



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**USA Junior Olympic Sailing**  
**Festival 7-8 DECEMBER 2019**



(These instructions **DO NOT** apply to Green Fleet or Open Skiff)

US SAILING Center of Martin County  
1955 NE Indian River Drive Jensen Beach, Florida

1. RULES

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

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Individual or family membership in US SAILING and their respective class associations is required for each applicant, helmsperson and crew, at the time of application.
- 2.2 Eligible sailors may be entered by completing an entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Regatta Headquarters. Each competitor has the responsibility to check this Board for information pertaining to the race.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the Competitors' Meeting on Saturday 1 December. Thereafter, any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day on which it will take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 1830 on the day before the change is to take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the end of the dock at Regatta Headquarters. Flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) with two sounds, means: "The racing is postponed. Do not leave the harbor." The first warning signal will be displayed not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered (one sound).

6. SAILING AREA

- 6.1 Racing will take place on the Indian River east of the Sailing Center.

7. COMPETITORS' MEETING

- 7.1 The competitors' meeting for RWB Optis, 420s, and O'Pen Bics will be held at 1000 on Saturday 1 December 2018 at Regatta Headquarters. The Green Fleet Competitor's Meeting will be at 1030. Attendance is mandatory.

## 8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8.1 Twelve races per class are scheduled; one race per class constitutes a regatta.

- 8.2 The schedule is as follows:

Friday 6 Dec	1600-1800	Early check-in
Saturday 7 Dec	0800	Continental Breakfast
	0800 -1000	Competitor Check-in and Coach/Spectator Flag Check-in
	1000	Competitors' Meeting (RWB OPTI, 420, O'Pen Bic)
	1030	Competitors' Meeting (Green Fleet)
	1130	First Signal
	1700	Cook out & Raffle at the USSCMC
Sunday 8 Dec	0800	Continental Breakfast
	0930	First Signal, all classes
	1430	No warning after this time
	Awards - as soon as practical after racing	

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1 See attachments
- 9.2 The course will be designated by letters and/or numerals displayed on the white board on each circle's RC signal boat.
- 9.3 A gate at the leeward mark may be used. If a gate mark is missing, round the remaining one to port.
- 9.4 An offset mark may be used at the windward mark.

## 10. STARTING SIGNALS

- 10.1 Start line will be either:
- 10.1.1 between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Boat at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark, or,
  - 10.1.2 between staffs displaying orange flags on RC Boats at each end of the starting line.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, "Did Not Start" (DNS). This changes Rule A4.1 and A5.
- 10.3 Succeeding Classes will be started at any time after the starting signal for the preceding class by displaying the Warning Signal (class flag) for the succeeding class.
- 10.4 The time limit for each race is one hour.

- 10.5 If Flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the Starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS rule 26 and rule 30.

## 11. FINISH

- 11.1 Finish line will be either:

11.1.1 between a staff with an orange flag on a RC boat and the port end finish mark or,

11.1.2 between staffs displaying orange flags on RC Boats at each end of the line.

- 11.2 RRS 35 is modified such that if a boat or boats are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race and the start of subsequent races the Race Committee may award a boat or boats that have not finished and are still racing a finish place on the water or award them points equal to the average of the places they would have received had they finished and direct them to return to the starting area. Fractions are rounded up.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 When six or more races have been completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.2 In the event the fleet is split into divisions, when a competitor has completed six or more races, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3 If we split into four fleets, RRS 30.2 44.3(c) and A4.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the combined number of boats registered in the largest division for that race. A division is the combined total of two fleets.
- 12.4 If time, wind, weather or other contingencies make the completion of a current or an additional scheduled round robin impractical, the regatta may be terminated, and the results based on the standings at the completion of the immediate prior round robin this changes RRS A2.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is modified to allow a boat a 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. This scoring penalty shall be 30% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), added to her actual finish position. However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish (DNF).

