



100th ANNUAL REGATTA

Junior One-Design C420, Opti, Opti Green and Opti Green Coached Classes

**The Edgartown Yacht Club Junior Regatta will be held in Edgartown, Massachusetts on Wednesday, July 12, and Thursday, July 13, 2023.
The Edgartown Yacht Club is the organizing authority.**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2023-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions*, and the rules of the one-design classes in which a boat is competing as published in each class association's web site.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25806>
- 2.2 Supplementary sailing instructions (called 'the supplement' below) will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.3 Opti Green Class Sailing Instructions will be posted as a supplement to the SIs on the Official Notice Board no later than 1200 on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may make oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes shall be broadcast to coaches and instructors via VHF, and to competitors by oral hail no later than the warning for any race for which such changes will apply.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Junior Yacht Club station mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than one hour” in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

1200	Deadline for late registration and payment	Online
1600-1900	Check-in	JYC, Dock Street
1600	Boats can start being unloaded at the Chappaquiddick Beach Club	

No boats may be unloaded or brought to the Chappaquiddick Beach Club before 1600, Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

0800	Skippers’ and Coaches’ Meeting*	JYC, Dock Street
<u>*all on-the-water support personnel, including volunteers, shall attend</u>		
1030	C420 - First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1030	Opti – First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1100*	Opti Green Fleet – First Warning Signal	Off Lighthouse Beach

Thursday, July 13, 2023

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	Clubhouse

* Approximate time

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags used by the Race Committee will be an approximation of the class insignia shown on each class’s sails.

7 RACING AREAS

Approximate race course locations will be shown in a supplement to the sailing instructions posted on the Official Notice Board. The race course location for C420s will be the Edgartown Outer Harbor. The location for Optis will be just off the Chappaquiddick shore. The location for the Opti Green Fleet will be in the vicinity of Edgartown Light. The location for the Opti Green Coached Fleet will be adjacent to the Sailing Center.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course, and it may also display the approximate bearing and distance to the first mark.

- 8.2 Course diagrams can be found on the Official Notice Board in the supplement to the sailing instructions. Diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The C420 and Opti windward, leeward, offset, wing, and gate marks will be inflatable marks. The Opti Green marks will be buoys.
- 9.3 The C420 and Opti starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy. Opti Green start and finish marks will be buoys.
- 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 need 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 start sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may use the RRS Appendix U *Audible Signal Racing System* in lieu of the starting signals prescribed in RRS 26. The Race Committee shall inform competitors of this change orally upon check-in.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable buoy which may also be a rounding mark of the course.
- 10.4 A boat starting more than 4 minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.5 If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail their sail number. Failure to make a hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark which will be on the same side of the Race Committee boat as the staff displaying a 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, unless otherwise posted or signaled, will be 45 minutes from the start signal of that class.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE). This changes RRS A4, A5 and 35.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finishing vessel immediately after finishing or retiring, and before communicating with any support persons.
- 15.2 Hearing forms are available to C420 class competitors from protest judges at the JYC on Dock Street. Hearing forms for Opti class competitors are available from protest judges at the Sailing Center on Chappaquiddick. Completed protest and request for redress forms shall be delivered to protest judges within the protest time limit for each class.
- 15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time of docking will be noted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.5 The schedule of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Protest hearings will take place for C420 class protests at the JYC on Dock Street. Protest hearings will take place for Opti class competitors at the Sailing Center on Chappaquiddick. Hearings will begin approximately 30 minutes after the protest deadline, or at the discretion of the protest judges.
- 15.4 [DP] Breaches of SI 13, 16, and 18 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.
- 15.5 [DP] Breaches of RRS 47 *Trash Disposal* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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 16.1 and 16.2.
- 16.4 Before the first warning, each boat shall verbally check in with the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack. Each boat shall state its sail number and skipper's last name. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded.
- 16.5 Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times while on the water (except when actively adding or removing clothing). PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- 16.6 Inflatable PFDs are not authorized to be worn by C420 or Opti sailors.
- 16.7 A boat that retires from a race, or intends to leave the racing area prior to their finishing the last race of the day, shall notify the Race Committee immediately.

17 SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

- 17.1 Support persons and vessels are required to possess and monitor a working VHF radio. All support vessels are subject to tasking by the Race Committee.
- 17.2 Radio communications between the Race Committee and support vessels will be via VHF. Channel assignments for each fleet will be listed in the supplement on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.3 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support vessel operator at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the regatta.
- 17.4 Support vessels observing any on the water incident requiring an emergency response shall immediately report the incident to the race committee, which will coordinate operations with emergency services. Support vessels may be tasked by the race committee.
- 17.5 The operation of drones by support persons in the vicinity of the race course is prohibited.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, *Decision to Race*, which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** 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.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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