

**International 420  
2016 Midwinter Championship Regatta  
Texas Corinthian Yacht Club  
Sailing Instructions**

**Organizing Authority: Texas Corinthian Yacht Club**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the International 420 Class Rules.
- 1.2 Rule Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.3 No Class Rules change will apply.
- 1.4 The following US prescriptions will apply: Appendix R, Appendix T, sections A and B, and the prescriptions to rules 40, 67, 76.1.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. If there is a conflict between the Class Rules and these SIs, these SIs will take precedence to the extent allowed by the Class Rules.
- 1.6 Attention is drawn to I420 Class Rules which modify rule 42 under certain conditions. In this regard, The Race Committee (RC) will display Race Signals as provided in rule P5.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front doors for the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC) regatta office located in the Junior Club House.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any written change to these SIs will be posted as provided in SI 2, above, no later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any changes in the schedule of races will be posted by the protest time limit on the day before they take effect (see SI 15.3).
- 3.2 Oral changes to the SIs may be given on the water. The RC Signal boat shall display code flag "L" and announce the change in accordance with rule 90.2(c). Competitors shall approach the RC Signal boat and verbally receive the change.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the TCYC.
- 4.2 Code flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in SIs or other notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board.
- 4.3 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. In that case, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Saturday, March 5 0930 Competitor Meeting  
1100 First Warning Signal
- Sunday, March 6 1000 First Warning Signal  
Trophy Presentation to follow ASAP after racing
- 5.2 The RC Finish boat will display flag "A" while boats are finishing to indicate "No more racing today." If flag "A" is not displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.
- 5.3 On the final day of the regatta, no INITIAL warning signal will be made later than 1400 hours.

## **6. FORMAT**

- 6.1 No more than six (6) races will be sailed per day.
- 6.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled. Three races (3) shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be the I420 class flag, and will be displayed at the competitor's meeting.

## **8. RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be in the waters of Galveston Bay, off the pier at TCYC, approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile due east.

## **9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1 Depending on class size and weather conditions, the courses sailed will be at the discretion of the PRO. See Attachment A.
- 9.2 Courses will be posted on a RC Signal boat course board prior to the first warning signal of each race. The designation of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing to the weather mark will be displayed. This changes rule 27.1.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 All marks of the course will be tetrahedrons. The color will be described at the competitor's meeting.
- 10.2 If one of the leeward gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one remaining leeward mark to port.
- 10.3 The Starting Mark will be an orange ball OR a Pin boat displaying an orange line flag.
- 10.4 The Finish Mark will be a green tetrahedron.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Pin boat OR the course side of an orange ball.

- 11.2 The RC Signal boat may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the boat. Such buoy shall be tethered to the stern of the Signal boat and/or the Pin boat and will function as an extension of that boat.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

**12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 The RC may make minor adjustments of the course during a race. This changes rule 33.
- 12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or move the finish line) in accordance with rule 33.

**13. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby support boat, OR the course side of an inflatable finishing mark.

**14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit and target time for each class (in minutes) are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>First Mark</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
I-420	30	90	45

- 14.2 Any race in which no boat rounds the first mark within the above First Mark Time Limit following the start or finishes within the Race Time Limit following the start will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Any boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the finish time of the first boat (which has sailed the course in compliance with rule 28) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest should inform the RC immediately after finishing a race and provide the identity of the protested boat(s).
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available at the regatta office. Protests and Requests for Redress shall meet the requirements of rule 61 and be delivered to the protest desk in located in the regatta office within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC Signal boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore. The Protest Committee may extend the time limit if necessary.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted promptly following expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will be conducted at TCYC as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.

- 15.5 The RC will post a list of boats that have been given starting penalties or other RC actions. If this list is posted prior to the filing deadline, Requests for Redress based on this posting shall be filed no later than 30 minutes after the expiration of the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.
- 15.6 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.7 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the regatta notice board promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with rule 63.3(b).

Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest desk until excused by the Protest Committee.

- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

- 15.9 Breaches of SI 19 or rule 55 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, shall be used except as modified below.
- 16.2 There shall be one (1) throwout when five (5) or more races have been sailed.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers.
- 17.2 The first all-female team shall receive and award.
- 17.3 Prizes shall be given to both members of the team.

## **18. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

- 18.1 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request or at the request of the RC, support and coach boats shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until the time the last boat finishes or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.2 Support and coach boats shall be marked with green flags.

## **19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

- 19.1 Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly

report this to the RC via hailing and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the regatta office on shore at TCYC.

19.3 Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform the RC prior to the start of the first race of that day.

19.4 Prior to the warning signal of the first race she sails each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the RC Signal boat, and shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a three point penalty in the first race that day without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

