



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
For
THE JOCK IRVINE CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

US SAILING Center of Martin County
1955 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, Florida
18-20 February 2017

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by *the rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS), RRS 63.7 is deleted and now reads, 'In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.'
- 1.2 Appendix P will apply. The title of P2.1 is changed to First and Subsequent Penalties. Section P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.3 Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. However when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.5 No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M of the Racing Rules. The hearing officers may also recommend further action under RRS 69. The officers for a hearing regarding a violation of this prohibition will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairperson of the hearing and the Jury. The local event chairperson shall serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the panel and will have a right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process.

2. CLASSES

- 2.1 Boats of the Club 420 class will be used.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Applicants for the Club 420 Midwinter must not turn 22 years old in 2017.
- 3.2 Individual or family membership in US SAILING or the Canadian Yachting Association is required for each helmsperson and crew at the time of application. Individual membership in the Club 420 Association is required for each helmsperson and crew at the time of application and throughout the entire championship.
- 3.3 Any participant, under eighteen years of age, must have a signed Health and Medical Form on file with the organizing authority.
- 3.4 Competitors, in order to complete their registration, must check-in at the designated time, confirm their crew names and complete and sign the Regatta Inspection List.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located upstairs on the porch at Regatta Headquarters. Each competitor has the responsibility to check this Board for information pertaining to the race.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions made on Saturday, 18 February will be posted no later than at the end of the Competitor's Meeting. Otherwise, they will be posted by 0830 on the day on which it will take effect.
- 5.2 Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the change is to take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a pole on the end of the Center dock. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 6.2 No competitor shall leave the beach before the display of D Flag and one sound. Only the Race Committee will be allowed to protest a breach of this SI.

7. SAILING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place on the Indian River east of the Sailing Center.

8. COMPETITORS' MEETING

- 8.1 The competitors' meeting will be held at 1000 on Saturday, 18 February 2017 at Regatta Headquarters.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9.1 If the fleet is not split, twelve races are scheduled.
- 9.2 The fleet, at the discretion of the Race Committee, may be split into two divisions. See Attachment A for format. Distribution of competitors to a division shall not be grounds for redress.
- 9.3 Fleet identification ribbons will be provided by the Organizing Authority. Ribbons shall not be shortened, cut or otherwise altered and shall be attached at the top of the mast of each competitor's sail.
- 9.4 The schedule of events is:

Friday, 17 February	1600-2000	Check-in
Saturday, 18 February	0800-0830	Late Travelers Check-in
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1130	First Signal
		Pizza Party after racing
Sunday, 19 February	1030	First Signal
		Hit the Beach Cook Out after racing
Monday, 20 February	1030	First Signal
	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
		Awards - as soon as practical after racing

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The diagram in attachment B shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The RC signal boat will display on a white board the course and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 10.2 An offset mark at the windward mark may be used. If there is a gate at the leeward mark, and either gate mark is missing, round the remaining mark to port.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Marks will be orange tets. Start and finish marks will be contrasting cylinders. Offset mark, if used, will be a smaller, contrasting color tet.

12. STARTING SIGNALS

- 12.1 If the fleet is not split, the class flag for all starts will be green.
- 12.2 If there are two divisions, the class flag for each start will be a single, colored flag assigned to that division.
- 12.3 Start line will be either:
 - 12.3.1 between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Boat at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark, or,
 - 12.3.2 between staffs displaying orange flags on RC Boats at each end of the line.
 - 12.3.3 from a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line, to a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Boat in the approximate center of the start line and thence to a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Boat at the port end of the line. All RC Boats are to be considered marks.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, DNS (Did Not Start). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may lay a new mark or gate and remove the original mark(s) as soon as possible.
- 13.2 The change mark will be different from the original mark.
- 13.3 In a subsequent change, the change mark will be replaced by the original mark.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is ninety (90) minutes.
- 14.2 The finish line will be between a staff with an orange flag on a RC boat and the port end finish Mark.
- 14.3 RRS 35 is modified such that if a boat or boats are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race and the start of subsequent races the Race Committee may award a boat or boats that have not finished and are still racing a finish place on the water or award them points equal to the average of the places they would have received had they finished and direct them to return to the starting area. Fractions are rounded up.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Immediately after finishing or withdrawing from the race in which the infraction occurred, and prior to contacting any outside persons, a protesting yacht shall notify the RC boat stationed to windward of the finish line of the racing number of any and all protested yachts. If that boat is not on station, the report is to be given to the finish boat or any other RC boat in the finish area. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 15.2 Upon landing, the RC shall post on the Official Notice Board the time of landing of the RC signal boat, the numbers of all yachts protesting and being protested that were received and all yachts penalized by the RC.
- 15.3 Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of the landing of the RC signal boat at the Sailing Center. Protest forms are available at Regatta Headquarters.
- 15.4 Protests will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received and the hearings will start as soon as practical but not later than the close of protest time.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 If we do not split the fleet, a maximum of twelve races are scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 If we split the fleet into two divisions, a maximum of twelve races per division are scheduled, of which one race per division shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.3 If we do not split the fleet, when 5 or more races have been completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If we split the fleet into two divisions, when 5 or more races have been completed per division, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1 All boats shall check-in with a boat to starboard and above the RC signal boat prior to the first warning each day by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the RC boat, hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the RC.
- 17.2 US Coast Guard approved life jackets must be worn by all US competitors while on the water, except while changing or adjusting their clothing. Failure to do so is protestable only by the RC. The penalty will be determined by the Jury. Non US competitors may use their own life jackets.
- 17.3 All boats may be subject to a safety check by the Race Committee at any time either on or off the water.
- 17.4 If any yachts have finished a race before the onset of foul or threatening weather and the RC determines to clear yachts from the water, the RC signal boat will blow three (3) horns and display Code Flag "H" at which time all remaining yachts racing shall immediately abandon the race and go ashore.
- 17.5 If the Race Committee abandons racing due to foul or threatening weather and displays either Code Flags "N" over "H" or "N" over "A", all sailors are to return to the Sailing Center. Any sailors who wish to continue sailing on their own must first return to shore. Failure to do so is protestable only by RC and may result in disqualification.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

- 18.1 Measurement may be made of boats at any time during the regatta at the direction of the Race Committee.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 'Decision to Race'. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 19.2 The parent(s) of the competitor, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, is solely responsible for the decision whether the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. 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.

20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 In the event of one fleet, no Support Person shall be in the racing area or within 300 feet of boats racing or about to start from the time of the warning for the start until all boats have finished racing or the RC signals postponement, general recall or abandonment. In the event of two divisions, no Support Person shall be in the racing area or within 300 feet of boats racing or about to start in the next divisional race from the time of the warning for the first divisional race to start until all boats in both divisions have finished racing or the RC signals postponement, general recall or abandonment.
 - 20.1.1 However, if severe weather conditions warrant and Code Flag F is displayed on the RC signal boat prior to the start of any race, coaches may enter the racing area and standby or assist any competitor that requests or safety requires that help is needed.
- 20.2 Any Support Person who goes on the water in the racing area, must register with the Organizing Authority and fly a flag, provided by the Authority, on their boat. Coach and support boat flags will be picked up Friday, February 17 at Check-In (1600-2000). The \$20 charge for the flag will be refunded upon return of the flag.
- 20.3 Competitors affiliated with any Support Person's boat that breaks SI 21.1 may break RRS 41.