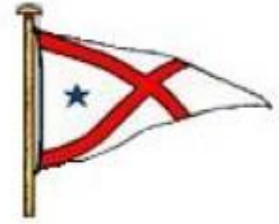


JUNIOR OLYMPIC



USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL NORTHEAST YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 15 & 16, 2013
BOOTHBAY HARBOR YACHT CLUB
BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME



The Organizing Authority (OA) is the BOOTHBAY HARBOR YACHT CLUB.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. ENTRIES

Boats that have completed registration are eligible to race.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 A Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn and fully secured at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Whistles permanently attached to the PFDs are recommended. This changes rule 40.
- 3.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the Regatta Personnel immediately after arrival ashore.

4. CHECK-IN

Optimist Green Fleet shall sail in the inner harbor, and shall proceed directly from the BHYC Floats to the starting area. Boats heading for the 420 Line and the Optimist Championship Fleet Line shall proceed through the inner harbor, passing between the port side of the Tumbler buoy (R"8"FI R 4s NW of Tumbler Island) and a marked Race Committee Safety Boat anchored between such buoy and Tumbler Island. Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat before the initial warning signal of the first race each day.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at the main entry to the BHYC Club House.

6 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before **9:00AM** on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **5:00 PM** on the day before it will take effect.

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at head of the BHYC main float gangway.
- 7.2 Flag AP with two horn signals (one horn signal when lowered) means, "The race is postponed. The initial Warning Signal will be made not less than ten (10) minutes after AP is lowered." This changes Race Signal AP.

8 SPECIAL SIGNALS

Code Flag A (White and Blue vertical stripes) displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "no more racing today."

9 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND OTHER EVENTS

Races are scheduled as follows:

Monday, July 15th: Registration & check-in starting @ 7:30 AM

Monday, July 15th: Skipper's Meeting and Clinic @ 10:00

Monday, July 15th: Staggered Harbor Start:

Optimists @ 10:30

420's @ 11:15

Monday, July 15th: Dinner served to competitors as they come off the water

Tuesday, July 16th Skipper's Meeting and Clinic @ 9:30

Tuesday, July 16th Staggered Harbor Start:

Optimists @ 10:00

420's @ 10:30

Tuesday, July 15th Awards presentation as soon after racing as possible

- 9.1 No warning signal after 4:00 PM on July 15th.
- 9.2 No initial Warning Signal will be made after 3:00 PM on the last day of racing.
- 9.3 The distance from the launch site to the racing area is approximately 1.5 nm.
- 9.3 Should conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races, the regatta shall be terminated and the results based on the races completed and scored.

10 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class 420 Flag TBD

Class Laser Flag TBD

Class Optiimist Flag TBD

11 RACING AREA

The racing area will be as shown in Illustration A, attached.

12 THE COURSE

- 12.1 The diagram(s) in Illustration B show the course(s), the order of rounding, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded or passed.
- 12.2 The identifying letter of the course will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat.

13 MARKS

Marks of the course will be colored inflatable marks. New marks, will be colored inflatable marks. The starting and finishing marks will be colored inflatable marks.

14 THE START

- 14.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 in the 420 Class, the Laser Class and the Optimist Championship Class. The Optimist Green Fleet will utilize a dinghy starting sequence.
- 14.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking upwind) and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 14.3 Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 14.4 A boat shall not start later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

15 RECALLS

The Race Committee intends to hail OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure to make or receive such communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1 (a).

16 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby finish mark.

17 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 90 minutes for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be in writing on forms available at the regatta office and delivered to the regatta office within 30 minutes after the time of the docking of the race committee signal boat for that competitor's course.
- 18.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as practicable.

- 18.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2 and RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.4 The following sentence is added to rule 66. "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision." This changes rule 66.
- 18.5 Infringements of SIs 3, 4, and 22 are not protestable by another boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 18.6 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1(a).

19 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- 19.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 19.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be
- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

20 PROTEST ARBITRATION

When 20- PROTEST ARBITRATION applies, a boat may take the applicable Post-Race Penalty in 19 – PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE without participating in an arbitration meeting.

- 20.1 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- 20.2 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
- (a) the *protest* is invalid,
 - (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
 - (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- 20.3 A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as

provided in 20 – PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE. However, the penalty in 19.2(a) is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.

- 20.4 If a boat asks to withdraw her *protest*, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

21 SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply for all classes. A maximum of 10 races are scheduled, of which 1 race shall be completed to constitute a series. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. This changes rule A2.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Except as noted in 22.2, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification or other alternative penalty at the discretion of the Race Committee all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 22.2 Optimist Green Fleet: Coaching is encouraged during the starting sequence, around marks, and for staying generally "on course." Green Fleet support boats must identify themselves to the Race Committee and be careful not to interfere with any racing boats. Safety is paramount.
- 22.3 Coaches must wear fully secured PFDs while on the water. Other support people – Race Committee, mark and safety boat operators, parents, etc. – are strongly encouraged to wear fully secured PFDs while on the water.
- 22.4 All coach boats and other support boats/support personnel must agree to aid any competitor in distress or requesting assistance of any sort.

23 PRIZES

USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to each member of the crew placing first, second and third in each division. The 420 fleet will receive trophies for first through fifth. The Optimist Championship Fleet will receive trophies for first through fifth overall and for each division. Participation medals will be given to each sailor in the Optimist Green Fleet. Other trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

To Be Provided:

Illustration A - The Racing Area

Illustration B - Course Diagrams (see Appendix L, Addendum A)