

Beverly Yacht Club Invitational Junior Regatta

August 17 - 18, 2020

Beverly Yacht Club

Marion, Massachusetts



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) listed below are changed as follows.
 - a. RRS 40 will be changed as follows: "All competitors shall wear a non-inflatable, USCG-approved PFD with a whistle attached at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing."
 - b. Rule 60.2 is changed to permit the race committee to protest a boat when, from its own observation or a report received from any source, it believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of sportsmanship (see RRS 2 and RRS 69)
 - c. All parties involved in a protest hearing are required to wear a face covering during the hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board located on the BYC Junior Regatta page on Regatta Network and sent via text to registered Instructors and participating Clubs' Sailing Directors.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Written changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water per RRS 90.2(c) by hoisting Code Flag L on the Signal Vessel. Changes will be announced via loudhailer and VHF CH 72 for the 420 and Opti Champ circles and VHF CH 74 for the Opti Green circle.
- 3.3 The first warning signal may be postponed. Postponement will be announced via VHF CH 72 for the 420 or Opti Champ circles and VHF CH 74 for the Opti Green circle, AP flag on RC, and via text message to registered Instructors and participating Clubs' Sailing Directors.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be emailed to competitors using the email address of their registration and sent via text to registered Instructors and participating Clubs' Sailing Directors.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Race Committee will run as many races as possible each day.
- 5.2 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>
August 17	420
August 18	Opti Championship and Opti Green

- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sounds at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 5.6 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
420	420 insignia on white background
Opti Champ	Opti Insignia on white background
Opti Green	solid green

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will display the course designation and the bearing to the windward mark before every race.
- 8.2 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 420's and Opti Champ original rounding marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 An offset mark, if used, or a mid-line mark will be a red tomato or a hippity-hop.
- 9.3 Change marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 Opti Green marks will be an orange tetrahedron for the windward mark and hippity hops.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race

- committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 The race committee may set a small spherical buoy as a mid-line guide, near the middle of the starting line. This is neither a starting mark nor a mark of the course. For purposes of RRS 30.1, a mid-line guide buoy is NOT an end of the starting line.
 - 10.3 The 420 and Optimist Championship Lines will be started using RRS 26. The Optimist Green Line will be started using RRS Appendix U Audible-Signal Racing System (the three-minute start system).
 - 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

11 RECALLS

- 11.1 The race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or subject to RRS 30.1
- 11.2 If code flag "I" and/or "Z" and/or "U" or the black flag has been displayed, the RC will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of boats on the course side of the starting line during the minute before her starting signal.
- 11.3 Failure of the race committee's amplification system, the order of the hails, or failure of a boat to hear her number hailed shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 After signaling a change to a leg of the course (ref. RRS 33), the race committee will lay a new mark (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.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat at one end, and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit is 75 minutes for the first boat in a fleet to finish.
- 14.2 If no boat reaches the first mark within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 For Optimists only, delete RRS 61.1(a)(2). This means that a red protest flag is required.
- 15.2 A boat intending to protest an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee (RC) finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, without consultation with instructors, coaches or support persons, including (if possible) the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested.
- 15.3 Where possible, protests will be heard following the procedures in Appendix. If it is determined that an expedited hearing isn't possible, the protest committee will notify the

parties on the water as soon as possible. The protest can then be filed as outlined in SI 15.4 - 15.7.

- 15.4 Protests shall be emailed to amitchell@beverlyyachtclub.org within the protest time limit.
- 15.5 Protest forms are available online on the BYC Junior Regatta page on Regatta Network. For each class, the protest time limit is 1800 on the day of their racing.
- 15.6 Notices will be emailed to the participants involved and posted on the Notice Board on Regatta Network by 0900 of the following day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and time and zoom link to the hearing.
- 15.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats as required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.8 Breaches of instructions 17 and 18 will not be grounds for protests by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification.
- 15.9 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.
- 15.10 The time limit for requesting redress (other than those requested under SI 15.9) or reopening a hearing is 15 minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, as changed below.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 Optimists will be scored in their overall fleet position. A boat's sub-fleet (red, blue or white) series place will be determined by her relative place in the overall fleet.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Each competitor and Instructor shall wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water in accordance with JSA Rule 2.1.
- 17.2 Before the first warning signal for each day, all boats shall sail or tow upwind through the on-water Safety Gate to check in. The Safety Boats will be designated with a mast flying both a pink and green safety flag. Boats shall hail their sail number until acknowledged by a committee member.
- 17.3 If the race committee displays flag L before the Warning signal to indicate that a check-in is required, boats shall, before their Preparatory signal, sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat in single file on starboard tack until their sail number is acknowledged by the race committee.
- 17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the race area. If this is not possible, their Instructor shall notify a regatta representative via text message or via VHF CH 72 for the 420 and Opti Champ circles and VHF CH 74 for the Opti Green circle..

- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 Boats that fail to comply with SI 17.4 shall receive a 10% scoring penalty added to their worst score. [see RRS 44.3(c)] without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.
- 17.7 The Race Committee for the 420 and Opti Champ circles will use VHF CH 72. The Race Committee for the Opti Green circle will use VHF CH 74. The Harbormaster monitors VHF channel 16.

18 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 18.1 Instructors, coaches and other support persons and spectators 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 retired, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. Coaching is not permitted after a general recall.
- 18.2 Coaches and support personnel for the 420 and Opti Champ lines shall monitor the race committee VHF Ch 72 and follow any safety instructions issued by the race committee. Coaches and support personnel for the Opti Green line shall monitor the race committee VHF Ch 74 and follow any safety instructions issued by the race committee.
- 18.3 Coaches and support boats will monitor VHF Ch 72 for the Instructors' Meeting as described in the schedule.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. (Disposable water bottles will not be distributed. Water is available from official boats and support boats, and each competitor is responsible for bringing a refillable container for water.)

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications of any kind. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any other wireless devices

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded via a Zoom ceremony at 1700 on Wednesday August 19, 2020. The link to the ceremony will be emailed to each registrant.
- 21.2 Prizes will be awarded to each member of the 420 and Opti Champ crews placing first with 6 or more boats registered, second with 8 or more boats registered, third with 10 or more boats registered and up to fifth with 14 or more boats registered

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta documents, list of registrants and results will be posted on the event web site on Regatta Network.

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APPENDIX A

EXPEDITED PROTEST HEARING PROCEDURES

Expedited Hearing Procedures These rules apply to all hearings except hearings under rule 69.

