



USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL
Massachusetts Bay Junior Championships
August 11-13, 2008
Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, MA



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by *rules* as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. SAFETY

2.1 A Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn and fully secured at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Whistles permanently attached to the PFDs are recommended.

2.2 All competitors must sail through the "Check In/Out Gate" at the entrance to Granite Pier Harbor upon leaving or entering the Harbor each day. If the Check In/Out Gate is not on station, competitors must notify Regatta Staff or Race Committee immediately upon reaching shore or the racecourse.

2.3 Competitors shall check-in with their respective race committee signal boats prior to their first race each day by sailing by on starboard tack and having their sail number recognized by the race committee.

2.4 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the registration tent on the lower level of Granite Pier

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole on the lower level of Granite Pier. When signals are made with any class flags below them, it affects only those classes.

5.2 When the postponement flag (AP) is displayed ashore with 2 sound signals, it means that the next race is postponed, and all boats are to remain ashore. When it is lowered with one sound signal it means that it will be at least 45 minutes until the next warning signal is made.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Day & Date	Time of Warning Signal
Monday, August 11	1230 First Race Warning Signal, Multiple Races to Follow
Tuesday, August 12	1100 First Race Warning Signal, Multiple Races to Follow
Wednesday, August 13	1100 First Race Warning Signal, Multiple Races to Follow

6.2 On Wednesday, August 13, no warning signal will be made after 1330hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Club 420 - White flag with black class logo
Laser & Laser Radial - White flag with red class logo
Optimist - White Flag with black class logo
Optimist Green Fleet - Green Flag

8. RACING AREA

The racing areas will be as shown in the attached Racing Area/Course Diagram card.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram(s) on the Racing Area/Course Diagram card show the course(s), the order of rounding, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded or passed.

9.2 The identifying letter(s) of the course will be displayed on the race committee signal boat with or before the warning signal of each start.

9.3 The start/finish line, when in the middle of the course, must be honored. Sailing through this line on a leg of the course other than the starting or finishing leg will be grounds for disqualification.

10. MARKS

Club 420, Laser & Laser Radial Line - Inflatable Orange Tetrahedrons, Green Tetrahedron for Start and Finish mark
Optimist Green Line - Orange Mooring Balls
Optimist Championship Line - Orange Mooring Balls

11. THE START

11.1 Races for the Club 420, Laser & Laser Radial and Optimist Championship lines will be started using RRS 26, the 5 minute starting sequence.

11.2 Races for the Optimist Green line will be started using Appendix Q, the 3 minute dinghy start.

11.3 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

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 5 minutes after her starting signal.

12. RECALLS

The Race Committee may attempt to hail the 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 RRS 41 and 62.1.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a race committee boat and the nearby mark at the port end.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat intending to protest another boat or boats must inform the race committee immediately upon finishing, and shall not confer with a coach or parent prior to notifying the race committee.

16.2 Protests shall be in writing on forms available at the regatta office, and delivered to the regatta office within 60 minutes after the time of the docking of the race committee signal boat for that competitor's course.

16.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as practicable following the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This posting shall constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2 and RRS 61.1(b).

16.4 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision."

16.5 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 2, 18, & 19. This changes Rule 60.1 (a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

17. PROTEST ARBITRATION

17.1 Rule 44 is modified to allow a boat either to take the penalty described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 while on the water or to take a 40% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator.

After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the protest committee. No witnesses shall be allowed.

The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes.

After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following conclusions:

1. No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest, it will be submitted to the protest committee in the normal manner.
2. A rule was broken by one or both of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat(s) has (have) the option of either accepting a 40% penalty or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a protest hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.
3. The protest should be submitted to the protest committee in the normal way. When protests are submitted to the protest committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest, or be called as a witness but may be present in the protest committee room during the hearing prior to deliberations. The arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with protest committee members until after the protest committee's decision has been posted.

17.2 Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%.

18. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply for all classes. A maximum of 10 races are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded.

19. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 Support boats shall register by filling in a form identifying the primary operator and listing the boat(s) they are supporting. They may also be required to display a flag or streamer provided at registration.

20.2 Except as noted in 19.4, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area 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. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.

20.3 Coaches must wear fully secured PFDs while on the water. Other support people are strongly encouraged to wear fully secured PFDs while on the water.

20.4 All coach boats and other support boats/support personnel must agree to aid any competitor in distress or requesting assistance of any sort.

21. COACHING

All USA Junior Olympic Festival Green Fleet Optimist racing allows for on the water coaching of the bottom 1/3 of the fleet while racing.

22. PRIZES

USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to each member of the crew placing first, second and third in each division. Additional prizes will also be awarded.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.

Attachments: Racing Area/Course Diagram card