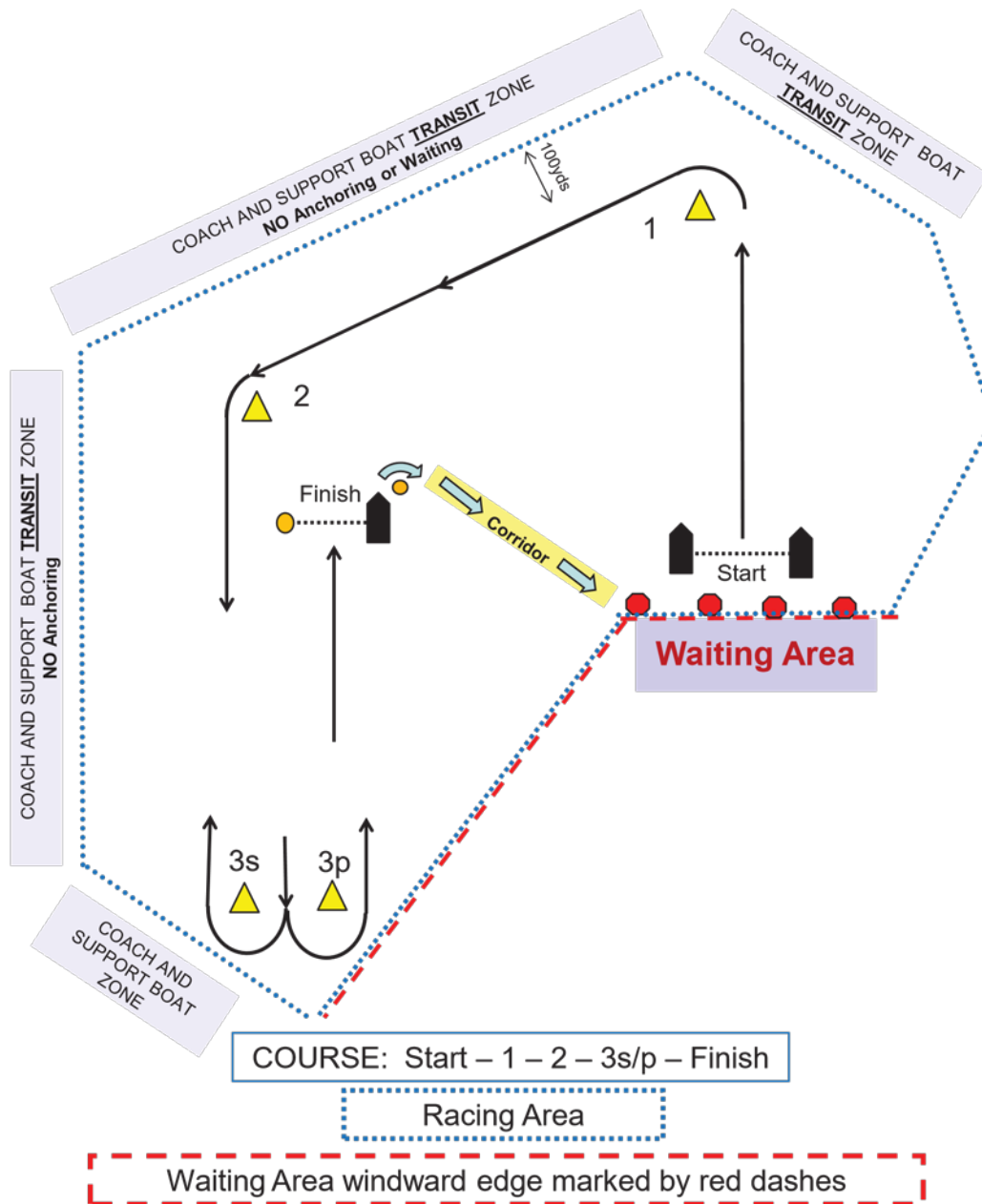
## 14. ARBITRATION

- 14.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing in accordance with appendix T. If an arbitration hearing is held, SI 14.2

