

**OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, OCYC JUNIOR SOUTH JERSEY SUMMER SERIES**  
**REGATTA**

**1. RULES**

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the South Jersey Summer Series Rules and Regulations 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 (30) minutes before the first race on the day it 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**

Refer to "Notice of Race" for the schedule.

**7. RACING AREA**

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

**8. THE COURSES**

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

8.2 The courses will be explained at the Skipper's Meeting for all fleets.

**9. MARKS**

Marks for the Optimist WBR Fleets be red West Marine tetrahedrons.

Marks for the Laser/C420 Fleets will be yellow tetrahedrons.

Marks for the Green Fleet will be green tetrahedrons.

**10. THE START**

10.1 Races will be started using the RRS Appendix S.

10.2 A series of sounds may be used to call attention to a warning signal.

10.3 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.

10.4 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 may be notified of a breach of the rules and may receive a penalty.

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

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

## **11. RECALLS**

11.1 The race committee, as a courtesy, 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.

11.2 If a general recall is made, the warning signal for the restart of the race may be made one minute after the general recall.

11.3 When a general recall has been signaled, the start for the succeeding class(es) will be postponed accordingly.

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat 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.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 15 minutes of her class start, the race will be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within twenty (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored as "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and RRS A4.1.

14.3 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. PROTEST**

15.1 RRS 61.1 (a) is modified in that a boat intending to protest shall also notify and receive acknowledgment 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 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 will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named. The time and place of the hearings will be posted on the official notice board.

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee/jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 Breaches of instructions 11.1, 17, 18, or 19 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.

15.7 All protest 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 will apply.

16.2 Five races are scheduled for each fleet with one race necessary to constitute a series.

16.3 A fleet will be scored if four boats are registered for the series.

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

16.5 Final regatta results are part of the South Jersey Summer Series and the MAYRA Series.

16.6 There will be no throw outs, this changes RRS A2.

## **17. SAFETY**

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

17.3 Boats failing to meet safety requirements may be disqualified.

## **18. OFFICIAL BOATS AND SUPPORT BOATS**

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

18.2 See South Jersey Summer Series Rules and Regulations section G.

18.4 Green Fleet option B applies pertaining to coaching.

## **19. PRIZES**

19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in each fleet (except Green Fleet).

19.2 See Notice of Race.

## **20. 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, prior to, during, or after the races.