

2023 West Dennis Invitational
West Dennis, MA
July 10, 2023
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
- 1.3 RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under RRS 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on Regatta Network

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the water side flagpole at the West Dennis YC.
- 3.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

4 RACING AREA: Nantucket sounds in the area east of the Bass River Channel and west of the Swan River.

5 Safety & Checkout/Check in Procedures.

- 5.1 **Once on the racecourse**, each competitor shall check in with their Race Committee boat by passing astern and hailing their sail number until acknowledged.
- 5.2 Any sailor/boat deciding to leave the racecourse prior to the conclusion of racing, must check out with the Race Committee. This can be done by having a coach boat or patrol boat radio in their intentions to the Race Committee Boat.
- 5.3 **After returning to shore**, each competitor shall check in at the ramp, giving his or her name and sail number.
Failure to follow the above procedure may be grounds for DSQ from the regatta

6. MARKS:

- 6.1 Start mark will be a yellow cylinder.
- 6.2 Marks 1, 2, 3 will be orange inflatables.
- 6.3 Offset mark will be an orange tuna ball.
- 6.4 Finisht mark will be an orange tuna ball.

7. RACE COMMITTEE RADIO: The Race Committee will be on VHF channel 69.

8. COURSES:

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the courses to be used.
- 8.2 Course "I: There will be an "off-set buoy" that must be rounded and mark 2 will be a gate.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 9.1 Starting Line: The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and mark.
- 9.2 Starting Sequence: Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 9.3 Class Flags: The class flag for the Club 420s will be the C420 Flag
- 9.4 The finish line for all fleets will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and mark.
- 9.5 RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers at any time during the sequence. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.

10. TIME LIMITS

- 10.1 The time limit for each race will be 50 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 10.2 Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DTE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, and A4.
- 10.3 The Race Committee has the option to score a boat in her position if continuing to race will delay the start of the next race.

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee-finish boat of her intention, including the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1a.
- 11.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Chair within **30** minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.
- 12.2 One race constitutes a series.
- 12.3 A boat's series score will exclude her worst score if five or more races are completed.

13. PRIZES:

- 13.1 The top four (4) boats in the C420 fleet will receive trophies.
- 13.2 There will be a mid-fleet trophy given out in the C420s fleet.

Appendix A - Courses
 (NB: Mark 2 is not drawn to scale)

