

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2016 CLUB 420 TEAM RACE REGATTA
January 16-17, 2016

US SAILING Center of Martin County
1955 NE Indian River Drive
Jensen Beach, Florida

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible teams may be entered by completing an entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Regatta Headquarters.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Written changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830 on the day on which it will take effect.
- 4.2 Written changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1830 on the day before the change is to take effect.
- 4.3 In addition, the Race Committee may make changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. Such changes will be signaled by displaying the Third Substitute on the Signal Boat and the PRO informing all teams of the changes.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a pole at the end of the Center dock. Flag “AP” (Answering Pennant) with two sounds, means: - “The racing is postponed. Do not leave the harbor.” The first warning signal will be displayed not less than 20 minutes after “AP” is lowered (one sound).

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The schedule is as follows:

Saturday 16 January

1000

Competitors’ Meeting

1100

First Warning

Lunch on the water

1700 or After Racing

Competitors, Coaches, Families Burger Cook Out

Sunday 17 January

1030

First Warning

Lunch on the water

1700 or After Racing

Competitors, Coaches Pizza Party

7. REGATTA FORMAT AND NUMBER OF RACES
 - 7.1 The regatta format will be based on the number of teams registered and the weather conditions. Possible formats include round robin, split fleet round robins, elimination ladder, and others, followed by quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. The format to be attempted, contingency formats, if any, and changes to the format will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - 7.2 If time, wind, weather or other contingencies make the completion of a current or an additional scheduled round robin or series impractical, the regatta may be terminated and the results based on the standings at the completion of the immediate prior round robin(s) or series; or the Race Committee, may terminate or alter the format in progress and institute a single or double elimination ladder format or make such other arrangements as may be necessary to conclude the championship and determine a winner.
 - 7.3 The racing order of teams will be displayed on a board on the RC Signal Boat at the starting line.
8. RACING AREA
 - 8.1 Racing will occur directly east of the Sailing Center on the Indian River.
9. THE COURSE
 - 9.1 The course will be Digital N. See Attachment I
10. MARKS
 - 10.1 Marks will be either yellow or orange cylinders or tomatoes.
11. THE START
 - 11.1 Races will be started using the Sound Signal Starting System – Appendix S of the RRS
 - 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end of the line and the port-end starting mark.
 - 11.3 A boat starting later than one minute after the Starting Signal will be scored ‘Did Not Start’ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.2.
12. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK
 - 12.1 The Race Committee will not change the position of the mark while boats are on the leg that ends at the mark in question.
13. THE FINISH
 - 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff with an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the port end finish mark.
14. TIME LIMIT
 - 14.1 There will be no time limit for any race.
15. Umpiring and Protests
 - 15.1 All races will be attempted to be umpired in accordance with D2.5. If an umpire is on course, it is an umpired race.
 - 15.2 RRS D2.4(a) is changed to: For no penalty, a green flag.
 - 15.3 RRS D2.4(c) is changed to: To report the incident to the protest committee, a black flag.
 - 15.4 RRS D2.5(a) is changed to : She shall loudly hail "Protest" and conspicuously wave an "open palm" at the first reasonable opportunity for each.

- 15.5 RRS D2.5 (c) is changed to: If the protested boat fails to respond, the protesting boat may request a decision by conspicuously waving an "open palm" for a second time and loudly hailing "umpire".
- 15.6 In the event that a race is not umpired, the Procedures stated in D 1.2 shall be used.
- 15.7 The words "red Flag" shall be replaced by "open palm" in D1.2(b).
- 15.8 D1.2(C) is changed to: A boat intending to protest or request redress shall inform the Finish Boat of her intent as soon as practicable after finishing.
16. ABANDONMENT
- 16.1 Races may be abandoned at any time for any reason the Race Committee deems necessary. This changes RRS 32.1. Abandonment may be signaled orally. Abandoned races may be re-sailed and if so, a new warning signal for the abandoned race will be made as soon as practicable.
17. SAFETY REGULATION
- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT
- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval by the Principal Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Principal Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity.
19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS
- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions.
- 19.2 Club 420s will be supplies by the competitors. Trapezes and spinnakers shall not be used. All other equipment must be class legal.
- 19.3 Bridals are permitted
20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, 'Decision To Race'. The organizing authority 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.
21. SPIRIT OF COMPETITION
- 21.1 All competitors shall be held accountable to the highest levels of sportsmanship. Any boat observed NOT doing so shall be subject to penalties, including disqualification from one or more races

Attachment I

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