



Edgartown Yacht Club

94th ANNUAL REGATTA

**420, Optimist Championship, Optimist Green,
July 13, 14, 15, 2017**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the EYC Junior Yacht Club facility on Dock Street as well as the Sailing Center on Chappaquiddick.
- 2.2 A **Junior Coaches' Meeting** – Will be held on Thursday, July 13 immediately following the **Junior Skippers' Meeting** – which will be held at the Junior Yacht Club on Thursday, July 13 at 0800 hrs.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hrs. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the JYC station mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 1 hour" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing for all classes

July 13	Racing
July 14	Racing
July 15	Racing

- 5.2 Number of Races:
Class: 420, Opti Championship,
 Opti Green
- Races per day:
 3 or more
 2 or more
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for Thursday first race is 1030 hrs for 420s and for Opti Championship. The scheduled time of the warning signal for Friday and Saturday first race is 1000 hrs.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for Opti Green is 1100 hrs on Thursday and 1000 hrs on Friday and Saturday.
- 5.5 Warning signals for succeeding races will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.6 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags used by the race committee will be a flag with an approximation of the sail insignia for each class.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area for all classes will be the area known as the "Outer Harbor." A chart with the approximate locations is provided with these sailing instructions.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be chosen from the laminated course diagrams that are provided with these sailing instructions and posted on the Race Committee signal boat.
- 8.2 Marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, will be rounded in order and left to port, except that a gate, if used, shall be rounded as described in rule 28.1(c).

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset, wing, and gate marks will be inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy which may be a rounding mark.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to the windward mark a new offset mark may not be set.
- 9.4 A standoff buoy may be set off the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This standoff buoy shall be regarded as part of the signal boat.
- 9.5 When a change of course is intended for a specific class, the corresponding class flag will be displayed. If no class flag is displayed, the change of course is for all classes.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line for the 420 class will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat. In addition, there may be a mid-line boat which will not be a mark of the course. The purpose of the mid-line boat is to provide a visual reference for the competitors.
- 10.2 The starting line for other classes will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable buoy which may also be a rounding mark of the course.
- 10.3 Boats who are not racing and whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5 If any part of the boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.6 For the Optimist Green Class the start system will be the sounds only, three-minute Sound-Signal Starting System described in Appendix U of the rules. This changes Rule 26. The System will be briefed at the skipper's meeting.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark with a black band (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark, which may be a rounding mark, and which will be on the same side of the Race Committee boat as the staff displaying the blue flag.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31, 44.1, or 44.2 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 Time Limits are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>
420	1 Hour
Optimist Championship	1 Hour
Optimist Green	1 Hour

- 14.2 Failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class the protest and request for redress time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat arrives at her dock. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted outside the door leading up the stairs to the Race Committee office no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings of which they are parties or named as witnesses. This changes instruction 2.1. Hearings will be held in the Ward Room, located next to the Race Committee office, beginning as soon as practicable after the posting of notices.
- 15.4 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 13, 17, and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 15.6 Breaches of RR 55 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

16 SCORING

- 16.1 For all classes three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.
- (b) When 6 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 13 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes rule A2.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Every boat shall orally check in with designated persons on the Chappaquiddick Beach prior to launching their boat, and the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack. Each boat shall state her class and sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded. Upon returning to Chappaquiddick Beach, every boat must check in with the designated persons on the beach.
- 17.2 Coast Guard approved non inflatable PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times (except when actively adding or removing clothing) from the time the boat checks in with the Race Committee until she has retired or finished the race. This changes rule 40. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

- 17.4 Any boat intending to leave the racing area prior to her finishing the last race of the day shall communicate her intention to the Race Committee prior to leaving the racing area.

18 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 20.2 GPS systems shall not be used while racing.
- 20.3 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except as allowed by instruction 20.1.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first place, if three boats qualify; for first and second place, if four boats qualify; and for first, second and third place, if five or more boats qualify.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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