

2025 BCSC Junior Regatta
Thursday, July 17, 2025
Baltimore County Sailing Center
Baltimore, Maryland

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the class rules of the Club 420, ILCA/Laser and Optimist Dinghy classes as well as any applicable US Sailing and/or CBYRA rules and/or prescriptions.

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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at Baltimore County Sailing Center.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 at the Pavilion at Baltimore County Sailing Center.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 900-1000 Registration/Check-In
- 1000 Competitors' Meeting
- 1100 First Warning
- 1500 No Start After

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be the class insignia on a white background for 420, ILCA/Laser and Optimist fleets. Optimist fleet may use a green flag with a white class insignia.

6.2 Green Fleet will not use a class flag.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing Area will be Hawk Cove and the mouth of the Middle River.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Course will be Windward/Leeward or Triangle, start/finish will be in the middle of the course unless shortened.

8.2 Offset marks may be used for W/L course.

8.3 Starting line will be closed except when boats are starting or finishing.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be orange or yellow cylinders, tetrahedrons or buoys, to be specified at the Competitors' Meeting.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 for 420/ILCA and Optimist red/white/blue. Green fleet will use 3-minute whistle starts.

10.2 Starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

10.3 Individual and General recalls will be according to RRS 29.1 & 29.2. Starting penalties will be according to RRS 30.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.5 The Race Committee will attempt to hail all boats who have started prematurely. Failure to make such a hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Appropriate flags will be displayed at the start of the changed leg of the course.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limit for first mark – 20 min. Race will be abandoned if time to first mark expires.

13.2 Course time limit - 1 hour.

13.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the BCSC Trailer/Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat returns to shore for each racecourse. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the BCSC Trailer/Office.

15. SCORING

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The Low Point Scoring System shall be used.

15.2 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [NP][DP] All competitors are required to pass by the stern of the race committee boat to check in.

16.2 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.

16.3 [DP] Competitors and coaches shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat except briefly while removing or adding clothing.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of competitors or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval.