

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Corpus Christi Yacht Club  
June 13-16, 2016



**RACE WEEK**  
**CCYC**  
— 2016 —

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CENTERBOARD RACES

### 1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the associated prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, and these Sailing Instructions.

### 2. ENTRY

- 2.1. A team/boat shall be considered entered if it has completed all registration and paid entry fees by 1700hrs on July 15, 2016.
- 2.2. Keelboats/multihulls must designate their crew members for the centerboard races before the start of the skipper's meeting. They may do so by e-mailing the RC at [toddahunterjr@yahoo.com](mailto:toddahunterjr@yahoo.com).

### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on window of the Sailing Center located on the first floor of the CCYC clubhouse.

### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change in the Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board as soon as practical. In the event of unforeseen circumstances on the water, changes in Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be communicated orally to each boat.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CCYC Flagstaff.
- 5.2. When "AP" is displayed ashore, the time of the warning signal will be posted on the Official Notice Board before the lowering of the "AP".

### 6. BOATS

- 6.1. 420 boats will be randomly assigned by the RC to each team prior to the Skippers' Meeting. If new fleets are created for different brackets, boats will be re-randomly-assigned to the new fleet participants. Once a boat has been assigned, there will be no changes of boats between teams unless directed to by the RC.
- 6.2. 420s will be sailed only with equipment made available by CCYC. Team members may not make any alterations to the 420s without prior approval of the RC. No outside equipment or material may be used on the boat for purposes of gaining a competitive advantage.

## 7. CLASSES

- 7.1. The 420 class is the only fleet guaranteed races and awards.
- 7.2. The Race Committee may conduct races for any other centerboard class, such as sunfish or lasers, so long as there are a minimum of three (3) boats registered in the class.
- 7.3. Awards will only be available for the 420 class.

## 8. FLEETS AND SERIES OF RACES

- 8.1. If the number of participants equals the number of boats available from CCYC, participants will race all together in no less than one and no more than 3 races.
- 8.2. If the number of participants is greater than the number of boats available from CCYC, the participants be will divided into two fleets. Each fleet will race in no less than one and no more than 3 races. A low point scoring system will be used to select the top 3-4 boats (specific number to be announced at skippers meeting) from each fleet for one championship race.

## 9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. The schedule will be as follows for Friday, July 15, 2016:

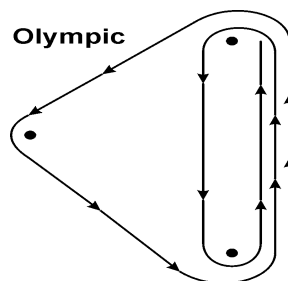
1730hrs.: Skipper's Meeting for centerboard races to be held in the Sailing Center of the CCYC on the first floor near the pool. Sailing Instructions for centerboard races will be available at the front desk of the CCYC on Thursday and at the meeting.

1815hrs.: First signal for centerboard races

Post Races: Beverages and burgers will be available after the races. Awards will be given to the top three 420 teams.

## 10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. The racing area will be the Corpus Christi Marina.
- 10.2. Once a race has started, the start/finish line will be open to pass through during the race.
- 10.3. The default race course for each race will be an Olympic style course. *However*, the RC reserves the right to use different courses at any time.



## 11. MARKS

- 11.1. The marks for the Course shall consist of orange hippity hops. The white "no wake" marks located in the Corpus Christi Marina may also be used at the discretion of the RC.

## 12. THE START/SIGNALS

- 12.1. The Sound Signal Starting System, pursuant to The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix S (2013-2016) shall be used. See attached for reference.

12.2. The start of each race will be at a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the RC Boat and a nearby orange mark.

### 13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finish of each race will be at a line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the RC Boat and a nearby orange mark (the same line as the starting line).

### 14. SAFETY

14.1. A team retiring from a race or the Regatta shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

14.2. All sailors **must** wear a coast guard approved personal floatation device.

### 15. PROTESTS

15.1. Team intending to file a protest shall notify the RC at the finish line as soon as possible after they finish.

15.2. Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms with sufficient notice prior to any championship races. Any protests made during a championship race must be filed within twenty (20) minutes of a team finishing the race.

15.3. Protest forms may be found at the CCYC front desk. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

### 16. SCORING

16.1. No races will be excluded from a boats score unless there is a championship race. This modifies Rule A2.

16.2. If the 420s are divided into two fleets, a low point scoring system will be used to select the top 3-4 boats (specific number to be announced at skippers meeting) from each fleet for one championship race. Only the results of the championship race will be used for scoring teams overall and previous scores will be excluded. This modifies Rule A2.

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## ***APPENDIX S – SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM***

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*This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.*

*US Sailing prescribes that, when the sailing instructions so indicate, the Sound-Signal Starting System described below shall be used. This system is recommended primarily for small-boat racing and makes it unnecessary for competitors to use stopwatches. Supplemental visual course and recall signals are also recommended when practicable.*

- S1** Course and postponement signals may be made orally.
- S2** Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.
- S3** The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Time before start</i>
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
Starting	1 short	1 second
	1 long	0

- S4** Signals shall be timed from their commencement.
- S5** A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- S6** Individual recalls shall be signalled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed.
- S7** Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.