

DRYA JUNIOR SAILING

2009 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The DYRA Junior Sailing regattas are governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.

All class rules, including safety equipment, shall be enforced. Bailers and tow lines are required for all competitors.

Coaching is permitted in the back half of the Optimist Green fleet only.

2 ELIGIBILITY

All competitors in the 420, 420 Collegiate, Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 divisions must have reached their 9th but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the regatta is held.

All competitors in the Optimist division must have reached their 8th birthday but not their 16th birthday during the calendar year in which the regatta is held.

All competitors must be members of DRYA Junior Sailing or have submitted completed regatta entry forms with all fees By Wednesday, prior to the first regatta.

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' briefing. Late entries or corrections cannot be scored.

3 CLASSES, DIVISIONS, FLEETS

Classes will race in the following Divisions:

Division 1 420, 420 Collegiate

Division 2 Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7

Division 3 Optimist Red Fleet (ages 13-15), Blue Fleet (ages 11-12) and White Fleet (ages 10 and under).

Division 4 Optimist Green Fleet (ages 15 and under).

4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day they take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff or from another prominent location.

Postponement. Answering pennant (AP) with two sounds. Do not leave the harbor. The AP will be lowered with one sound 40 minutes before the initial Warning signal for the next race.

Abandonment. Flags N over A with two sounds. All races are abandoned for the day.

6 SCHEDULE

The schedule shall be posted on the official notice board no later than 0800 hours on the first day of the regatta.

7 CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT

Competitors shall check in with their course Race Committee prior to the Warning signal for the first race of the day and shall check out with a regatta host at the conclusion of the days racing. A competitor who fails to check in either before or after racing is subject to disqualification for that day's races.

8 COURSE LOCATIONS

Course locations will be posted on the official notice board and will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

9 RACE COURSES

The courses to be sailed are attached to these instructions as Appendix A.

10 MARKS

All marks will be orange or yellow inflatable pyramids or spheres. A mark may be deployed from the Race Committee signal boat. Boats passing between that mark and the signal boat will be deemed to have touched the mark. Boats that break this instruction are required to make two complete penalty turns as described in rule 44.2. This changes rule 31.2.

11 START/FINISH

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark at the port end.

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the nearby finishing mark.

Boats may not cross the Start/Finish Line except when starting or finishing the race.

12 STARTING SEQUENCES

The Race Committee will display the course designation before the Warning signal for that race. In addition to a visual signal, the Race Committee may hail the course orally but is not required to do so.

Two starting systems will be used: Racing Rule 26 for the 420/Laser course and Appendix Q for all other divisions.

Failure to hear sound signals on courses using the Appendix Q starting system will not be grounds for redress.

13 TIME LIMIT

If no boat rounds the first mark within 30 minutes of the starting signal, that race will be abandoned. The time limit for the entire race shall be 1 hour, 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14 PROTESTS

A boat that intends to protest shall notify the Race Committee promptly after finishing that race. This changes rule 61.1(a).

Written protests shall be filed within 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks. The protest time limits will be posted.

A list of written protests received and the location of the protest room will be posted shortly after the protest time limit. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt.

Observers may be allowed at the discretion of the jury.

15 PENALTIES

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 rule 44 and rule 31.

Only one penalty turn is required for a breach of any rule in the Optimist Green Fleet. This changes rule 44.

16 SCORING

The approved DRYA Scoring system shall be used.

One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

The maximum number of races will be fifteen.

After five races have been completed, one throughout will be permitted.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class. In addition, the prizes will be awarded to the top five Optimist Green Fleet. Participation awards and special awards may be presented at the discretion of the race committee.

18 SAFETY

Competitors shall wear a USCG approved Type III PFD properly secured while on the water. PFD's must have a whistle attached. Failure to comply with this instruction may lead to protest and disqualification.

19 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Boats retiring shall notify the Race Committee or an instructor who shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Failure to comply with this instruction may lead to protest and disqualification.

Skipper and crew must be registered with the scorer no later than 1800 hours the day before the regatta. Minor skipper and/or crew substitutions will be allowed and scored only if registered with the scorer prior to 0900 hours the day of the regatta. Skipper and crew may exchange positions on the water provided that the scorer and the Race Committee are notified before the Warning signal of the race in question.

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.

Sail numbers can be changed only with the permission of the Race Committee and the scorer. 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 shall not make contact or communicate with competitors from the time of the preparatory signal until competitors have completed the race. The penalty as 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 and Jury.