

Summer Sailing Classic

Ocean Gate Yacht Club

August 7, 2015

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

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

1.2 RRS 61 is changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee's finish boat of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.

1.3 RRS 63.7 is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply."

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the windows on the water side of the yacht club to the west of the doors, which will function as the official notice board (ONB).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the harbor signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located to the east of the yacht club.

4.2 If flag AP is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

4.3 The harbor signal will be signaled by a cannon approximately 30 minutes before the first morning race.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Multiple races are scheduled for all classes. One race constitutes a regatta. No warning signal will be made after 1500.

5.2 The racing schedule is as follows:

Registration 0800 - 0915 Clubhouse

Contestants' Meeting 0930 Water side of club

Harbor Signal after the Contestant's Meeting

First warning will be no sooner than 30 minutes after the Harbor Signal

5.3 The Opti course will have multiple starts with the Opti Red/Blue fleet starting first. The Opti white fleet will start second. The laser/420 course will start the 420 fleet first followed by a combined radial/4.7 start.

6. RACING AREA

The racing areas will be on the Toms River in the vicinity of the club or to the east of the club.

Specific locations will be announced at the Contestant's Meeting.

7. THE COURSES

7.1 The diagrams in Attachment A with the identifying letters show the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The Race Committee will notify the competitors of the course to be sailed and the number of times around the course no later than the prep signal.

7.3 Course W Modified* Windward / leeward.

Course T Modified* Triangle.

Course O Modified* Olympic – Triangle followed by windward, leeward, windward.

* - The start and finish line will be located on the weather leg between the leeward and windward marks.

8. MARKS

Portable marks will be used and they will be orange, yellow or any other highly visible color.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RSS Appendix S – Sound Signal Starting System

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and the starting mark.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats in the starting area whose warning signal has been made.

9.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A5

9.5 After starting and before finishing, a boat shall not sail through the start or finish line.

9.6 Individual recall will be signaled by ONE long sound. In addition, the race committee will attempt to hail each boat(s) that has not started correctly. Failure to make or hear such hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1

9.7 General recalls will be signaled by TWO long sounds. The First Substitute will NOT be displayed. This changes RRS 29.2.

9.8 The I flag will be in effect for all starts on the Opti Red, Blue, White Course.

10. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and the finish mark.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (a complete turn including one tack and one gybe in the same direction).

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be one hour for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

13. PROTESTS

13.1 A boat intending to protest must inform the race committee finish boat of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing AND to file a written protest. This changes RRS 61.

13.2 Protest Forms are available at the Ocean Gate Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within 30 minutes after the race committee docks at the end of racing. The same protest time limit applies to any protest by the race committee or request for redress. However, the race committee may accept protests submitted later at their own discretion. Race Committee docking times will be posted on the ONB.

13.3 Protest notices will be posted within ten (10) minutes after the protest time limit has expired or earlier to inform where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to the protest or named as witnesses.

13.4 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the time limit (30 minutes after RC docks), a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2

13.5 An instructor may accompany each sailor into the protest room to act as a silent observer. Parents will not be allowed to accompany their child into the protest room.

14 SCORING

14.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

14.2 One race constitutes a regatta.

14.3 When 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SAFETY

15.1 All boats must conform to their class rules and any applicable safety or measurement rules, and are subject to inspection by the organizing authority race committee or judges at any time during the event.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not start a race shall notify a race committee boat or patrol boat before leaving the race area. If this is not possible, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative immediately after arriving ashore. The committee will endeavor to account for all entered boats. Any boat withdrawing from the race without proper notice is subject to protest by the race committee.

15.3 Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times from dock to dock, fully fastened, by all competitors, sailing instructors and coaches. This changes RRS 40.

16. COACHING and SUPPORT BOATS

Except for the Opti Green Fleet, coaching is not permitted while a boat is *racing*. Team Leaders, coaches and all other support personnel shall not enter the racing area during the period beginning 3 minutes before the start of any race and ending after the finish of the last boat, or when the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

17. GREEN FLEET

17.1 Green fleet sailors must be novice racers.

17.2 Coaching of the Green fleet sailors while racing will be allowed to the back half of the fleet.

17.2 The Race Committee and their representatives shall, at their discretion, assist to maintain race progress.

17.3 Green fleet protest will be heard at the discretion of the Race Committee and assessed without penalty.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race, regatta or series.