**20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phone cell phone calls and text messages.

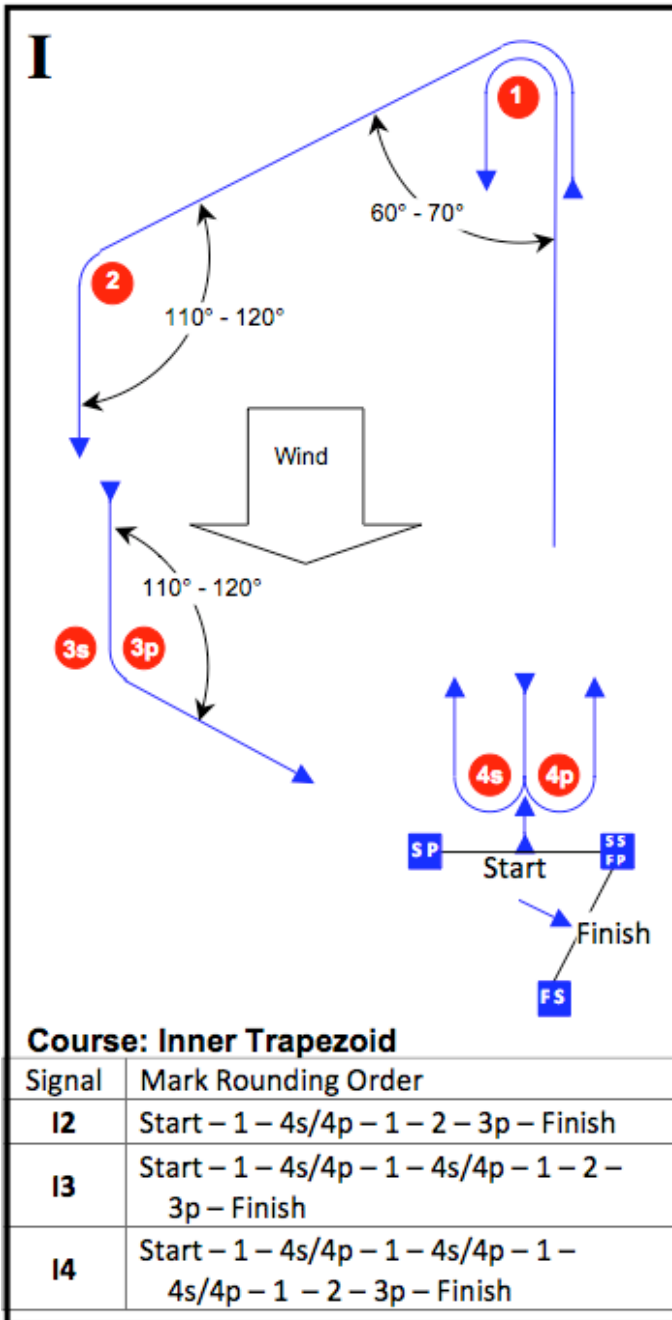
**21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, RC, host club, and their officers, employees and volunteers 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.

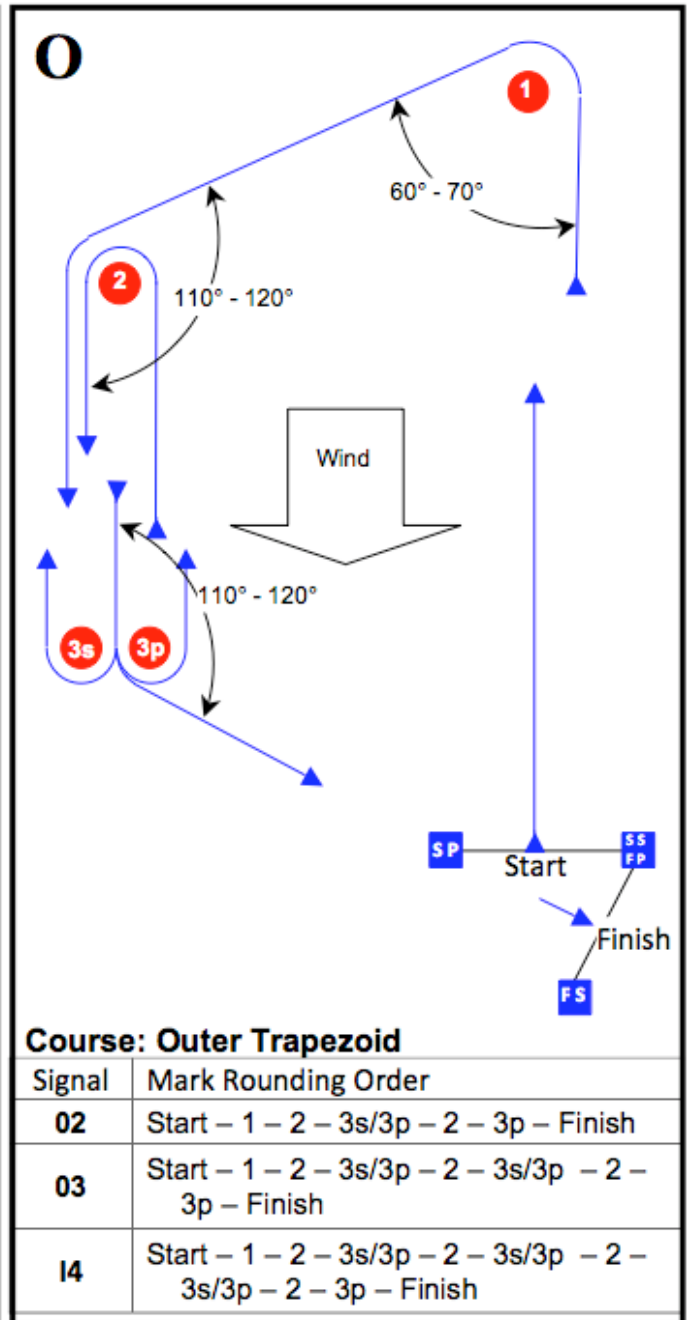
**22. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of US\$1,000,000 per occurrence.

# Appendix A



Course I



Course O