

2016 NJ Club 420 State Championship Regatta Sailing Instructions

August 8th and 9th 2016

Hosted by Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: North Jersey Yacht Racing Association

1) RULES

1.1 – The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2013-2016 and the C420 class rules.

2) ELIGIBILITY

2.1 – The Skipper shall be a member in good standing of a New Jersey Yacht Club or have a permanent residence in the State of New Jersey in order to win the perpetual trophy. The Skipper and Crew shall not have reached the 22nd birthday before December 31, 2016.

3) NOTICES TO THE COMPETITORS

3.1 – Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at SSYC.

4) CHANGES TO THE RACING INSTRUCTION

4.1 – The Race Committee reserves the right to change the Sailing Instructions, by posting the changes on the official notice board 0900, August 8, 2016.

5) SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 – Monday, August 8, 2016

5.1.1 – Registration: 8:00-9:30 am

5.1.2 – Skipper's Meeting: 9:30 am

5.1.3 – Harbor Start: 10:00 am

5.1.4 – Warning Signal of First Race: 10:30. Up to 7 races may be sailed.

No Warning Signal after 4:00 pm

5.2 – Tuesday, August 9, 2016

5.2.1 – Harbor Start: 9:30 am

5.2.2 – Warning Signal of First Race: 10:00 am

No Warning Signal after 4:00 pm

Awards as soon as possible after return to shore.

6) REGATTA FORMAT

6.1 – Seven races are scheduled

6.1.1 – There will be one drop if 5 or more races are sailed. This modifies RRS A2.

6.1.2 – One completed race shall be sufficient to establish a championship.

7) COURSES

7.1 – All courses will be Windward-Leeward with the number of laps posted prior to each warning signal, W1 or W2.

7.2 – All marks will be left to Port (P).

- 7.3 – A windward offset mark will be used and must be honored on all windward mark roundings.
- 7.4 – A windward offset mark is still required if a windward mark is moved.
- 7.5 – A leeward gate may be used depending on the number of contestants
- 7.6 – The start will be at the Leeward Mark as indicated in the attached course diagram.
- 7.7 – The finish will be at the Weather Mark as indicated in the attached course diagram.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 – The turning marks will be orange or yellow marks unless indicated otherwise by the race committee.
- 8.2 – The change of course mark will be of the opposite color from the original marks unless indicated otherwise by the race committee.
- 8.3 – In the event of a second change of course the original orange or yellow mark will be used.

9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 9.1 – Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SSYC flagpole.
- 9.2 – Flag “AP” displayed ashore means “Races are postponed”. The First Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP displayed ashore is lowered. This changes RRS, Race Signals – AP.

10. THE START

- 10.1 – The starting sequence will be as described in RRS 26 (5-minute sequence)
- 10.2 – The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats who are OCS, failure of the boat to hear the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.3 – The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a white pin with an orange pennant.
- 10.4 – A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 – The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby white pin with an orange pennant in the vicinity of the windward mark of the course.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 – Rule 44.2, the two turns penalty shall apply.

13. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 – Any boat wishing to protest another boat must notify the protested boat of their intention to do so by hailing “Protest”.
- 13.2 – Protesting boat will notify the Race Committee of the protested boat’s sail number as soon as reasonably possible following the finish of that race.
- 13.3 – Protest shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee, and delivered to the Race Committee within 45 minutes after Protest time has been signaled to start.
- 13.4 – The protest time will end 45 minutes after the RC boat docks at SSYC.
- 13.5 – Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearing will be held in the protest room, located in SSYC’s main club house beginning at the times posted.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 – The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 14.2 – The regatta for the Championship Fleet will consist of up to 7 races.
- 14.3 – One race will constitute a championship.
- 14.4 – There will be 1 drop if at least 5 races are sailed. This modifies RRS A2.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 – The time limit will be one hour and fifteen minutes.
- 15.2 – The time limit for the first boat to reach the weather mark is 30 minutes.
- 15.3 – Boats still on the course twenty minutes after the first finish will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A.4.
- 15.4 – The Race Committee may abandon any race it judges not to be a fair contest of sailing skill or for safety issues.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 – All participants must wear a USCG approved PFD while on the water and have a working whistle.
- 16.2 – All competitors must sail by the Race Committee boat on Starboard tack and yell out their sail number until acknowledged, prior to the preparatory signal.
- 16.3 – Any competitor leaving the racing area shall attempt to notify the Race Committee or, if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore. Failure to notify the Race Committee in a timely manner may result in disqualification for the day's racing.

17. MEASUREMENT

- 17.1 – All competitors are responsible for their boats being in compliance with C420 class rules.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 – Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and spectators shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for a race until all boats have finished that race, or until the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.2 – Coach/support and spectator boats shall follow the instructions of Race Committee and race management boats. Coach/support boats are responsible for helping **all** boats in distress, not just their own.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 – Trophies will be awarded to the first 5 teams (skipper & crew).
- 19.2 – The Perpetual Trophy for the C420 NJ State Championship must be returned in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Gift.

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 damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, or during or after the regatta.