



**USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL**  
***Massachusetts Bay Junior Championships***

August 11, 12 and 13, 2014  
Eastern Point YC, Gloucester, MA

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013– 2016 (RRS), the rules of the Club 420, Laser and Optimist, and O'pen Bic classes except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The organizing authority is the Eastern Point Yacht Club and co-hosted by SailGHS and supported by Corinthian Yacht Club, Manchester Yacht Club and Sandy Bay Yacht Club.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

2.1. Boats that have completed registration and are members in good standing of the Massachusetts Bay Sailing Association 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.

3.2. A member of the crew of each boat must inform a member of the registration team, located at the launch point before leaving the shore.

3.3. Competitors shall check-in with their respective race committee signal boats by sailing by on starboard tack and having their sail number recognized by the race committee.

3.4. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, a regatta official immediately after arrival ashore.

- 3.5. A member of the crew of each boat must check in on land after returning to shore and before the end of protest time limit. After checking in, no competitor shall re-launch their boat without permission of the race committee.
- 3.6. Each boat shall have a bow line attached suitable for towing.
- 3.7. Penalties for breaches of SI 3 will be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

#### **4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the tent on the EPYC grounds.

#### **5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except on Monday when changes will be posted before 1000hrs and that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

#### **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a private residence located at the entrance of Eastern Point Blvd. When signals are made with any class flags or designated numeral pennants below them, it only affects those classes. When signals are made with a Red, Blue or Green flag it only affects classes sailing on those racing areas (see illustration A).
- 6.2. Code flag AP with two sound signals means that the next race is postponed and all boats are to remain ashore. The first warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

#### **7. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENT**

##### **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

1500hrs-1900hrs Early Arrival, Late Registration & Check-In

##### **Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

0800hrs-1000hrs Late Registration & Check-In, Breakfast  
 1000hrs Opening ceremonies & Skippers Meeting  
 1045hrs Coaches/Safety boat mandatory meeting  
 1130hrs Harbor start - 420s/Lasers  
 1200hrs - Opti's/Bics

First warning shall occur no sooner than 45 minutes after harbor start  
 No start shall occur:

After 1500hrs for Green Line  
After 1600hrs for Red/Blue lines

Following racing Dinner & DJ Entertainment

### **Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

0800hrs-0930hrs Breakfast  
0930hrs Skippers/Coaches/Safety boat meetings  
1000hrs Harbor start - 420s/Lasers  
1030hrs - Opti's/Bics  
First warning shall occur no sooner than 45 mins after harbor start  
No start shall occur:  
After 1500hrs for Green Line  
After 1600hrs for Red/Blue lines

Following racing Dinner and presentation

### **Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

0800hrs-0930hrs Breakfast  
0930hrs Skippers/Coaches/Safety boat meeting  
1000hrs Harbor start - 420s/Lasers  
1030hrs - Opti's/Bics  
First warning shall occur no sooner than 45 mins after harbor start  
No start shall occur after 1400hrs

Following racing Barbecue and awards presentation

## **8. CLASS FLAGS**

Club 420	Number 420 on a white background or numeral pennant #1
Club 420 Green	Number 420 on a white background above a green flag or numeral pennant #2
Laser	Word Laser on a blue background or numeral pennant #3
Opti R/W/B	Opti insignia on a white background or or numeral pennant #4
Opti Green	Opti insignia on a white background above a green flag or numeral pennant #5

## **9. RACING AREA**

The three racing areas are shown in Illustration A, attached.

## **10. THE COURSE**

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. The identifying letter(s) of the course will be displayed on the race committee signal boat with or before the warning signal of the start.

## **11. MARKS**

Red Line (All Club 420 and Laser classes):

Marks of the course will be red tetrahedrons. The starting and finishing marks will be green tetrahedrons.

Blue Line (Opti Championship class):

Marks of the course will be orange tetrahedrons. The starting and finishing marks will be green tetrahedrons.

Green Line (Opti Green fleet and O'Pen Bic):

Marks of the course will be yellow tetragons. The starting and finishing marks will be green tetragons.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1. The Red Line and Blue Line will be started using RRS 26, the 5minute starting sequence.
- 12.2. The Green Line will be started using RRS Appendix S, Sound-Signal Starting System (the three-minute start system).
- 12.3. The starting line will between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby green mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.
- 12.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 12.5. A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.
- 12.6. A series of short sound signals will precede the warning signal by one minute for the second and subsequent races of the day.

## **13. RECALLS**

- 13.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail, failure to hail, and the order of boats hailed shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **14. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 14.1. To maintain a course configuration or change course length, marks may be moved as necessary, with no signal, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. This changes RRS 33.

## **15. THE FINISH**

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on a race committee boat and the nearby mark.

## **16. TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1. The time limit will be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or finishing outside the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35.

## **17. PROTESTS**

- 17.1. A boat intending to protest another boat or boats must inform the RC immediately upon finishing and shall not confer with a coach or parent prior to notifying the RC.
- 17.2. Protests shall be in submitted in writing on forms available at the regatta office, and delivered to the regatta office within 60 minutes after the time of the docking of the race committee signal boat or designated patrol boat for that competitor's course.
- 17.3. Protest notices will be posted within 5 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). Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt
- 17.4. Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision."
- 17.5. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 2 and 18. This changes Rule 60.1 (a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

## **18. PROTEST ARBITRATION**

- 18.1. Rule 44 is modified to allow a boat either to take the penalty described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 while on the water or to take a 30% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator.

