.1 No initial Warning Signal will be made after **14:00** on the last day of racing.
- 9.2 The distance from the launch site to the racing area is approximately ***one half (0.5) nautical miles***.
- 9.3 Should conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races, the regatta shall be terminated and the results based on the races completed and scored.

## 10 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class <u>OPTIMIST (RWB)</u>	Flag <u>OPTIMIST CLASS FLAG</u>
Class <u>OPTIMIST (GREEN)</u>	Flag <u>OPTIMIST GREEN FLAG</u>
Class <u>LASER RADIAL</u>	Flag <u>LASER RADIAL CLASS FLAG</u>
Class <u>CLUB 420 (SPIN)</u>	Flag <u>CLUB 420 CLASS FLAG</u>

## 11 RACING AREA

The racing area will be as shown in Exhibit A.

## 12 THE COURSE

- 12.1 The diagram(s) in Exhibit B show the course(s), the order of rounding, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded or passed for each class.
- 12.2 The identifying number of the course will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat using Numeral Pennants.

## 13 MARKS

Marks of the course are detailed on the course diagrams (Exhibit B).

## 14 THE START

- 14.1 For the Laser, Club 420 and Optimist RWB fleets, races will be started in accordance with rule 26. For the Optimist Green fleet, races will be started using the Sound Starting system (Appendix S).

- 14.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking upwind) and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 14.3 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 14.4 A boat shall not start later than **five (5)** minutes after her starting signal. A boat starting later than **five (5)** minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## 15 RECALLS

The Race Committee may attempt to hail OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure to make or receive such communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1 (a).

## 16 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby finish mark.

## 17 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be **one hour** for all classes. Boats failing to finish within **fifteen (15)** minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

## 18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be in writing on forms available at the regatta office and delivered to the regatta office within **sixty (60)** minutes after the time of the docking of the race committee signal boat for that competitor's course.
- 18.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as practicable.
- 18.3 Protest notices will be posted within **fifteen (15)** minutes 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).
- 18.4 The following sentence is added to rule 66. "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision." This changes rule 66.
- 18.5 Infringements of SIs 3, 4, and 20 are not protestable by another boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 18.6 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1(a).

## 19 SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply for all classes. A maximum of **eleven (11)** races are scheduled, of which **one (1)** shall be completed

to constitute a series. If **seven (7)** or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. This changes rule A2.

## 20 SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 Except as noted in 22.2, team leaders, 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 result in **a scoring penalty or disqualification of one, some or** all boats associated with the support personnel who do so. Such penalty shall be determined by the protest committee.
- 20.2 Optimist Green Fleet: Coaching is encouraged 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.
- 20.3 Coaches must wear fully secured PFDs while on the water. Other support people – Race Committee, mark and safety boat operators, parents, etc. – are strongly encouraged to wear fully secured PFDs while on the water.
- 20.4 All coach boats and other support boats/support personnel must monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel for the course they are observing and agree to aid **any** competitor in distress or requesting assistance of any sort **or at the direction of the Race Committee.**

## 21 PRIZES

USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to each member of the crew placing first, second and third in each division.

**Attachments:** Exhibit A - The Racing Area  
Exhibit B - Course Diagrams