



2021 AYC Halloween Howl October 23-24, 2021

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) or notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The "USODA, ILCA, C420 Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships" will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] RRS 40 is changed to require all competitors and coaches to wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the waterside of the AYC Sailing Center.
- 3.2 The race office will be located on the ground floor deck on the water side of the AYC Sailing Center. The race office can also be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with support persons via VHF radio on channel 69 for the Opti circle, and 71 for the Club 420/Laser circle.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and the organizing authority.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a pole on a hoist at the AYC Sailing Center nearest to the bridge.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Onsite registration will be available 0800-0900.
- 6.2 A coaches meeting will be held on Saturday morning at 0900 in the parking lot on the water side of the AYC Sailing Center.
- 6.3 The warning signal for the first race of the regatta is scheduled for 1030 each day.
- 6.4 A total of 9 races are scheduled.
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

7 OPTIMIST GREEN INFORMATION

- 7.1 Racing Area - The Optimist Green fleet will race in Area Green as shown on SI Attachment 1.
- 7.2 Courses - The course is shown in SI Attachment 2.
- 7.3 Marks - All marks will be orange or white balls.
- 7.4 Start
 - (a) The start will be according to RRS/US Appendix U (Audible-Signal Racing System).
 - (b) The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the start/finish mark.
 - (c) A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 7.5 Finish - The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the start/finish mark.

8 CLUB 420, LASER RADIAL, OPTIMIST RED, WHITE, and BLUE INFORMATION

- 8.1 Class flags will not be used. The race committee will hail the next class to start from the signal boat. The race committee may also hail when other signals that are class specific. This changes the preamble to Race Signals.
- 8.2 Racing Area
 - (a) SI Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

- (b) The C420 and Laser Radial classes will race in Area A.
- (c) The Optimist Red, White, and Blue fleets will race in Area B.

8.3 Courses

- (a) The courses are shown in SI Attachment 3.
- (b) Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will post the course to be sailed.
- (c) Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may hail that the first mark will be a change mark (see SI 10.).

8.4 Marks

- (a) The marks will be as follows (cyl=cylinder, tet=tetrahedron)

| Mark | C420, Laser | Opti RWB |
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| Start | Orange Cyl | Yellow Cyl |
| Mark 1 | Orange Cyl | Yellow Cyl |
| Mark 1a | Orange Tet | Yellow Tet |
| Mark 2s/2p | Orange Cyl | Yellow Tet |
| Mark 3 | Orange Cyl | Yellow Tet |
| Finish | Orange Tet | Yellow Cyl |
| Change Marks | Yellow Cyl | Orange Cyl |

- (b) A race committee starting or finishing vessel may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee vessel, and the race committee vessel are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

8.5 Start

- (a) The start will be according to RRS/US Appendix U (Audible-Signal Racing System).
- (b) The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and either the course side of the starting mark, or the staff with an orange flag displayed on the race committee pin-end vessel.
- (c) [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- (d) A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

- 8.6 Finish - the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1 See RRS Appendix U4.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 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. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2 After a start, if flag C is flown over flag Q, then the course change applies only to boats beginning their final leg to the finish. This changes RRS 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course) and RRS Race Signals.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1 and 44.2, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 For each class, the time limit is 90 minutes.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 13.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found at the race office or online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 13.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office (see SI 3.2) by the protest time limit.
- 13.3 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 13.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 13.5 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 13.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.7 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 14.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.4 Boats to be scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the finishing window plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.2.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 [DP] Each boat shall check in before the warning of their first race sailed each day by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged.

15.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 [DP] COACHING

16.1 Support vessels may be responsible for up to a maximum of 10 sailors.

16.2 All persons aboard support vessels shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. "Flotation aids" are not permitted.

16.3 Except in the case of emergency, support vessels shall not enter the racing area from the preparatory signal until the last boat finishes or permission is given by the race committee.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be given to first, second and third places in the C420, Laser Radial, all Optimist classes. A Top Girl award will be given for each class.

17.2 Participation awards will be given to all competitors in the Optimist Green fleet.

17.3 An award will be given for the Best Costume in each class at Sunday's Awards Ceremony.

17.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

SI ATTACHMENT 3 - COURSES FOR AREAS A & B

In the below table, the course designation is followed by the mark rounding order for that course. All marks except 2S are to be rounded to port. If the race committee displays "NO GATE" near the course designation or only one mark is set, then only mark 2P will be set. The color or shape of the marks are described in SI 0.

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| <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">WA</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">WA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish WA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish</p> | | <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">TW</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">TW2: Start-1-2-3-Finish TW3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish</p> |