

Instructions Guide for additional information.



USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL –
Massachusetts Bay Sailing Association
August 9-10, 2010
Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the rules of the respective classes (International Laser, Laser Radial, Club 420, and International Optimist, and O'pen Bic) and these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on both the official notice board located at the Pleon Yacht Club and a second location under the tent.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Boats that have completed registration are eligible to race.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:30 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Pleon Yacht Club flagpole.

5.2 Code flag AP with two horns means: "The race is postponed. The first Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered."

5.3 Competitors shall not leave the docks until the Race Committee has made the harbor start sound signal. Competitors failing to comply with this requirement will be scored DNC for all races sailed that day without a hearing (changes RRS 64.1 (a) and A4).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 For those racing in Area A (the 420/Laser Line) and Area B (the Opti Championship Line), the maximum number of races will be 10. There is no limit for number of races for Area C (the Opti Green and O'pen Bic line).

6.2 For Monday, August 9th, the harbor start signal is scheduled for 11:00 am, following the 10:00 Competitor's Meeting. For Tuesday, the harbor start signal is scheduled for 9:30 am.

6.3 The first warning signal for each racing line will be given no sooner than 45 minutes after the harbor start signal.

6.4 The planned schedule of races is as follows:

Monday, August 9th multiple races

Tuesday, August 10th multiple races

6.5 No race will be started after 4:30 pm on Monday and after 3:00pm on Tuesday.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be:

Club 420	Club 420 class Flag
Club 420 Green	Green 420 class Flag
Laser/Laser Radial/	Laser class flag
Optimist Red/White/Blue	Numeral pennant #4
Optimist Green Fleet A	Numeral pennant #5
Optimist Green Fleet B	Numeral pennant #6
O'pen Bic	Numeral pennant #7

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing areas are shown on the chart included with these Sailing Instructions.

8.2 Area A Race Committee will form near Marblehead Gong, off Marblehead Rock.

Boats racing in Area A will include: Club 420, Club 420 Green, Laser/ Laser Radial, Laser 4.7

8.3 Area B Race Committee will form near Red Nun #2, off Cat Island or the eastern side of Children's Island. Boats racing in Area B will include: Optimist Red/White/Blue

8.4 Area C Race Committee will form near Can #1MH, just outside the main harbor.

Boats racing in Area C will include: Optimist Green, Fleet A and Fleet B, and O'pen Bic

9. THE COURSE

9.1 Diagrams showing the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed are on a separate sheet included in these Sailing Instructions.

9.2 The identifying letter of the course will be displayed in the forward rack on the Race Committee boat

10. MARKS

10.1 Area A will use orange tetrahedrons.

10.2 Area B will use yellow tetrahedrons.

10.3 Area C will use red tetrahedrons.

10.4 The starting and finishing marks will be green tetrahedrons.

11. THE START

11.1 Races in Areas A and B will be started using RRS 26.

Title	Signal	Sound	Time to Start
Warning	Numeral pennant	gun	5 minutes
Preparatory	P,I,Z, Z with I, or black flag	gun	4 minutes
One minute	Preparatory flag down	horn	1 minute
Start	Numeral pennant down	gun	0 minutes

11.2 Races in Area C will be started using Appendix S, the three minute start system.

11.3 The starting line shall be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee boat (starboard end) and the water's edge on the course side of a nearby green mark or a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat at the port end.

11.4 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.

11.5 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

11.6 A series of short sound signals will precede the warning signal by one minute for the second and subsequent races of the day.

12. RECALLS

The Race Committee intends to hail the recall or sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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 (changes RRS 33).

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and a nearby green mark.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rule 35.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 A competitor shall not communicate with a coach before reporting an intention to protest to the Race Committee. Breaking this rule may be grounds for closing the protest

16.2 Protests shall be in writing, on forms available under the tent, and shall be delivered to the tent desk within the Protest Time.

16.3 Protest Time will end 60 minutes after the race committee boat for the protesting boat's course has docked.

16.4 Protests will be heard in approximately the order they are received and as soon as possible.

16.5 Protest notices will be posted under the tent within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. This will inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties or in which they are named as witnesses. This constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2.

16.6 RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed to provide that, on the last day of racing, requests to reopen hearings and requests for redress, (except those that are not allowed to be appealed), based on a decision of the protest committee must be filed within 30 minutes after the results or decisions are posted.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Rule A4, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed.

17.2 The completion of 1 race shall constitute a regatta.

17.3 Overall fleet scoring will be used to determine white, blue and red fleet positions for the Optimist class.

17.4 Competitors sailing with a Laser Radial rig are required to display a colored dot on both sides of their sail above the sail number.

17.5 Competitors sailing with a Laser 4.7 rig are required to display an 'X' on both sides of their sail above the sail number.

18. SAFETY

18.1 Competitors are required to wear United States Coast Guard approved PFD's at all times while launching boats, on the floats, or on the water , except temporarily while adding or removing clothing. Whistles attached to the life jackets are recommended.

18.2 All competitors must check out with the people located on the Pleon porch before leaving the dock.

18.3 All competitors are required to check in with the Race Committee signal boat before the start of the first race of the day. Boats failing to do so will be scored the same as a boat not starting. This changes Rule A2.

18.4 Competitors leaving the racing area before racing is completed are required to notify a race committee boat before doing so or, if safety dictates this to be impossible, shall notify the regatta office immediately upon reaching shore.

18.5 Competitors must check in after racing, and once checked in on land, may not go back out on the water without the permission of the Organizing Authority. Failure to abide by SI 17.5 may result in disqualification from the event.

19. SPECTATORS/COACHES

19.1 No coach or spectator boat shall maneuver within 100 yards of any boat racing or interfere with any Race Committee boat, except as provided for in SI 18.4.

19.2 All spectator and/or coach boats shall display a colored flag, indicating that they are available as safety boats if the need arises.

19.3 Coaches and spectators shall remain outside of the trapezoid course racing area. The starboard side of the racing area for the first beat is defined by a line drawn from the signal boat that intersects the starboard layline to the windward mark at an 85 degree angle. The starboard side of the racing area for the last beat is defined by a line drawn from the leeward mark that intersects the starboard layline to the finish boat at an 85 degree angle. Coaches must be outside both first and last beat racing areas during the starting sequence.

19.4 Coaching on the Green Fleet course during the race is requested, except that it is limited to competitors in the bottom half of the fleet. The Race Committee will designate coaches that will be permitted on the racecourse.

19.5 Coaches are asked to guard against maneuvering in any way that interferes with other competitors. The Race Committee reserves the right to revoke this privilege for any individual coach if it believes that a coach's presence is detrimental to the regatta.

19.6 The penalty for breaking Sailing Instruction 19 may be the disqualification of all competitors associated with that coach or spectator (changes RRS 64.1(a)).

19.7 Coaches, spectator and safety boats shall monitor Channel 72 for communication with the Race Committee.

19.8 Race Committee mark boats shall display a yellow Race Committee flag.

20. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

20.1 This event is designated as a **CLEAN REGATTA** by the Sailors for the Sea Organization. By entering, all competitors agree to abide by **CLEAN REGATTA** "Best Practices" (available at the Skipper's Meeting).

20.2 Yachts observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed that day or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both, at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

21. PRIZES

Regatta awards will be for at least first through fifth places for Club 420, Laser Radial, and Optimist Red, Blue and Green fleets. Optimist white, Laser Full rig, and Open Bics will be awarded prizes for first through third place finishes.