

Fall 2018 Florida East Coast Series Regatta #1
Melbourne Yacht Club
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
420, Open Bic, and Optimist Classes
Sunday, September 16, 2018



1 RULES

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

1.2 The following rules are changed by these sailing instructions:

- a) Rule 26 is changed as follows; the warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal will be made 2 minutes before the starting signal.
- b) Rule 33 is changed so that the position of marks may be moved without signaling a course change provided that no boat is on the leg of the course to the mark.
- c) Rule 35 and Rule A5 are changed so that the race committee may finish boats that do not finish within the finishing window in their approximate position.
- d) Rule 40 is changed to require PFD's to be worn at all times on the water. If a competitor needs to add, remove, or adjust clothing, they shall do so only when in direct contact with a support or safety boat.
- e) Rule 44.1 is changed to require a one turn penalty when the incident takes place outside the zone of a mark
- f) Rule 62.2 has been changed so that the request to redress may only be done within the protest time limit.
- g) Rule A2.1 is in effect except that no score shall be discarded. For the Florida East Coast Series scoring and excluded races will be per the series NOR.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

2.2 The official notice board will be located in the upper floor of the Melbourne Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions ashore will be posted within 5 minutes of the completion of the competitor's meeting.

3.2 Sailing instructions may be changed verbally on the water following the display of flag L with one sound.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located in the launching area of the Melbourne Yacht Club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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Late registration and check in at MYC	10:00 to 11:45
Competitors' Meeting	12:00
First Warning	Promptly following the Competitors Meeting
No races will be started after	15:30
Awards	Following Racing

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flags will be the class logo on a white or colored flag.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The course diagram is shown on attachment A.

8 MARKS

8.1 The marks to be used are shown on the course diagrams.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 as modified in SI 1.2(a).

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move an existing mark to a new position.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 30 minutes.

12.2 The finishing window after the first boat has completed the race is 10 minutes.

12.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be finished in place at the discretion of the race committee. This changes RRS 35, and A4.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal boat for her division docks.

13.3 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 as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

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

13.5 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.

14. SAFETY.

Boats shall check in with the Signal Boat prior to racing. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, and/or immediately after arrival ashore.

15. COACHES -

15.1 Coaches will be allowed on the water and shall stay clear of racers after the starting signal except when requested to assist a competitor in possible danger. Coaches may coach the back half of each fleet.

15.2 Coaches shall monitor the RC radio frequency and assist in the rescue of any competitor when requested to do so.

15.3 Coaches and any support persons shall wear PFD's at all times while on the water.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: All competitors will be required to sign a waiver of liability as a condition of entry. Parents must sign for competitors under 21.

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Attachment A - Course Diagram

420 Course: 1, 5, 1, 5, Finish

Open Bic Course: 1, 2, 3, 4, Finish

Bic's shall capsize and recover between Marks 2 and 3. Bic
Sailors shall stand between marks 3 and 4.

Opti Course 1,2,4,Finish

