

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

### THE ROCK THE ROCK REGATTA Optimist RWB/Laser/C420 Fleets

Corinthian Sailing Club, 441 E. Lawther Drive, Dallas, Texas  
September 12, 2020

#### 1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.tx sail.org/>. A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.3 Membership in a class organization is not required
- 1.4 Racing Rule 49.1 is changed to allow the use of hiking pants.
- 1.5 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located at <https://txsail.org>

#### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least one hour before the first race.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole or yardarm at the Club or from the Race Committee Boat if docked in the host club harbor.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 5.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, four races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta
- 5.3 Schedule:

Friday	Sept. 11, 2020	17:00- 18:30	Out-of-town boat drop off
		18:30	Competitor's Meeting via Zoom conference
Saturday	Sept. 12, 2020	10:00	Decision to race will be made and communicated via email
		13:00	Warning Signal for the first race of the day; additional races to follow

- 5.4 No warning signal will be given after 18:00 on Saturday.

**6. CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS FOR THE FIRST RACE:**

For the first race of the day, classes will start in the following order and the following flags will be used as class flags during starting sequences:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
Opti RWB	Numeral Pennant 1
Laser Standard Rig/Radial/4.7	Numeral Pennant 2
Double-Handed	Numeral Pennant 3

**7. RACING AREA:**

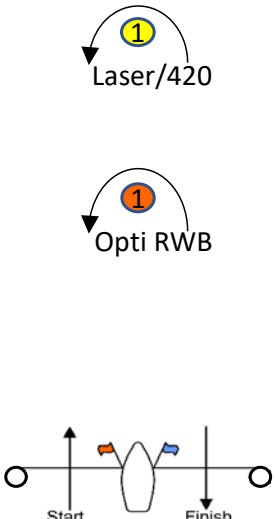
The location of the racing area will be announced at the Mandatory Skippers Meeting. The Race Committee will be using VHF channel 72; all coach and support boats should monitor this channel.

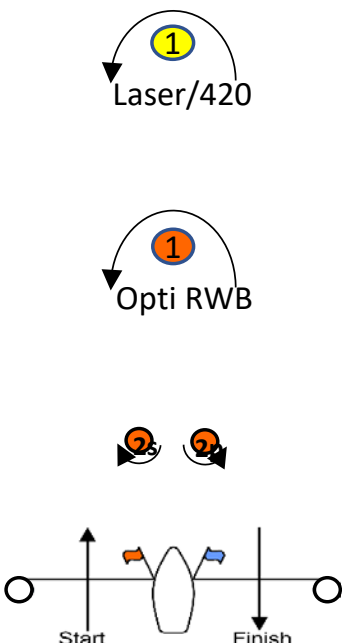
**8. CHECK-IN ON THE WATER:**

Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

**9. RACE COURSES:**

- 9.1** There will be one type of race course: "L" (leeward start and finish) – windward, leeward to finish. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "L"
- 9.2** The start line will be on the port side of the Signal Boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the finish boat.
- 9.3** Course L2 includes a leeward gate.
- 9.4** The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.

	<b>Course L (Leeward Finish) – Windward, Leeward Finish</b>	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	L	Start – 1 –Finish

	<b>Course L2 (Leeward Gate/Finish) – Windward, Leeward Gate – Windward - Finish</b>	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish

**10. MARKS:**

- 10.1 For the Opti Red/White/Blue Fleet, the windward mark will be an orange sphere
- 10.2 For the Laser and 420 Fleets, the windward mark will be a yellow cylinder.
- 10.3 The gate marks will be orange spheres.
- 10.4 The start and finish marks will be white spheres.
- 10.5 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **11. THE START:**

- 11.1** For all fleets, races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 11.3** A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes Rule A 4.1.
- 11.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

## **12. RECALLS:**

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

## **13. THE FINISH:**

The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark.

## **14. TIME LIMIT:**

- 14.1** The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 14.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored TLE. TLE will be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but no more than a score of DNF.
- 14.3** At its discretion, the Race Committee may finish any boat in place, and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies Rules 32 and 35.
- 14.4** A race may be abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 30 minutes of the start. This modifies Rule 32.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**

- 15.1** A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing.
- 15.2** An Optimist boat intending to protest must fly a protest flag in accordance with 61.1(a). This deletes Rule 61.1(a) (2).
- 15.3** Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the clubhouse, and delivered to the Regatta Chair or their representative there within sixty (60) minutes after the Signal Boat docks.
- 15.4** The protest time limit will be posted. A list of protests will attempt to be posted on the official notice board within ten (10) minutes of – but no later than thirty (30) minutes after – the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 15.5** A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 17, 18 and 19. This changes Rule 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than Rules Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

**15.6** Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used. This modifies Rules 63.1 and 63.2.

**15.7** The person who served as mediator during Arbitration may not serve on the protest committee.

**16. SCORING:**

**16.1** Rule A 2.1 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

**16.2** For Optimist Red, White and Blue fleets, the event shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine Red, Blue, and White awards.

**17. DISPOSAL OF TRASH:**

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

**18. SAFETY:**

**18.1** A U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal buoyancy device will be worn by all competitors while on the water. Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing. Sailors may wear a sailing pinny over buoyancy devices.

**18.2** A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the club and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the Clubhouse.

**18.3** Sailors of Double-Handed fleet boats are encouraged, but not required, to carry an emergency safety line cutter, such as an "S-Cutter" tool or harness webbing cutter.

**19. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:**

**19.1** Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least two hundred (200) feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the competitor's preparatory signal until after the competitor has finished, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The Race Committee, at its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per Rule 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision.

**19.2** Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.

**20. PRIZES:**

**20.1** Trophies will be awarded to the top three in each class.

Above all, HAVE FUN!