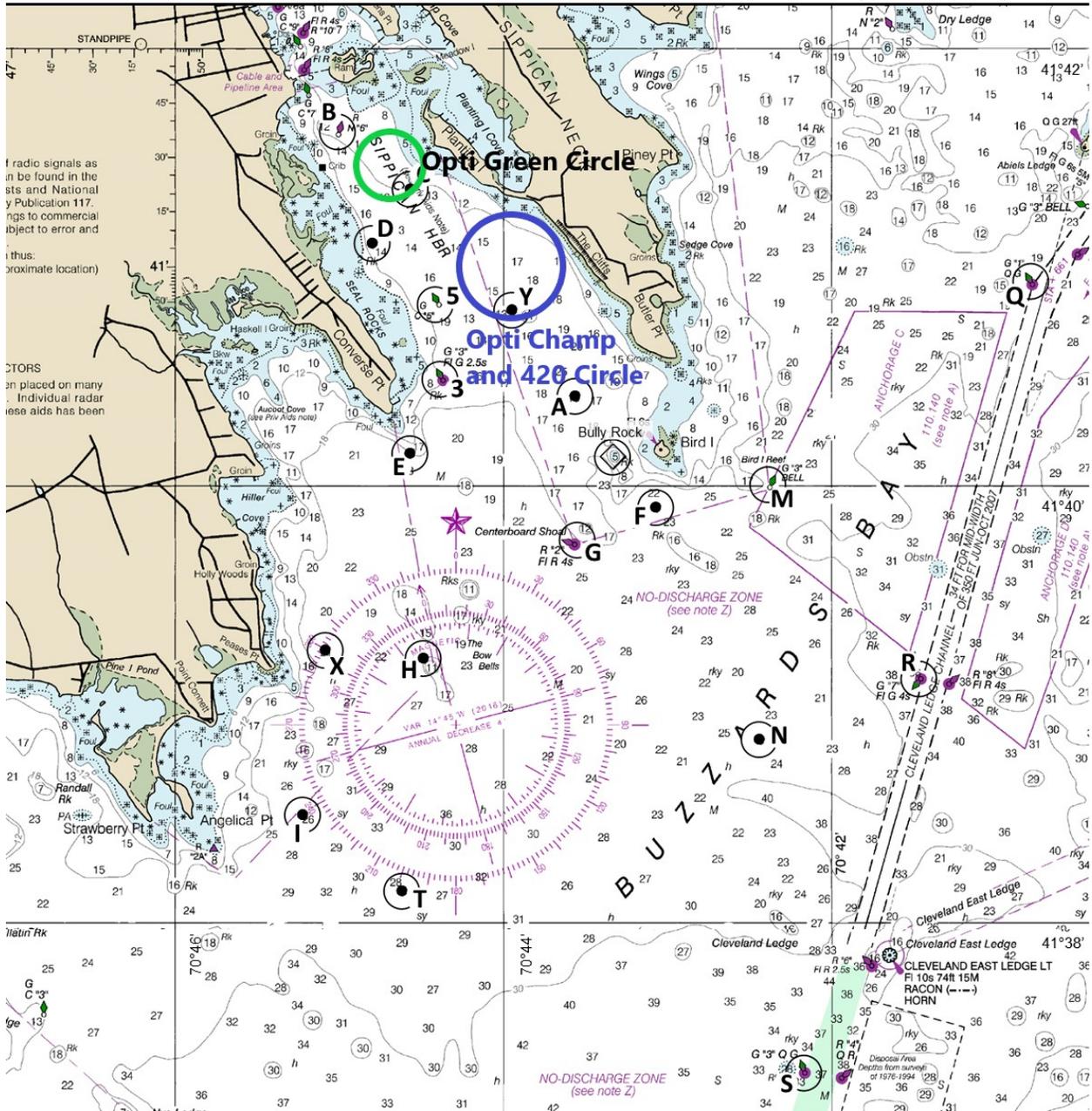
1. A boat protesting or requesting redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
2. If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.
3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
4. Rule 63.5 is changed to: 'At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request will be considered valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change].'
5. Insert a new sentence after the third sentence of rule 63.6: 'However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions.'
6. The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided that party asks the protest committee for it no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later.'
7. The third sentence of rule 66 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'
8. Race Committee Protests - A member of the race committee or protest committee intending to protest a boat, following an incident that is observed in the racing area, may, at the first reasonable opportunity, inform the boat by making a sound signal, hailing "protest" and her sail number. The signaled boat may then take a penalty as available under RRS 44 (Changes RRS 61.1(b) and Appendix D1.2.d).

ATTACHMENT A

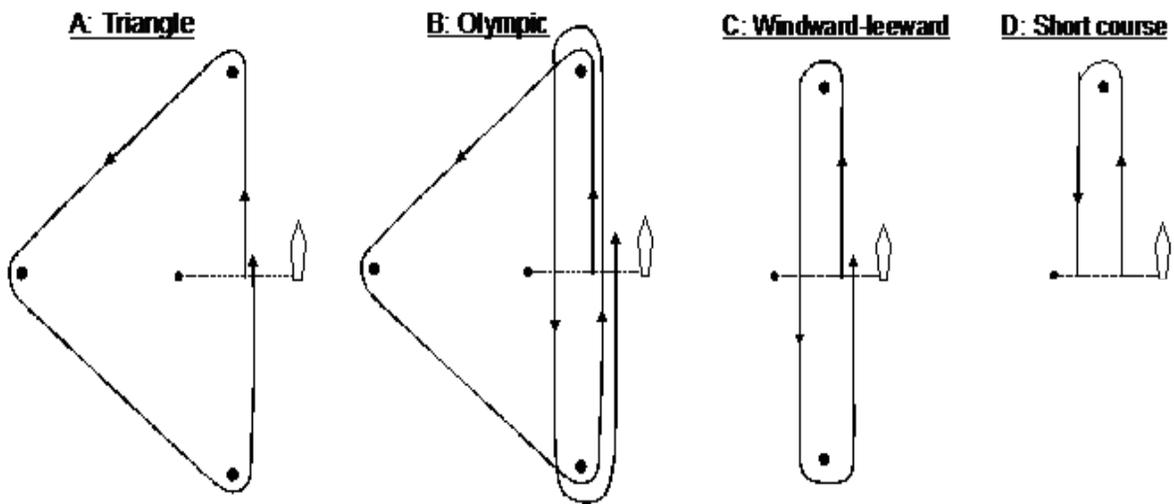
Chart with race areas

2020 RACE CHART

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ATTACHMENT B COURSE DIAGRAMS



420's and Opti Championship will use primarily courses B and C

Opti Green will use primarily course A