



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. The rules of the Club 420, Collegiate 420, Laser, Laser Radial, O'Pen BIC and Optimist classes will apply. Bailers and towlines are required for all competitors.
- 1.3. There will be a MANDATORY competitors' meeting each morning. See SI 6, Schedule. All competitors (skippers and crew) and coaches are required to attend.
- 1.4. When there is conflict, the SIs shall prevail over the NOR. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Membership in US SAILING is required for each U.S. competitor (skipper and crew for double-handed classes). US SAILING membership is not required of Canadian or other foreign competitors so long as they are members of their national authority. Competitors will be required to verify their membership in US SAILING or other national authority. Competitors must have submitted completed regatta entry forms and paid all required fees by 0800 on Saturday, July 7th.
- 2.2. All competitors in Division 1 (Club 420 and Collegiate 420), Division 2 (Laser and Laser Radial) and Division 3 (Optimist Red, White and Blue Fleets and O'Pen BIC) must have reached their 9th but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the regatta is held.
- 2.3. All competitors in Division 4 (Optimist Green) must have reached their 7th birthday but not their 16th birthday during the calendar year in which the regatta is held.
- 2.4. The scorer must have the name, age and birthday, boat type, division and correct sail number of each competitor before the conclusion of the competitors' meeting on Saturday, July 7th. Late entries or corrections cannot be scored.

3. CLASSES, DIVISIONS, FLEETS - Classes will race in the following Divisions:

Division 1	Club 420, Collegiate 420
Division 2	Laser, Laser Radial
Division 3	Optimist Red Fleet (ages 13-15), Blue Fleet (11-12) & White Fleet (10 & under), O'Pen BIC
Division 4	Optimist Green Fleet (ages 15 and under)

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Any change to the SIs will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect. The Regatta Notice Board will be located at Race Committee Headquarters in the Tower Pub.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC) flagstaff in the traffic circle near the main entrance to the GPYC clubhouse.
- 5.2. Flag AP displayed ashore with two sound signals means, "Do not leave the harbor. The warning signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after AP is removed with one sound signal."
- 5.3. Flags N over A displayed ashore with two sound signals means, "All races are abandoned. No racing today."

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Saturday, July 7

0800 - 0830	Late Registration - Tower Pub
0900	Competitors' Meeting - Main Dining-room
0930	Harbor Start
1030	1 st Warning Signal
1130	On the Water Lunch

6.2. Sunday July 8

0830	Competitors' Meeting - Main Dining-room
0900	Harbor Start
1000	1 st Warning Signal
1130	On the Water Lunch
1500	No Warning Signal after This Time

7. CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT

- 7.1. Sailors are highly encouraged to dry store their boats at GPYC for the entire weekend.
- 7.2. Non-Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association (DRYA) Sailors - Competitors shall check in and check out with their appropriate Race Committee signal boat by calling out their sail number and last name. A competitor who fails to check in or check out is subject to disqualification for races that day.
- 7.3. DRYA Sailors - Prior to the start of the first race, a coach from each registered sailor shall inform their appropriate Race Committee(s) on VHF channel **71** (Laser & Laser Radial), **72** (Club 420 & Collegiate 420), **69** (Optimist RWB & O'Pen BIC) or **68** (Optimist Green) *either* (a) [*Club Name*] racers in their fleet are racing *or* (b) [*Club Name*] has X number of missing sailors, identifying the missing sailors by their sail number.
- 7.4. A coach who has a sailor retiring or a sailor entering the racing area after check in immediately shall so inform the Race Committee by VHF radio on channel for the appropriate course. After the end of the last race each day, each coach shall request the Race Committee's permission to leave the racing area with all of his racers accounted for. Any competitor whose coach fails to comply with SI 7.3 or 7.4 is subject to protest and disqualification for races that day.

8. COURSE LOCATIONS - Course locations will be discussed in the competitors' meeting each morning.

9. RACE COURSES – Diagrams of the courses to be sailed are attached to these instructions as Appendix A. Marks are to be rounded to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. All marks will be orange or yellow inflatable pyramids or spheres.
- 10.2. A mark may be deployed from the Race Committee signal boat. Boats shall not sail between that mark and the signal boat. A boat that breaks this instruction may exonerate herself by taking a One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS 44.2.

11. START/FINISH

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and an inflatable green mark at the port end.
- 11.2. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the nearby finishing mark.
- 11.3. A boat shall not cross the Start/Finish Line except when starting or finishing a race.

