



Edgartown Yacht Club  
EST. 1905

***98th ANNUAL REGATTA***  
***Junior Classes***

**Club 420, International Optimist Dinghy**  
**July 15-17, 2021**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 including the US Prescriptions (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Boats will be subject to Club 420 (C420) and International Optimist Dinghy (Opti) class rules.
- 1.3 The operation of drones by support persons (including coaches and family members) in the vicinity of the race course is prohibited.
- 1.4 On-the-water coaching by registered coaches is authorized for boats in the bottom half of the Opti Green Fleet from one minute after their starting signal until the completion of their race.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted electronically on the Official Notice Board located on Regatta Network. It can be accessed via the on the EYC website at [https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view\\_document.asp?NS=PR&DN=ANNUAL](https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?NS=PR&DN=ANNUAL) or through Regatta Network at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_notice\\_board.php?regatta\\_id=22346](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=22346)
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting followed by a coaches' meeting will be held at the Junior Yacht Club (JYC) on Dock Street at 0800, Thursday, July 15, 2021.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0830 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.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the JYC station mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 1 hour" in the race signal AP. When a class flag is displayed with the AP, it applies to that class only.

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**SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

1200	Deadline for registration and payment	Online
1600-1800	Check-in	Junior Yacht Club
1600	Boats can start being unloaded at the Chappy Beach Club	

**No boats may be unloaded or brought to the Chappaquiddick Beach Club before 1600, Wednesday, July 14**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021**

0730-0900	Check-in	Junior Yacht Club
0800	Junior Skippers' Meeting	Junior Yacht Club
	Junior Coaches' Meeting	Junior Yacht Club
1030	C420 - First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1030	Opti – First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1100*	Opti Green Fleet – First Warning Signal	Off Lighthouse Beach

**Friday, July 16, 2021**

1000	C420 - First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1000	Opti – First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1030*	Opti Green Fleet – First Warning Signal	Off Lighthouse Beach

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

1000	C420 - First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1000	Opti – First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1030*	Opti Green Fleet – First Warning Signal	Off Lighthouse Beach

**There will be no Warning Signals after 1430 on the final day of racing.**

1700*	Awards Ceremony	EYC Clubhouse
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\* Approximate time

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**CLASS FLAGS**

The class flags used by the Race Committee will be a flag with an approximation of the sail insignia for each class.

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**RACING AREAS**

The racing area for all classes will be the area known as the “Outer Harbor.” The Opti Champs will be located off the Chappaquiddick Shore and the C420s will be located off the area known as Cape Poge Elbow. The Opti Green Fleet will be located near the shore by the Edgartown Light House.

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**THE COURSES**

The courses will be chosen from the laminated course diagrams that are provided with these sailing instructions and posted on the Race Committee signal boat.

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**MARKS**

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset, wing, and gate marks will be inflatable marks.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to the windward mark a new offset mark may not be set.

- 9.5 A standoff buoy may be set off the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This standoff buoy shall be regarded as part of the signal boat.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and either a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat, or the course side of an inflatable buoy which may also be a rounding mark of the course
- 10.2 The Race Committee may also use a mid-line boat which will not be a mark of the course. The purpose of the mid-line boat is to provide a visual reference for the competitors.
- 10.3 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4 If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail its sail number. Failure to hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.5 The Race Committee may choose to use the three-minute Audible-Signal Racing System described in RRS Appendix U for the C420 and/or the Opti Champ classes. This change would be announced at the skippers' meeting.
- 10.6 The start system for the Opti Greens will be the sounds only, using the three-minute Audible-Signal Racing System described in RRS Appendix U.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark, which may be a rounding mark, and which will be on the same side of the Race Committee boat as the staff displaying the blue flag.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in each class will be one hour from the start signal of that class.
- 14.2 Boats still racing and failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

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

- 15.1 Boats intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee upon retiring or completing the race.

- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the JYC. All protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered in-person to the Protest Committee representative at the JYC within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest and request for redress time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat arrives at their dock. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted electronically on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5 Protests will be heard in the JYC starting 30 minutes after the protest time limit expires. This is subject to modification by the Chief Judge on a case-by-case basis.
- 15.6 Breaches of SI 13 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.7 Breaches of RRS 55 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.8 For the Opti Green Fleet only: The Protest Committee may, at its discretion, impose penalties of less than disqualification for any violation(s) of the RRS or Sailing Instructions. This is a change to RRS 64.1.
- 15.9 The US Prescription to RRS 63.2 is not in effect.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 For all classes three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.2 Scoring for all classes shall be as follows:
  - (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
  - (b) When 6 or more races have been completed, its worst score will be excluded. An additional worst score will be excluded for every 6 additional races that are completed. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.3 Boats still racing and failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing and will be scored two points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 16.4 A boat that competes in any races of the Regatta shall be scored for the entire series, and scored Did Not Compete (DNC) for the races it missed.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Every boat shall check in with their coach prior to launching their boat, and the coach shall contact the Race Committee signal boat via VHF and report that their team is on the water.
- 17.2 Upon returning to their launching area at the completion of sailing each day, every boat shall check in with their coach, and the coach shall report to the Race Committee signal boat that their team has safely returned.
- 17.3 Boats that are racing without coaches will make special arrangements with the EYC Junior Sailing Director at the Skipper's meeting on how to comply with SI 17.1 and 17.2.

- 17.4 Prior to the first race of each day, every boat shall report in to the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack. Each boat shall state its class and sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded.
- 17.5 RRS 40.1 is in effect. All sailors will be required to wear a US Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III non-inflatable life jacket (PFD). **Junior sailors with European style “buoyancy aides” that are not US Coast Guard approved will not be allowed to compete.** PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times (except when actively adding or removing clothing) from the time they check in with the Race Committee until they have retired or finished the race. This changes RRS 40. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing (with the exception of pinnie vests supplied by their sailing club or organization.)
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4 Any boat intending to leave the racing area prior to finishing the last race of the day shall communicate its intention to the Race Committee prior to leaving the racing area.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 19.1 The working VHF channel for each circle will be provided at the coaches' meeting.
- 19.2 GPS systems shall not be used while racing.
- 19.3 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules.

## **20 PRIZES**

Prizes in each class will be awarded for first place if two boats qualify; first and second places if four boats qualify; and first, second and third place awards if five or more boats qualify. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.
- 22.2 All competitors, including skippers and crews, must submit the electronic waiver found online on the Official Notice Board. Boats shall not be scored unless the required forms have been submitted.

## **23 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539.  
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