

2021 Fishing Bay Yacht Club Junior Regatta Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by these sailing instructions and by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the Class Associations of boats entered in this regatta, except as amended by these sailing instructions.

1.2 For advertising purposes, the Regatta is designated Category A in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

1.3 Section 16, Time Limit, amends RRS 35.

1.4 Section 17.3, Protests, amends RRS 60.

2. Entries

2.1 Eligible competitors shall be Junior members of a recognized yacht club or sailing association with an Optimist, Laser Radial, or c420. CBYRA junior age eligibility limits apply.

2.2 Entry forms will be completed online via the RegattaNetwork site.

3. Safety and Environmental Awareness

3.1 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules.

3.2 USCG-approved PFDs shall be worn by each sailor.

3.3 Boats shall check in with the race committee boat at the starting area before racing.

3.4 Boats that retire from a race or before racing for the day is over shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

3.5 A Boat requesting assistance should attempt to signal by waving an extended arm.

3.6 Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will be subject to sanctions up to and including disqualification from all races.

4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located inside the FBYC Clubhouse.

5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no less than 1 hour before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Committee Boat at the FBYC Dock or on the flagpole on the Fishing Bay Dock.

6.2 Flag AP hoisted with two sound signals means "The race is postponed." The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered (with one sound).

6.3 Flag N hoisted over flag H with three sound signals means "The races are abandoned."

6.4 After returning to the dock, the race committee will hoist Flag B with one sound signal, signifying "Protest time has begun." When lowered, 20 minutes later, with one sound signal, signifying "Protest time has ended."

7. Schedule of Races

7.1 The Competitors Meeting will be Saturday morning as outlined in the NOR with launch to follow. pre-recorded.

7.2 The Warning Signal for subsequent races shall follow the preceding race.

8. Class Designation

8.1 Fleet flags used in the starting sequence in 12.1 of these SI's will be designated at the Competitor's meeting.

8.2 There will be two separate Optimist Course. Optimists will be divided into Red, White, Blue and Green Fleets, as defined by USODA. Red White and Blue Fleets will start together on one course. The Green Fleet will have a separate course area located closer to the club house.

9. Racing Area

The racing areas will be in the Fishing Bay and the Piankatank River area and will be defined at the competitors meeting and by the PRO's.

10. The Course

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be drop mark courses and will be further defined at the competitors meeting for each Racing Area.

10.2 The course for each class will be displayed on the course board near the starboard side of the race committee boat.

11. Marks

11.1 The rounding marks for all classes will be inflatable marks, the colors of which will be designated at the Competitor's Meeting of the respective race courses.

11.2 New Marks, as provided in RRS 33, (Changing Course After the Start) will be inflatable marks of a different color or with an added contrasting color band.

11.3 The starting and finishing marks may be inflatable or cylindrical marks.

12. The Start

12.1 The Five-Minute flag hoist sequence, per Rule 26, RRS will be used for courses B and C (Laser, 420, and B/W/R Opti.. The Three-Minute whistle start sequence will be used for the Green Fleet Opti's.

12.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat and the starting mark. A mark boat may substitute for a starting mark.

12.3 Boats starting more than four (4) minutes late may not be scored, if such start interferes with a subsequent class.

13. Recalls

The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats after the starting signal. Timeliness, lack of a hail, order of hailing or failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.

14. Change of Course After the Start

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the original course configuration.

15. The Finish

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat and the adjacent finishing mark. A mark boat may be used in lieu of the finishing mark.

15.2 Immediately after downwind finishes, all boats are requested to trim mainsails to display sail numbers to the race committee.

16. Time Limit

16.1 The time limit will be seventy-five (75) minutes from class start to first boat to finish.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "Did Not Finish." This changes RRS 35. In the interest of time, the Race Committee may elect to score boats that it determines cannot finish within the time limit DNF and start a subsequent race.

17. Protests

17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee and delivered to the committee boat within the Protest Time which will begin when the committee boat docks and end 20 minutes later. The protest time will be announced as described in section 6.4 above.

17.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.

17.3 A boat may not protest a boat for an alleged breach of RRS 75.2 (Eligibility) with respect to ISAF Regulation 19, nor for alleged breaches of sailing instructions 3 & 20. This changes Rule 60. The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification, at the sole discretion of the protest committee.

17.4 It is highly encouraged all protests be managed on the water as appropriately.

18. Scoring

18.1 The Low-Point scoring system, Appendix A, RRS, will apply.

18.2 If five or more races are sailed, each boat's worst score will be excluded.

18.3 Red, White and Blue Fleet Optimists will be scored separately by fleet and overall. Green Fleet will be scored separately. 18.4 The event is sanctioned for CBYRA Junior High Point Awards. Scores will be submitted to CBYRA.

19. Awards Award(s) will be presented for all classes having at least 5 boats.

20. Boats

20.1 All support boats are welcome. All support boats are required to notify registration of their intent to be near the course, as well as which boats they are supporting. By registering as a support boat, the operator(s) acknowledge their obligation to: 1) not interfere with any ongoing race; 2) to render aid to any sailors in distress, 3) to monitor the racecourse safety

channel, and; 4) to set the example in terms of safety and on-the-water decorum, including trash disposal.

20.2 On-the-water coaching for Green Fleet sailors is encouraged, subject to the obligations in 20.1. Race-time coaching is only for sailors in a lower half position in the race being sailed.

20.3 Failure to adhere to these standards could result in sanctions up to and including disqualification of all supported team members from any or all races.

21. Adherence to COVID-19 processes and guidelines

21.1 This regatta is “covidable” meaning we will meet all guidelines as set forth by club, local and state recommendations.

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Protest Committee -