



Edgartown Yacht Club
EST. 1905

97th ANNUAL REGATTA
Club 420, Optimist Champ, Optimist Green
July 17-18, 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the class rules of the Club 420 (C420) and International Optimist Dinghy (Opti).
- 1.2 All junior sailors will be required to wear a US Coast Guard approved type I, II, or III non-inflatable life jacket. This changes RRS 40. **Junior sailors with European style “buoyancy aides” that are not US Coast Guard approved will not be allowed to compete.**
- 1.3 The operation of drones by coaches and support personnel (including family members) in the vicinity of the race course is prohibited.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted electronically on the Official Notice Board located on the EYC Regatta website at:
https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?NS=PR&GRP=40009&DN=ANNUAL .

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0830 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the JYC station mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 1 hour” in the race signal AP. When a class flag is displayed with the AP, it applies to that class only.

5 SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 9, 2020

1600 Deadline for registration and payment Online

Thursday, July 16, 2020

1200 Deadline for late registration and payment Online

1700 Junior skippers’ and coaches meeting Online via Zoom

Friday, July 17, 2020

1200	C420 - First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1200	Opti – First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
1230*	Opti Green Fleet – First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor

* Approximate time

Saturday, July 18, 2020

0900	C420 - First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
0900	Opti – First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
0930*	Opti Green Fleet – First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor

* Approximate time

There will be no Warning Signals after 1330 on the final day of racing.

1700*	Awards Ceremony	Online via Zoom
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* Approximate time

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags used by the race committee will be a flag with an approximation of the sail insignia for each class.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area for all classes will be the area known as the “Outer Harbor.” The Opti Champs and Green Fleet will be located off the Chappaquiddick Shore and the C420s will be located off the area known as Cape Poge Elbow.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be chosen from the laminated course diagrams that are provided with these sailing instructions and posted on the Race Committee signal boat.
- 8.2 Marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, will be rounded in order and left to port, except that a gate, if used, shall be rounded as described in RRS 28.1(c).

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset, wing, and gate marks will be inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy which may be a rounding mark.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to the windward mark a new offset mark may not be set.
- 9.4 A standoff buoy may be set off the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This standoff buoy shall be regarded as part of the signal boat.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and either a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat, or the course side of an inflatable buoy which may also be a rounding mark of the course
- 10.2 The Race Committee may also use a mid-line boat which will not be a mark of the course. The purpose of the mid-line boat is to provide a visual reference for the competitors.
- 10.3 Boats who are not racing and whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

- 10.4 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.5 If any part of the boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail its sail number. Failure to hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.6 The Race Committee may choose to use the three-minute Audible-Signal Racing System described in RRS Appendix U for the C420 and/or the Opti Champ classes. This change would be announced at the skippers' meeting.
- 10.7 The start system for the Opti Greens will be the sounds only, using the three-minute Audible-Signal Racing System described in RRS Appendix U.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark, which may be a rounding mark, and which will be on the same side of the Race Committee boat as the staff displaying the blue flag.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31, 44.1, or 44.2 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in each class will be one hour from the start signal of that class.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest and requests for redress will be filed electronically by text to (978) 618-7385. The electronically filed protest or redress request must include the information required by RRS 61.2 and 62.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class the protest and request for redress time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat arrives at its dock. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted electronically on the EYC Regatta Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearing. Hearings may be held remotely by telephone conference call or Zoom, or in person, beginning as soon as practicable after the posting of notices.

- 15.4 Hearings held remotely by telephone or Zoom shall only be attended by parties and witnesses authorized to attend by the Chief Judge. Unauthorized attendance by any support personnel, coaches, parents, or other sailors will be grounds for an RRS 2 *Fair Sailing* violation.
- 15.5 Breaches of SI 10.3, 13, 17, and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.7 Breaches of RRS 55 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.8 For the Opti Green Fleet only: The Protest Committee may, at its discretion, impose penalties of less than disqualification for any violation(s) of the RRS or Sailing Instructions. This is a change to RRS 64.1.
- 15.9 The US Prescription to RRS 63.2 is not in effect.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 For all classes three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of its race scores. This changes RRS A2.
(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst excludable score.
- 16.3 Boats that are still racing and failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes properly will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing and will be scored for the finishing place two points more than the number of boats that finished properly within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Every boat shall check in with designated safety persons at their launching area prior to launching their boat, and the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack. Each boat shall state its class and sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded. Upon returning, every boat must check in with the designated safety persons at their launching area.
- 17.2 All junior sailors will be required to wear a US Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III non-inflatable life jacket (PFD). **Junior sailors with European style "buoyancy aides" that are not US Coast Guard approved will not be allowed to compete.** PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times (except when actively adding or removing clothing) from the time they check in with the Race Committee until they have retired or finished the race. This changes RRS 40. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4 Any boat intending to leave the racing area prior to finishing the last race of the day shall communicate its intention to the Race Committee prior to leaving the racing area.

18 SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing 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.
- 18.2 All support boat and coach boat operators shall monitor the Race Committee working channel and be subject to tasking by the Race Committee to assist in safety and race management.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 The Race Committee VHF working channels will be Channel 69 for the C420 circle and Channel 63 for the Opti circle.
- 20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 20.3 GPS systems shall not be used while racing.
- 20.4 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except as allowed by SI 20.1.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first place, if two boats qualify; for first and second place, if four boats qualify; and for first, second, and third place, if five or more boats qualify. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539.
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