



2016 OXFORD REGATTA

Midget 420s, 420s, Junior Lasers and Laser Radials: DELTA COURSE AUGUST 13TH & 14TH 2016

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1. RULES:

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Regatta, and these sailing instructions.

2. MANAGEMENT OF RACES:

Races will be sailed under the management of the Tred Avon Yacht Club Race Committee.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions or schedule will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the Club house 0900. Changes made on the water shall be communicated to each boat prior to the warning.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

One or more completed races will constitute the regatta. The Committee will start as many races as time and conditions allow.

4.1. Skippers' Meeting 0930, Sat. Races are scheduled as follows:

Day	Warning
Sat	1100 Others to follow
Sun	1000 Racing continues No warning after 1330

4.2. Contestants should be ready to leave for the starting area at least 45 minutes before the announced warning time.

5. RACING AREA:

The racing area will be in the Choptank River on the Oxford Shore just past the mouth of the Tred Avon River.

6. THE COURSE: see diagrams on p.3

The course L or G designation will be displayed on the stern of the committee boat.

6.1. Course can be shortened at any mark of course.

6.2. Unless preparing to start, starting, or finishing, boats may not sail through the starting or finishing line. A breach of this rule will be result in being scored DSQ. This changes RRS A5.

7. MARKS:

7.1 Marks will be **YELLOW TETRAHEDRONS**, pin will be an orange cylinder

7.2. The starting and finishing marks are orange, will be on **opposite sides** of the Signal Boat, and are passed as shown on the Course Diagram.

8. THE START:

8.1. Races will start using RRS 26.

8.2. The Race Committee will sound a "Heads Up" signal shortly before the Warning sound for each class.

8.3 There will be a brief pause between the Start of one class and the Warning for the next class.

8.4 Order of Start and Class Flags:

The class flag will be shown through out each classes starting sequence.

Start Order	Code Flag at start
1. Midget 420s	"M" Flag
2. 420	420 Class flag
3. Jr. Lasers	Laser Class flag
4. Jr. Laser Radials	Laser Radial Class flag

For subsequent races a class will start as soon as practical after the last boat finishes the prior race.

8.5. Starting Line:

Refer to Course Diagrams below.

The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and a drop mark.

8.6. A drop mark attached to the side of the committee boat is considered part of the boat.

8.7. A boat shall start no later than five minutes after her starting signal.

8.8. Any Class with less than 3 boats will not get a start.

9. RECALLS:

9.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.1

The Race Committee may attempt to hail OCS starters however, whether or not the hail is heard, responsibility for starting properly rests with each yacht.

9.2 After a general recall has been signaled, a new starting sequence for the recalled class will be begin one minute after the



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lowering of Code Flag "First Substitute" with one sound.

10. ABANDONMENT AND CANCELLATION:

Governed by racing rule 32.

11. CHANGING COURSE AFTER THE START:

11.1 When changing the course after the start, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practical.

11.2 A change of course will be signaled near a mark by a Race committee boat which will display Code Flag "C", the approximate compass bearing to the new mark, and will sound a horn periodically. The change will be signaled before the first yacht has begun the leg toward the new mark although the new mark may not be in position at that time.

12. THE FINISH: Refer to Course Diagrams

The finishing line will be as shown on the course diagram **L** or **G**. It will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a drop mark.

The Finish Line will be on the **opposite side** of the Signal Boat from the starting line.

13. TIME LIMIT:

If the first boat fails to round the windward mark within 30 minutes or complete the course within 60 minutes the race shall be abandoned. Any yacht not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in its class will be scored as DNF. This changes RRS 35, 4, and A5.

14. SAFETY:

14.1 Each contestant is solely responsible for his/her own safety.

14.2 The Race Committee may, in conditions it deems hazardous, require a contestant to accept assistance.

14.3 A boat that retires shall make every effort to notify a committee boat before leaving the area of the race course. If not possible, she shall notify the Race Committee immediately after arriving ashore through the club office.

14.4. A boat shall not pass through the start/finish line of any other fleet.

14.5 All Competitors under 18 yrs old AND all Coaches SHALL properly wear USCG approved type III Personal Floatation Devices at all times while afloat except for brief periods while changing. Any inflatable type PFD is not permitted. This changes RRS rule 40.

14.6 While afloat, competitors shall not have any contact with a coach that does not comply with SI 14.5 PFD requirement.

14.7 The Race Committee may protest boats not complying with SI 14.5 & 14.6

15. PROTEST:

A Boat desiring to protest must notify the other contestant(s) involved. The protesting boat shall notify the signal boat at the finish line at the end of the race in which the foul was committed and receive acknowledgment. A written protest must be filed with the Race Committee within one hour after the Signal Boat returns to the dock. Time and location of protest meetings will be posted on the official bulletin board in the club house.

16. SCORING:

16.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with the Low Point System, of Appendix A of RRS.

16.2 All scores will be counted unless six races have been raced. Then one throw out per 6 races will be scored.

17. Special Midget 420 requirements:

17.1 All Midget 420 competitors shall fly a hot pink steamer from the top of their mainsail. These steamers will be provided at registration.

17.2 No on the water coaching is permitted for the Midget 420s. This shall be from the time the competitors leave the beach until the end of the last race for the day.

18. Awards

Awards will be presented at Harleigh at 1630, gates open 1600. Jacket and tie required for Gentlemen, Dresses for the ladies.



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COURSES

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**Boats that have finished a race must keep clear of boats
in another class that are starting a new race.**

The leeward mark on the first upwind and last downwind legs can be disregarded.

