



2011 Club 420 Association US National Championship

Hosted By:
Sheridan Shore Sailing School
20 Harbor Drive
Wilmette, IL 60091
July 16th – 18th, 2011

Sailing Instructions

1. Date and Venue

The 2011 Club 420 Association USA National Championship will be held, with racing, on Saturday, July 16 through Monday, July 18, 2011. The venue will be the Sheridan Shore Sailing School, (“SSSS”), 20 Harbor Drive, Wilmette, IL 60091 www.sheridanshoresailing.com.

2. Organization and Rules

2.1 The regatta will be organized by the SSSS in conjunction with the Club 420 Association and will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules of Club 420 Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2 Rule 61.1 will be changed in these sailing instructions. Boats that are protesting are required to display a red flag until the race has been completed. The Protester must immediately report the protest, including sail number and/or bow number of the boat being protested, to the RC boat laying beyond the finish line displaying Code Flag “B.”

2.3 Appendix P will apply with the following modifications:

(a) When a boat is first penalized under instruction P1 her penalty will be:

(1) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing: a two-turns penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing.

(2) If her penalty is signaled after she finishes: ten (10) points will be added to her score for that race.

(b) P2.2 will apply for third and subsequent penalties.

3. Eligibility and Entry Fee

3.1 Competitors are required to be current members of the Club 420 Association.

3.2 Competitors must have completed all parts of the registration form. All fees must be received by 25 June 2011, or with applicable late fee received by the SSSS by 5 PM, Thursday, 14 July 2011, and skippers must also complete, sign and submit a copy of the 420 Inspection List and Waiver form prior to the end of check-in.

3.3 The entry fee will be \$150 per boat if registration and payment are completed before 25 June 2011. Registrations and/or payments made after 25 June 2011 and by 9 July 2011 must pay \$200 per boat for the registration fee. Registrations and/or payments made after 9 July 2011 and prior to 5 PM Thursday, 14 July 2011 must pay \$225 per boat for registration. No registration will be accepted if not received by the SSSS by 5 PM 14 July 2011.

3.4 Bow numbers will be provided at check in at must be affixed to sails as diagramed in attachment B. Starboard side numbers will be affixed to the starboard side of the jib and port side numbers will be attached to the port side of the main above the 420 logo.

4. Format of the Regatta

If there are a sufficient number of boats registered, the fleet may be divided into two divisions.

5. Schedule

Friday	July 15	1300-1800	Check-in & Registration
Saturday	July 16	0800-0830	Late Check-in & Registration
		0845	Coaches and Support Boat meeting
		0920	Competitors meeting
		1100	First Warning Signal
			Racing to follow
Sunday	July 17	0820	Coaches and Support Boat meeting
		0845	Competitors meeting
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Racing to follow
Monday	July 18	0820	Coaches and Support Boat meeting
		0845	Competitors meeting
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Racing to follow
		1400	No warning signal after this time
		After Racing	Awards Ceremony

6. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board before 0800 on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the race schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

7. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located in the Registration Area. Each competitor has the responsibility to check this Notice Board for information pertaining to the event.

8. Racing

The racing area will be the waters off Wilmette Harbor on Lake Michigan.

9. Signals made ashore

9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed in the Registration Area.

9.2 Flag 'AP' displayed on shore denotes the fleet shall remain ashore. The warning signal will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after the lowering of this signal accompanied by one sound.

9.3 The signal boat will make a sound signal and display Flag 'B' as she departs for the course area. This flag shall be lowered with a sound signal five (5) minutes before the scheduled warning as an attention signal.

10. The Course(s)

10.1 The diagram in attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 Prior to the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display on the stern, the course and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10.3 An offset mark at the windward mark may be used. When there is a gate at the leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either gate mark is missing, competitors should round the remaining mark to port.

11. Marks

11.1 The starting marks shall be the race committee boats at each end of the starting line.

11.2 Original weather mark will be a large yellow cylinder.

11.3 Offset and finish marks will be small orange tetrahedrons.

11.4 Other rounding marks, including course change marks, will be yellow tetrahedrons.

12. The Start

12.1 The starting line will be between two staffs displaying orange flags on the signal boat and the pin end boat.

12.2 Races will be started by using Rule 26. A series of short sound signals will be made approximately one minute prior to the warning signal, except after a recall, postponement or abandonment.

12.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This instruction changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

12.4 If code flag "I" or the black flag have been displayed, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the bow number(s) of boats in violation of rule 30.1 (one minute rule) or rule 30.3 (Black flag rule) during the minute before her starting signal. Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of the amplification system, the order of the hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This instruction changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

13. The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee finish boat and an orange tetrahedron.

14. Scoring

14.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

14.2 One race is required to complete the regatta. If divisions are established, a race shall consist of all divisions completing a scored race.

