



USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL- OHIO

June 10-11, 2017

Mentor Harbor Yacht Club, Mentor, Ohio

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. ENTRIES

Boats that have completed registration are eligible to race.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 A Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn and fully secured at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Whistles permanently attached to the PFDs are recommended. This changes rule 40.
- 3.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore.

4. CHECK-IN

Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat before the initial warning signal of the first race each day.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 The regatta office is the Spinnaker Room, located on the lower level of Mentor Harbor Yacht Club (MHYC) near the snack bar.
- 5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located near the regatta office.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 16:00 on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Flag Pole near the MHYC Pool Deck.
- 7.2 Flag AP with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means, "The race is postponed. The initial Warning Signal will be made not less than forty-five (45) minutes after AP is lowered." This changes Race Signal AP.

8. SPECIAL SIGNALS

Code Flag A (White and Blue vertical stripes) displayed with no sound while

boats are finishing means "no more racing today."

9 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

Day & Date	Time	Event
Saturday, June 10	11:30	First warning signal, additional races to follow
Sunday, June 11	11:30	First warning signal, additional races to follow

- 9.1 No initial Warning Signal will be made after **14:00** on the last day of racing.
- 9.2 The distance from the launch site to the racing area is approximately **one half (0.5) nautical miles**.

10 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Opti Green	Green Opti Class Flag
Opti Gold	White Opti Class Flag
Laser Radial	Laser Radial Class Flag
Club 420	C420 Class Flag

11 RACING AREA

The racing areas will be as posted on the Official Notice Board.

12 THE COURSE

- 12.1 The diagram(s) in Illustration A show the course(s), the course designations, the order of rounding, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded or passed.
- 12.2 The identifying number of the course will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat on a white board.

13 MARKS

- 13.1 Marks of the course, description and color are detailed on the course diagrams (Illustration A).
- 13.2 **Club 420 and Laser Radial Classes only:** If a windward mark is changed, the new mark shall be a Yellow Tetrahedron.

14 THE START

- 14.1 **For the Laser, Club 420 and Optimist RWB fleets:** races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
For the Optimist Green fleet: races will be started using the Sound Starting system (Appendix S).
- 14.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking upwind) and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

- 14.3 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 14.4 A boat shall not start later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

15 RECALLS

The Race Committee shall not hail OCS boats after the starting signal. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.

16 THE FINISH

- 16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby finish mark.
- 16.2 ***Club 420 and Laser Radial Classes*** shall finish between the Race Committee Signal Boat and the finish mark to the starboard side of the Signal boat. See Illustration A.

17 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be one hour for all classes. Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be in writing on forms available at the regatta office and delivered to the regatta office within sixty (60) minutes after the time of the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat for that competitor's course.
- 18.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as practicable.
- 18.3 Protest notices will be posted within fifteen (15) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2 and RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.4 The following sentence is added to rule 66. "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than thirty (30) minutes after being informed of the decision." This changes rule 66.
- 18.5 Infringements of SIs 3, 4, and 20 are not protestable by another boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 18.6 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1(a).

19 SCORING

- 19.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply for all classes.
- 19.2 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. If seven (7) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score

shall be discarded. This changes rule A2.

20 SUPPORT

- 20.1 Except as noted in 20.2, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area 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. Support persons who violate this instruction may be subject to penalty under RRS 64.4.
- 20.2 **Optimist Green Fleet:** Coaching is encouraged during the starting sequence, around marks, and for staying generally “on course.” Green Fleet support boats must identify themselves to the Race Committee and be careful not to interfere with any racing boats. Safety is paramount.
- 20.3 Coaches must wear fully secured PFDs while on the water. Other support people – Race Committee, mark and safety boat operators, parents, etc. – are strongly encouraged to wear fully secured PFDs while on the water.
- 20.4 All coach boats and other support boats/support personnel shall monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel for the course they are observing and agree to aid **any** competitor in distress or requesting assistance of any sort **or at the direction of the Race Committee.**
- 20.5 Race Committee VHF Channels:

COURSE	VHF CHANNEL
Laser Radials	69
Club 420s	69
Opti Gold	72
Opti Green	78

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to each member of the crew placing first, second and third in each division.
- 21.2 Optimist Green competitors will be awarded Participant medals.

Attachments: Illustration A - Course Diagrams & Mark Descriptions