

International 420 2017 Gulf Coast Championship Regatta SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Gulf Coast Youth Sailing Association
Corpus Christi Marina L Head
Corpus Christi, Texas
June 17-18, 2017

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the International 420 Class Rules.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P will be in effect. RRS 42 may be enforced.
- 1.3 The following US prescriptions will apply: RRS Appendix R, and the prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, and 76.1.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) 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.
- 1.5 Attention is drawn to Class Rules which modify RRS 42 under certain conditions. In this regard, the race committee will display race signals as provided in RRS P5.
- 1.6 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 at the regatta office tent located on the L Head at Corpus Christi Marina.

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 15.2).
- 3.2 Oral changes to the SIs may be given on the water. The race committee signal boat shall display code flag "L" and announce the change in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors shall approach the race committee signal boat and receive the verbal change while code flag "L" is displayed.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the regatta office tent.
- 4.2 Code flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in the 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. This changes RRS Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Saturday, June 17 1000 Competitors Meeting
1130 First Warning Signal

Sunday, June 18 0900 Competitors Meeting
1030 First Warning Signal
No Warning Signal may be after 1400
Trophy Presentation to follow racing

5.2 The race committee finishing boat will display code flag "A" while boats are finishing to indicate "No more racing today." If code flag "A" is not displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.

6. FORMAT

6.1 No more than six (6) races will be sailed per day.

6.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled. Three (3) races 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 Corpus Christi Bay, off the marina breakwater, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile due east of the cut.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 See Attachment A.

9.2 Courses will be posted on a race committee 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 RRS 27.1.

10. MARKS

10.1 All marks of the course will be yellow tetrahedrons.

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 finishing 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 race committee 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 race committee 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 (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The race committee may make minor adjustments to the course during a race. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

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

14. TIME LIMITS

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

----Time Limits----

<u>Class</u>	<u>First Mark</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
I-420	20	60	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 RRS 28) will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest should, if practicable, inform the race committee 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 RRS 61 and be delivered to the protest desk in located in the regatta office in person within the protest time limit.

15.2.1 The time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal docks or

when a race is abandoned ashore. The protest committee may extend the time limit if necessary.

15.2.2 Notices will be posted promptly no later than the 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 the regatta tent as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.

15.2.3 The race committee will post a list of boats that have been given starting penalties or other race committee 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 protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.4 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 RRS 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.

15.5 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 RRS 66.

c) 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 RRS 62.2.

15.6 Breaches of SI 19 or RRS 55 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. (This changes RRS 60.1.)

16. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in RRS Appendix A2 shall apply, except as changed in these SIs, as follows: when five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers and crew. Prizes shall be given to both members of the team.

17.2 The first all-female team shall receive a trophy.

18. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request or at the request of the race committee, support and coach boats shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until the time the last boat finishes or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

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 race committee via hailing and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the regatta office on shore at regatta tent.
- 19.3 Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform the race committee 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 race committee signal boat, and shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. Failure to comply with this Sl will result in a three place penalty in the first race that day without a hearing. (This changes RRS 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

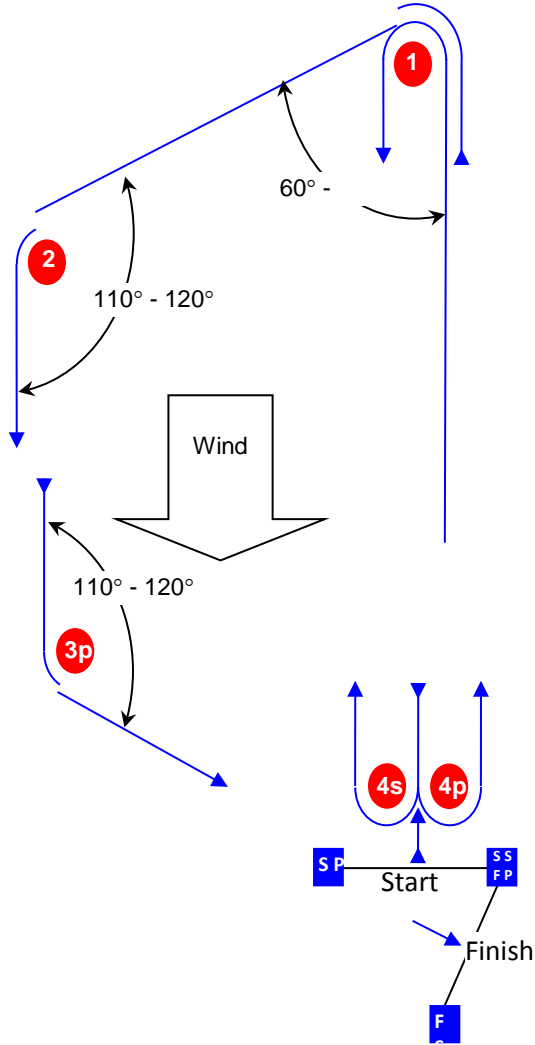
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, race committee, host club, and their officers, employees and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with 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

Attachment A

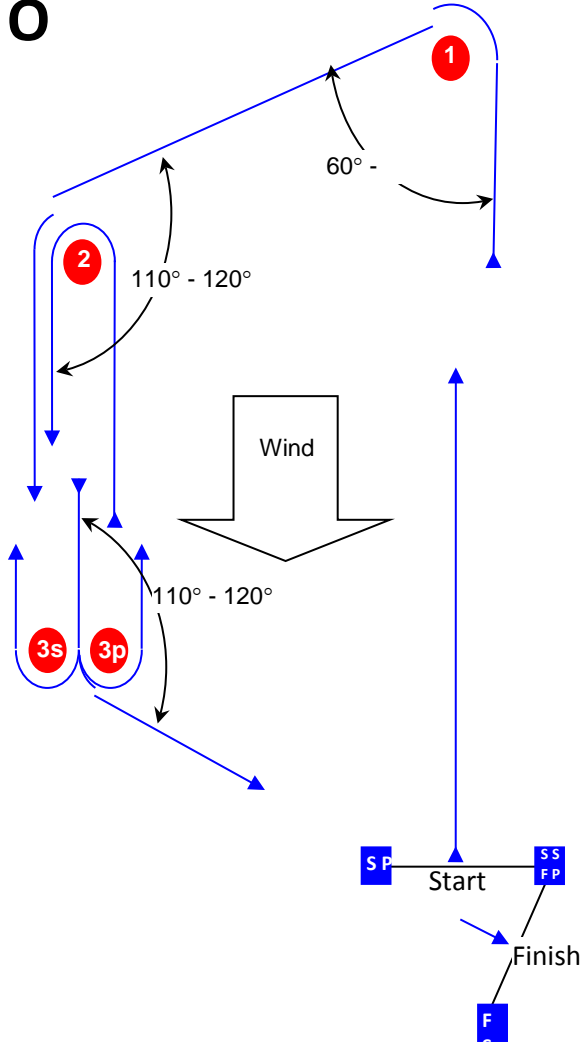
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Course: Inner Trapezoid

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish

O



Course: Outer Trapezoid

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – Finish