

Sailing Instructions

Laser and 420 Fleets



Key West Community
SAILING CENTER



The notation “(DP)” in this SI means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021-2124 and current applicable class rules
- 1.2. If there are any discrepancies between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedent.

2. Safety, Check-in and Environmental Awareness

- 2.1. A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules
- 2.2. USCG-approved PFDs shall be worn at all times by each sailor
- 2.3. Before the warning signal of a boat’s first race each day, each boat will sail on a starboard tack past the stern of the designated race committee boat displaying the “orange” RC Flag and hail their sail number (DP)
- 2.4. A boat that retires for the day or from a race before finishing shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 2.5. A boat requesting assistance should attempt to signal by waving an extended hand
- 2.6. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will be subject to sanctions up to and including disqualification. (DP)

3. Communications:

- 3.1. Notices to competitors are posted to the **Official Notice Board**
- 3.2. VHF Channel 77 will be used for communications for the Laser/420 racing fleet

4. Schedule of races

Date	Event	Open
Friday 16 January	Registration and boat assignments Assignment of sail numbers	1630-1830
Saturday 17 January	Registration Coaches’ clinic/Skippers meeting First Warning Signal for Race area B No first warning signal after this time	0745-1000 0900 1030 1700
Sunday 18 January	First Warning Signal No first warning signal after this time Awards Ceremony	0900 1300 1500

5. Class Designation: The Laser/420 fleets will sail on one course and start at the same time.

6. Start Sequence

- 6.1. A 5 minute starting sequence will be used
 - 5 long blasts = 5 min
 - 3 long blasts = 3 min
 - 2 long blasts = 2 min
 - 1 long blast = 1 min
 - 3 short blasts= 30 sec
 - 2 short blasts=20 sec

1 short blasts = 10 sec

5,4,3,2,1= 5,4,3,2,1 seconds

1 long blast= start

7. Courses and Marks

- 7.1. Course diagrams and mark descriptions are included in the attachments and will be displayed by the starboard side of the Race Committee Boat
- 7.2. Start line is between the staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee vessel and the port mark
- 7.3. The finish line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee vessel and the white starting mark

8. Time Limits

- 8.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 75 minutes.
- 8.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored "Did not finish"

9. Protests

- 9.1. A boat intending to protest another boat must so notify the Race Committee by hail after finishing or retiring and before communicating with coaches or spectators and must be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Boat are to sail to the non-course side of the Race Committee boat and report. This notification must include the sail number of the boat being protested.
- 9.2. The Race Committee will post acknowledged protests within the Protest Time Limit the Official Notice Board.
- 9.3. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Protest Desk/Registration Desk and delivered to the Protest Desk/Registration Desk within the time limit
- 9.4. The time limit for filing written protests is 1 hour after the Race Committee returns to the dock
- 9.5. A notice of protest and requests for redress filed, approximate hearing times and place of hearing will be posted on the noticeboard within 30 minutes after the end of the protest time
- 9.6. Any skipper wishing to become party to a redress hearing must notify the Race Committee in writing within 45 minutes after the end of the protest time
- 9.7. The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt

10. Scoring

- 10.1. One completed race shall constitute a regatta
- 10.2. Low point scoring will apply (first place =1 point, second=2, etc). If more than 5 races are completed, the competitor may discard their worse score

11. Awards

- 11.1. Awards will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd finishers of the Laser 4, Laser 6 and 420 fleets.

12. Support Boats

- 12.1. Support boats are welcome. All support boats are required to notify the Registration Desk of their intent to be near the course as well as which boats they are supporting. By registering as a support boat, the operator(s) acknowledge their obligation to 1) not interfere with any ongoing races, 2) to render aid to any sailors in distress, 3) to monitor the racecourse safety

channel (channel 77) and 4) to set the example in terms of safety and on-the-water decorum, including trash disposal and the wearing of a life jacket

- 12.2. Failure to adhere to these standards could result in sanctions up to and including disqualification of all support team members from any or all races (DP)


Course and Mark descriptions

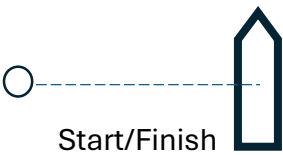
Course 1: Start-Mark 1-Mark 3-Finish


Course 2: Start-Mark 1-Mark 2-Mark 3-Finish

Course 3: Start-Mark 1-Mark 2-Mark 3-Mark 1-Mark 2-Mark 3-Finish

 Mark 1

Mark 2 



Mark 3 

Race Areas



Race Area A

Race Area B