



## USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival



Pensacola Yacht Club

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### 2019 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival at PYC

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Pensacola Yacht Club, Pensacola, FL

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Pensacola Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta and hosts the regatta in conjunction with US Sailing.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. In any rule governing the Regatta: the notation **[NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat (*Changes rule 60.1 (a) RRS*) and the notation **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a penalty may be applied by the RC without a hearing (*Changes Rule 63.1 RRS*).
- 1.3. No drones are allowed closer than 500 meters from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the race. As a penalty for breaching this rule the protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty (DPI) to all boats associated with the owner/operator of the drone. This rule does not apply to the OA drones. **[DP]**

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in an area near the PYC swimming pool.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instruction (SI's) will be posted no later than 1000 on the day it takes effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed from the flag pole in front of PYC.
- 4.2. When a signal is displayed over a fleet flag, it applies to that fleet only. (*Changes Race Signals Preamble RRS*).
- 4.3. Flag "D" displayed with one sound means: "The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed or before the first scheduled warning signal. Boats shall not to leave the boat parking until this signal is made, except with the authorization from the Race Committee". **[DP] [NP]**
- 4.4. When flag AP is displayed ashore, boats shall not leave the harbor; wait for further instructions. **(DP)**
- 4.5. When flag AP is removed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. (*Changes rule Race Signals AP*).
- 4.6. When flag "F" is displayed ashore, all competitors or their coaches shall sign the Sign Off Form at the Race Office within the protest time limit to confirm that all competitors are ashore. Flag "F" will be displayed, at least, 30 minutes before the protest time limit. **[SP] [NP]**



## 5. SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 5.1. All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved US Coast Guard PFD that depends 100% on foam for flotation that is the appropriate size for the sailor with no modification. The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging. *(Changes the preamble to Part 4, rule 40 RRS and Race Signals)*
- 5.2. Before the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to compete each day, boats shall check in by sailing on starboard tack of their class's Race Committee (RC) signal vessel. Each boat shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC signal vessel. Failure to check in may result in a penalty. **(DP)**
- 5.3. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impractical, immediately after arrival ashore. **(DP)**
- 5.4. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a team may take aboard a boat shall be: magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, including PFDs and protective clothing. For the events using the C420, permission is granted to bring Fast-pins, and the competitors are required to bring their own trapeze harnesses. **(DP)**
- 5.5. Under all circumstances, coaches and other support vessels are expected to assist any boat in danger.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday June 28, 2019

0900 – 1600	Clinics for Opti and Opti Green, 420 and ILCA
1500 – 1800	Early Check-in for Coaches and Sailors
1730	Mandatory RC Meeting
1800	Mandatory Safety Committee Meeting

Saturday June 29, 2019

0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast and Check-in; Sailors collect their lunch
0845	Opening Ceremony
0900	Skippers, Coaches and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1155	First Warning Lunch on the water

Sunday June 30, 2019

0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast; Sailors collect their lunch
1055	First Warning Lunch on the water
1500	No first Warning Signal after this time, except as a consequence of a General Recall
After Racing	Awards ceremony

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be:

Optimist Division	Optimist silhouette on a white background
Singlehanded Division	ILCA silhouette on a white background
Doublehanded Division	420 silhouette on a white background

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be east and south of Pensacola Yacht Club on Pensacola Bay. See Attachment A.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel shall display the course designation.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Rounding marks will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 10.2. New marks will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.



- 10.3. Starting and finishing marks will be RC vessels with an orange flag or a RC vessel with an orange flag and a buoy.
- 10.4. If a buoy is used as a mark on the port end of the line at the start and/or finish line it will be a round red mark.
- 10.5. An RC vessel signalling a change of course, according to SI 12.2, is considered as a mark.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using rule 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of the mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC vessel at the port end of the line.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.4. Boats called OCS or ZFP may be displayed in the RC finish vessel of that race. The failure to post or an incomplete or wrong posting will not be grounds for redress. *(Changes rule 62.1 a) RRS)*
- 11.5. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an **ORANGE** flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least **1 minute** before a warning signal is displayed. This flag will be removed approximately 5 minutes after a valid start with no sound signal.

## 12. CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old marks as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on port and the RC vessel on starboard. *(Changes rule 28 RRS)*

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on RC vessels or an orange flag on a RC vessel and the course side of the designated finish mark.
- 13.2. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Rule 44.1 is change as follows:  
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 14.2. Appendix T RRS will apply.

## 15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be 60 minutes.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 16. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protests Forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. Time to protest:
  - 16.2.1. The Protest Time Limit shall be **sixty (60) minutes** for each fleet after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The resulting time will be posted at the ONB.
  - 16.2.2. A **request for reopening** 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 fifteen (15) minutes** after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the last day and after finishing the qualifying series. *(Changes rule 66 RRS)*

- 16.3. Notices will be posted on the ONB **not later than 30 minutes** after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, beginning at the posted time.
- 16.4. Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post on the ONB the boats that are disqualified or penalized under A5. A boat so notified may only request for redress within 30 minutes after that posting.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the RC or the Protest Committee will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under rule 61.1 b).

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point System A4 will apply unless modified by these SI's.
- 17.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course in accordance with rule 28 and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE according to SI 16.2 shall be scored points equal to one more than the finish place of the last boat to finish within the finish window established in SI 17.2. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 17.3. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 17.4. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 18. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

- 18.1. In addition to rule 55 RRS, trash may be placed aboard support and RC Vessels. The penalty for breaching rule 55 RRS will be decided by the Protest Committee and could be different than a disqualification.

## 19. CHANGE OF CREW [DP]

- 19.1. Only the crew can be changed (not the skipper).
- 19.2. Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the RC, that may give permission only in case of illness (the RC may request a medical certificate), accident or any other circumstances.
- 19.3. Requests for a change shall be lodged in the Race Office before 1000h of the day of the race. In emergency case, the RC may grant the change after this time.

## 20. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 20.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall be outside of the racing area described in SI 19.2 and 19.3 from the Preparatory Signal until the last boat finishes the race or if the RC displays a postponement, general recall or abandonment signal, unless they are helping a boat in danger. Breaking this rule will be penalized by the Jury. [DP]
- 20.2. The **racing area** is defined as a surface which borders are over 50 meters of the minimum track of a boat racing.
- 20.3. The **starting area** is a rectangle with its borders 50 meters to windward, leeward and 100 meters to pin ends of the starting line.

## 21. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - EVENT ADVERTISING [DP]

- 21.1. Boats are required to display advertising, if any, chosen, supplied, and as instructed by the OA..

## 22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1. A boat shall neither make or receive radio/data transmissions while racing nor receive radio/data communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the RC. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

## 23. PRIZES

- 23.1. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in the W/B/R Optimist divisions. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each of the C420 and Laser Radial.
- 23.2. Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and OA and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

## 24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.
- 24.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
  - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## 25. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 25.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

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