- 18.2. After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the protest committee. No witnesses shall be allowed.
- 18.3. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes.
- 18.4. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following conclusions:
  - 18.5. No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest, it will be submitted to the protest committee in the normal manner.
  - 18.6. A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of either accepting a 30% penalty or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a protest hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.
  - 18.7. The protest should be submitted to the protest committee in the normal way. When protests are submitted to the protest committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest, or be called as a witness or be present in the protest committee room. The arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with protest committee members until after the protest committee's decision has been posted.
- 18.8. Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%.

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply for all classes. A maximum of 10 races are scheduled, of which 1 shall be completed to constitute a series. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. If 10 races are completed, a boat's worst 2 scores shall be discarded.
- 19.2. Competitors sailing a Laser Radial are required to display a blue streamer which will be provided at registration.
- 19.3. Penalties for breaches of SI 19.2 will be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

## **20. DISPOSAL OF TRASH**

- 20.1. Competitors should read RRS 55 regarding trash disposal. Note that RRS 55 applies at all times while competitors are on the water.

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

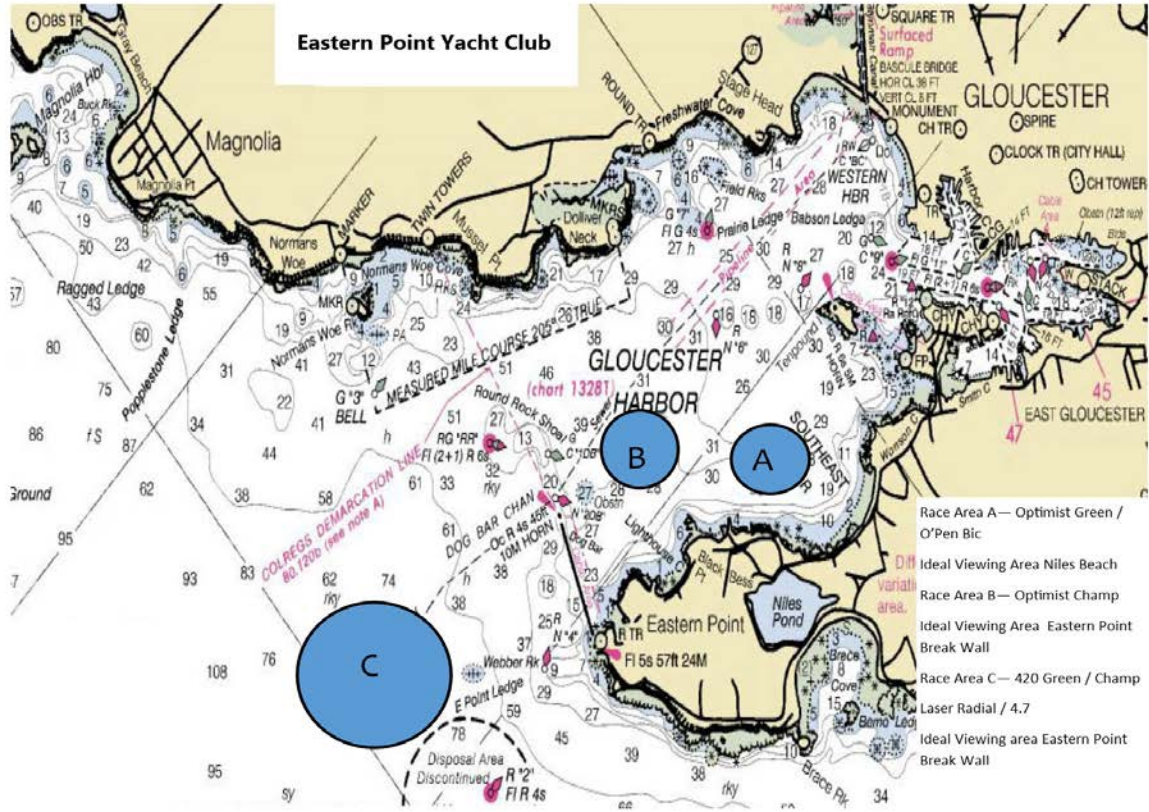
- 21.1. Coaches, safety and spectator boats shall stay well clear of any boat racing, mark or layline, as well as race committee boats.
- 21.2. Support boats shall register by filling in a form identifying the primary operator and listing the boat(s) they are supporting. All support boats shall display a colored flag as provided by the organizing authority, indicating that they are available as safety boats if the need arises. Note that race committee mark boats will display a yellow race committee flag.
- 21.3. Coaches, spectator and safety boats shall monitor Channel 70 for safety announcements, communication with the race committee shall be monitored as follows:
  - 21.4. Red Line (420 & Laser): Channel 72
  - 21.5. Blue Line (Opti Championship): Channel 73
  - 21.6. Green Line (Opti Green & O'pen Bic): Channel 78
  - 21.7. Penalties for breaches of SI 21 will be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

## **22. PRIZES**

- 22.1. USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to each member of the crew placing first, second and third in each division and trophies will also be awarded to the top-five in all fleets.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

# Attachment A: The Racing Areas





## Attachment B: The Courses

# 2014 MassBay Junior Olympics Course Descriptions