- through 14.4 shall apply.
- 14.2 After a written protest form is delivered to the Protest Desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the protest committee.
  - 14.3 A boat that accepts the arbitration's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2, shall receive a penalty score of 30% as detailed in Sailing Instruction 13.1.
  - 14.4 The acceptance of an arbitration penalty cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.
15. PROTESTS
- 15.1 Add 61.1 (a) (5) Immediately after finishing or withdrawing from the race in which the infraction occurred, a protesting yacht shall notify the RC of the racing number of any and all protested boats. Notice shall be given to the Finish boat. If that boat is not on station, the report can be given to any other Race Committee boat. The Race Committee must acknowledge the hail by protesting boats.
  - 15.2 Upon landing, the Race Committee shall post on the official notice board the time of landing of the Race Committee Signal boat, the numbers of all boats protesting and being protested that were received and all boats penalized by the Race Committee on the Official Notice Board.
  - 15.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at Regatta Headquarters and filed within the protest time limit which is 30 minutes after the landing of the Race Committee Signal Boat at the Sailing Center. This changes RRS 61.3.
  - 15.4 Protests will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received and the hearings will start as soon as practical but not later than the close of protest time.
  - 15.5 RRS 62.1 shall be modified by adding: 62.1(e) failure of equipment chartered from USSC, Martin County.
16. SAFETY AND CHECK-OUT / CHECK IN-PROCEDURES
- 16.1 Competitors who are US citizens or US residents must wear a US 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 US 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 PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to do so is protestable only by Race Committee.
  - 16.2 If any boats have finished a race before the onset of foul or threatening weather and the Race Committee determines to clear boats from the water, the RC signal boat will blow three (3) horns and display Code Flag "H" at which time all remaining boats racing shall immediately abandon the race and go ashore. The Chief Judge may either score any boats not finished or order the race abandoned.
  - 16.3 Each Optimist must be equipped with a suitable towline and a bailing scoop.

- 16.4 A boat that withdraws or retires for any reason shall inform the RC of their intention for that race and any other scheduled races, or, when that is impossible, immediately upon arriving ashore. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from subsequent races that day.
- 16.5 Each boat shall check in with the Race Committee boat displaying Code Flag “L” before the first race of each day.
- 16.6 Prior to launching each day, each sailor is required to sign out at the safety desk located on the ground level of the USSCMC on the east side of the building near the breezeway. If a competitor will not be racing that day, he or she shall notify the Land Safety committee.
- 16.7 Immediately upon returning to shore, **but not later than 30 minutes** after the RC signal boat docks, competitors shall sign in at the safety desk located on the ground level of the USSCMC on the east side of the building near the breezeway.
- 16.8 A competitor retiring from the day’s racing and looking to return to the Sailing Center shall notify a Race Committee or safety boat before leaving the racing area and obtain the express consent of the PRO to do so and shall notify the Race Committee immediately upon returning to shore.
- 17. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS
  - 17.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area, or within 300 feet of boats racing, from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished that race or the race committee signals postponement, general recall or abandonment. If the jury receives a report of a violation of this rule, it may call a hearing to investigate the incident and may report the infraction to their Club and US SAILING or penalize boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
  - 17.2 Race Committee will be broadcast as a courtesy to coaches and spectators after all boats have started. Optis will be on CH 5 and Club 420 / 29ers will be on CH 68.

## SI Addendum 1 – Race Course and Restricted Areas



***Important note: Mark colors and shapes are illustrative only.***

## Junior Olympic Sailing Festival 2018 C420 Course Diagram

The start and finish line will be between a flag on the signal boat and a flag on the pin boat.



Any combination of a triangle (indicated by T) or Windward-Leeward Course (indicated by W) may be run, the course will be indicated by code flags T and W accompanied by Numerals Pennants 1, 2 or 3. The letters flags indicate which course is to be run and the number flag the number of laps around the course (when the numeral flag is absent 1 lap is required).

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For example T2W (or T2W1) would indicate 2 laps of a triangle (marks 1-2-3; 1-2-3) then 1 lap of windward leeward (marks 1-3).

All marks will be rounded to port



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Pin Boat

Signal Boat



Start & Finish

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