12. STARTING SEQUENCES

- 12.1. The Race Committee will display the course designation before the warning signal for that race by writing a course number on a white board. In addition to a visual signal, the Race Committee may hail the course designation but is not required to do so.
- 12.2. Two starting systems will be used: RRS 26 for the Club 420, Collegiate 420, Laser, Laser Radial, Optimist RWB and O'Pen BIC courses and RRS Appendix S (Sound-Signal Starting System) for the Optimist Green Fleet.
- 12.3. Class flags (for starts using RRS 26) will be:

Class	Flag
Club 420	White flag with blue "C420" (Start #1)
Collegiate 420	White flag with blue "C420" (Start #2)
Laser	White flag with red Laser insignia
Laser Radial	Green flag with Radial insignia
Optimist RWB	White flag with blue Optimist insignia
O'pen BIC	Yellow flag with "O'pen BIC" written in black

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. If no boat rounds the first mark within 30 minutes of the starting signal for its class, that race will be abandoned.
- 13.2. The time limit for the entire race shall be one hour. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.3. The Race Committee may signal a shortened course at any rounding mark by displaying a flag S (white flag with blue square) and three sound signals. When these signals are made, boats shall round that mark and proceed directly to the finish line. RRS 32.2 does not apply. This changes RRS Race Signals "S".

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. A boat that intends to protest shall notify the Race Committee promptly after finishing that race in addition to satisfying the requirements of RRS 61.1(a). This changes rule 61.1(a).
- 14.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat for its course docks. Protest time limits will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board. Protests must be filed with the Protest Committee in the Tower Pub Room within the relevant protest time limit.
- 14.3. Protest notices will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board shortly after the relevant protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and place of a hearing in which they are parties. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2 and 61.1(b). Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt.
- 14.4. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SI 7, 15.1, 18 or 19. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for breaking any of those SIs may be less than qualification at the discretion of Protest Committee.

15. PENALTIES

- 15.1. Boats taking penalty turns in accordance with rule 44 and rule 31 shall report that fact to the Race Committee before the warning signal for the next race. This changes RRS 44 and 31.
- 15.2. A boat in the Optimist Green Fleet may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. This changes RRS 44.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. If five or more races have been completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

17. AWARDS

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class. Participation awards and special awards may be presented at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 17.2. The Awards Banquet shall be on the East Lawn (weather permitting) or in the GPYC Main Ballroom following Sunday racing. The Awards Banquet shall not begin until all sailboats are placed on trailers and the launch area has been cleaned up. Boys shall wear collared shirts and khaki shorts, and girls shall wear appropriate summer dress or collared shirts and khaki shorts, to the Awards Banquet.

18. **SAFETY** - Competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type III PFD properly secured at all times while launching and on the water. PFDs must have a whistle attached. Failure to comply with this SI may lead to protest and disqualification.

19. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 19.1. All boats shall have proper class designation with legible numbers on the mainsail. Non-matching spinnaker numbers shall be reported to the Race Committee prior to the first race of the day.
- 19.2. Sail numbers and hulls can be changed only with the written permission of the Protest Committee. A boat's official number will be the number appearing on her mainsail.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel of Club 420, Collegiate 420, Laser, Laser Radial, Optimist RWB and O'Pen BIC classes shall not make contact or communicate with competitors from the time of the preparatory signal until competitors have been released by the Chief Judge after the completion of all protest hearings. The penalty determined by the Protest Committee for failure to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with any personnel who violate this rule.
- 20.2 Spectator boats shall be restricted to those areas designated by the Race Committee.

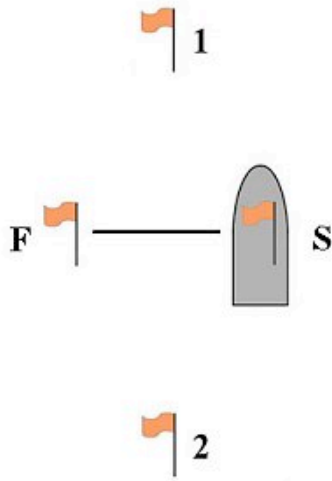
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Appendix A

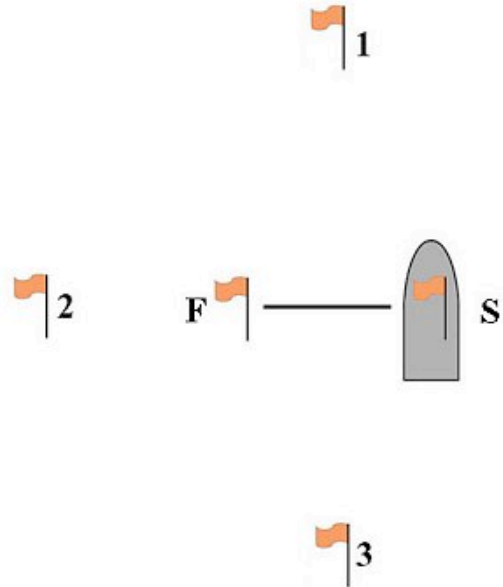
Appendix A

Diagram 1



Course 1 S-1-2-F
Course 2 S-1-2-1-2-F

Diagram 2



Course 3 S-1-2-3-1-3-F

All marks shall be rounded to port.