

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS JUNIOR SAILING 2011

1. RULES

1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will govern the regatta.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Junior Sailing Race Notice Board located at OCYC.

3. ALTERATION OF RACING RULES

RRS 62.2 is changed to read, "The request shall be made in writing within the time limit of RRS 61.3. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so. No red flag is required."

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Junior Sailing Race notice board at OCYC no later than thirty minutes (30) before the first race on the day the change will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club's signal mast.

5.2 'AP' 1 minute is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Refer to the "Notice of Races" for the schedule

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be in the bay off the Ocean City Yacht Club.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the course to be sailed.

8.2 Competitors shall not cross the start/finish line while they are on a leg of a course unless they are starting or finishing.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be orange, white, or yellow balls or tetrahedrons.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS Appendix S.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a mark at the port end.

10.3 Before the warning signal of the first race, all boats shall sail past the stern of the committee boat and hail her class and sail number. The hail will be acknowledged by the race committee. A boat failing to do so will be notified of a breach of the rules and may receive a 20% penalty.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1.

10.6 The order of start for the first race of the day will be as directed by the race committee boat on the course.

- 10.7 There shall be a separate warning signal for each race. There shall be NO rolling starts.
- 10.8 Contestants not starting in a subsequent race shall notify the race committee of such intent.
- 10.9 Additional races may start immediately after the completion of the proceeding race.
- 10.10 No races will start after 4:00 pm (16:00 hrs).

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 The race committee will attempt to hail the sail number of boats that are over early. Failure of a contestant to hear the race committee's hail shall not be grounds for protest. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and a nearby finishing mark.
- 12.2 A boat which retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 will apply. RRS 44.3 will not apply.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes of her class start, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored as "Did Not Finish" (DNS). This changes RRS 35 and RRS A4.1.
- 14.4 To signal all boats to "Abandon All Races" including those in progress the race committee will sound five (5) long sounds. Following this signal all boats shall return immediately to the Club.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 RRS 61.1(a) is modified in that a boat intending to protest shall also notify and receive acknowledgement from the race committee at the finish line giving the name and sail number of the boat being protested.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the Club's race office. Completed protest forms shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 For all classes the time limit is thirty (30) minutes after the race committee finish boat for the respective division reaches the club dock. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee, protest committee/jury, and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee/jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 11.1, 18, 19, 21 or 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee/jury so decides.
- 15.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15.7 If possible all protests will be heard on the day of the race. Protesting and Protested sailors must remain at the club and be available for the hearing of the protest. In the event that any of the interested parties are not available the protest committee will proceed with the hearing and render its decision.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System as per RRS # A4.1 will apply. .

16.2 RRS # A9 will apply to all series of races including but not limited to the July series, the August series, the Fleet Championship series.

16.3 The best 70 % of all of contestants scores after throw outs during the July series and during the August series will be used to compute the contestant's final score for the respective series. This changes RRS#A2.

16.4 In order to be eligible for a Fleet Championship Series a sailor must sail in least 70% of both the July and the August series of their respective fleet after throw outs.

16.5 A sailor's score for the Fleet Championship Series will be obtained by combining the July Series and the August Series results after throw outs.

16.6 Club 420 competitors will register as a crew (2 persons) for each boat that plans to compete in either the July or the August series. The crew (2 persons) must sail in at least 70% of the races in the July series or the August series to be eligible for an award in the respective series. There will be an overall 420 fleet championship award for the season. The registered crew for a particular boat must sail together in at least 70% of all the races for the season and must qualify for both the July series and the August series to be eligible for this award. The substituted crew will be eligible for only the daily award. All substitutions will only be made with the expressed permission as per (19.1).

18.7 If one boat crosses the starting line and sails the course that boat will be scored.

17. REDRESS FOR SPECIFIC REASONS

17.1 OCYC encourages junior sailors to compete in major regattas and other venues. A junior sailor who misses a race day in the July or the August series may request redress for attending an approved away regatta. If granted the sailor will be scored in accordance with RRS A10 (b)

17.2 Requests for redress must be made in writing BEFORE the away regatta in question and a copy of the results with the sailors place MUST be presented before the next race of the OCYC series.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 All skippers and crew are required to wear a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) properly attached and a functioning whistle attached by a lanyard to their person at all times while on the water.

18.2 All boats are required to have a bow line a minimum of ¼" diameter and 15' long attached to the bow.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors and equipment will not be allowed without first filling out the Form for "Crew or Equipment Substitution".

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing specifications.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS & SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 Official boats may be marked by displaying the R/C flag.

21.2 Any parent of a sailor participating in a race who is on the water and is determined by the judgement of the Sailing Director or Program Director, as based on the recommendation of the Race Committee, to be in unreasonable proximity to a race course at any time from the beginning of a daily series of races until the end of the series, may be deemed to be offering outside assistance regardless of their actions. A sailor, whose parent/guardian is so judged, may be disqualified from the race at issue. The only exception to this rule shall be parents who are on safety or committee boats at the request of the Sailing Director or the Program Director for the purpose of taking photographs for publicity or awards or for other program purposes.

21.3 No coaching of racing sailors will be permitted during any race by sailing instructors, Guardians or parents from the warning (3 Minute) signal until ALL boats have finished the race. Coaching of individual skippers by OCYC sailing instructors WHILE racing is limited to skippers who are significantly behind the fleet in any given race as determined by the Race Committee. Only OCYC sailing instructors will be allowed fair support to those sailors. This changes RRS 41.

21.4 Green Fleet option B applies pertaining to coaching.

22. PRIZES

See "Notice of Races:."

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in races at their own risk. See RRS 4.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.