14.3 When less than 6 races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

15. Time limits

15.1 The time limit for the first boat in a race to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This instruction changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

16 Awards

Overall: 1st through 5th
Top Girls: 1st through 3rd (both skipper and crew are female)
Top Juniors: 1st through 3rd (both skipper and crew under 17 through 2011)

17. Protests and requests for redress

17.1 Protest time will begin with the arrival of the RC Boat at the harbor entrance which will display flag "B" with a sound. This time will be posted on the Notice Board. The numbers of all yachts protesting and being protested (that were received) and all yachts penalized by the RC will also be posted on the Notice Board as soon as is practical.

17.2 Protests shall be delivered to the designated protest committee representative in the "Judges' Area" off of the yacht club deck no later than 1 hour after the protest time begins. Protest forms will be available in the registration area or in the "Judges Area" off of the yacht club deck.

17.3 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.

17.4 Hearings will be held in the "Judges Area" off of the yacht club deck. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This instruction changes RRS 63.3(a). Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Judges' Area.

17.5 A list of boats penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted as soon as practical after racing.

17.6 Requests for redress relating to possible scoring errors will initially be reviewed by the race committee before being scheduled for hearing by the protest committee. This instruction changes RRS 63.1.

- 17.7 Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the race committee may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This instruction adds to rule 62.2
- 17.8 On the last day of the regatta, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered the earlier of (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision before that day, or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This instruction changes RRS 62.2 and 66.
- 17.9 Breaches of SI 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a).

18. On-the-water Judging

- 18.1 The Judge boat will fly a flag with a "J".

19. Safety

- 19.1 Parents/guardians/or competitors 18 or over at the time of the start of the regatta are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the responsibility solely of the parents, guardians, or competitors 18 or over to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents or guardians of competitors under 18 not personally attending the regatta must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their competitor.
- 19.2 Competitors who are U.S. citizens or U.S. residents must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Competitors who are citizens or residents of another country shall wear either a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 19.3 A whistle shall be attached by a lanyard to the PFD. The lanyard shall be long enough to permit the sailor to use the whistle while wearing the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction may be given a scoring penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction, at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 19.4 All boats may be subject to a safety/inspection check.

20. Restricted areas

The racing area is the space encompassing the course and the starting area. It extends 100 yards beyond any racing boat and any mark. Except as permitted by SI 21, only competing boats and official boats (designated as such by the race committee) may enter the racing area while boats are racing.

21. Coach and support boats

- 21.1 All coach and support boats shall register and prominently fly a designated flag from a staff (supplied by the Race Committee) at all times while on the water.
- 21.2 General coach and support boat requirements
- (a) Coach and support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel when possible, particularly in windy or threatening weather.
 - (b) Coach and support boats shall follow the instructions of race committee, jury and race management boats.
 - (c) No coach or support boat shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers.
- 21.3 Restrictions
- (a) All coach and support boats shall stay clear of the racing area at all times while boats are racing, except in case of emergency or distress or if directed to by the race committee.
 - (b) All coach and support boats shall stay more than 100 yards away from any racing boat and move slowly and with minimal wake.
 - (c) When the signal boat hoists code flag "W," all coach and support boats in the starting area shall proceed immediately to 100 yards to leeward of the starting line and shall remain there until the signal boat lowers code flag "W." Once code flag "W" is lowered, coach and support boats may proceed to the weather mark up either side of the racing area.

21.4 Penalties

Coaches or support boats that break SI 21 may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including exclusion from the venue.

22. Discipline

22.1 Competitors, coaches and visiting support personnel are expected to respect the volunteers, members and property of the Sheridan Shores Sailing Club at all times while on club property or on the racing venue.

22.2 No contestant, regardless of age shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the Sheridan Shore Sailing School and Sheridan Shore Yacht Club. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M of the Racing Rules. The hearing officers may also recommend further action under Rule 69. The officers for a hearing regarding a violation of this prohibition will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairperson of the hearing, and the Jury. The Event Chairperson shall serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the panel and will have a right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process.

23. Disclaimer of liability

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors or for competitors under 18, by their parents or guardians.

23.2 The organizing authority and all parties involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, inconvenience or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by the sailing instructions.

24. Designated Adult

24.1 Each competitor under 18 shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

24.2 For each competitor under 18, it is the competitor's parents' (or designated adult) decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

24.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

25. Advertising

The regatta is classified as a Category A event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Competitors may be required to display sponsor stickers on the boat's hull and sails.

Attachment A - Courses

Course A

Start

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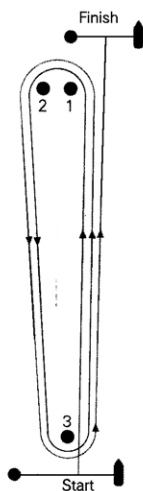
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Finish (upwind)



Course B

Start

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3 (or gate 3A - 3B)

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Finish (downwind)

