



Clearwater Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions: Clearwater Championships October 10 & 11, 2009

C 420, Laser, Laser Radial, Red, White & Blue Optimist Fleets

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA), the Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions, and by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC). This event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida.

1.3 The regatta is designated Category C in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, ISAF Regulation 20.

2. Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Community Sailing Center (CCSC).

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change in these sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Sailing Center (CCSC).

5.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sounds signals " **POSTPONMENT**, do not leave the harbor".

5.3 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Saturday October 10 0800 Registration
 0930 Skippers Meeting
 0945 Harbor Start
 1100 1st warning signal, races to follow

Sunday October 11 1000 1st warning signal, races to follow
 No warning signal will be made after 1400
 Awards to follow ASAP after last race

6.2 12 races are scheduled for this event. The finish boat will signal 'H' Flag while finishing the last race of the day.

7. Racing Area

The racing areas will be the Gulf of Mexico south of the Clearwater Pass. The race committee reserves the right to race in Clearwater Bay should conditions prohibit racing in the Gulf.

8. Courses

8.1 The course to be sailed is shown in appendix A.

8.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed from the RC signal boat.

9. Marks

9.1 Marks for will be large triangular yellow "PYRA" marks.

9.2 The start and finish marks will be round orange marks.

9.3 New marks, when used in accordance with instruction 11, Change of Course, will have a black band attached. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The Class Flags will be:

Optimist R W B Fleet – Numeral code "1" (one) pennant.

Laser Fleet (all) - Numeral code "2" (two) pennant.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.4 No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 3 knots throughout the racing area.

10.5 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS, this changes RRS A4.1.

10.6 The warning signal for a succeeding start may be made at, or any time after, the starting signal for the preceding start.

11. Change Of Course

A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

13. Abandonment & Time Limit

13.1 The time limit for a race will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

13.2 The Race Committee will abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing skill.

14. Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA and Optimist Class Rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.

15. Protests

15.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Finish Boat and report to the Finish Boat. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee Boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

15.2 Protests should be lodged at the CCSC Official Notice Board within 45 minutes of the time the Race Committee Finish Boat docks. The Race Committee will post the docking (beginning of protest) time on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical after docking.

15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the end of the protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

16. Scoring

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

16.2 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

16.3 When five or more races are completed, the worst discardable score shall be dropped. An additional discard will apply if 9 or more races are completed.

17. Safety

17.1 **Before going afloat and immediately upon returning to shore**, but not later than the end of the protest time limit, each sailor shall personally sign his/her name on the official **SIGN OUT / SIGN IN SHEETS** located near the Official Notice Board on the lower level of the CCSC.

17.2 A USCG approved (or international equivalent) P F D shall be worn at all times except when changing clothing. This changes RRS 40.

17.3 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible and shall follow the same procedure as in 8.1

17.4 Failure to comply with any part of 17.1 or 17.3 shall result in a competitor having 5 points (SVA) added to his/her score without a hearing for the first violation, 10 points (SVB) for the second violation without a hearing and for a third and subsequent violations, a penalty shall be determined at a hearing by the Protest Committee which may include **DSQ** for the series.

17,5 competitors may not protest under SI 17.

18 Coach and Support Boats

18.1 Coach and Support Boats shall register with the RC Safety Committee prior to regatta start and display the appropriate flag while on the water.

18.2 During each race coach, support and spectator boats shall stay well outside the course including the lay lines to the marks and the start and finish lines

18.3 Radio– The race committee will use Channel 72. Coaches should monitor CH 72.

18.4 After a finish, coach and support boats shall not communicate with competitors until the competitors are well clear of the finish area.

Violation of any part of SI 18 may result in a penalty up to and including disqualification of the competitor(s) associated with the violating support craft for the race in which the violation occurs.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

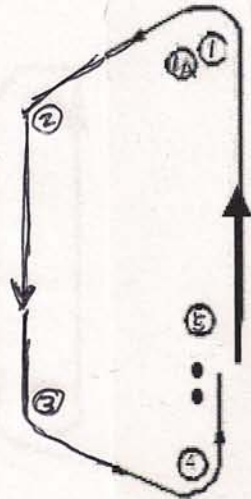
20. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet.



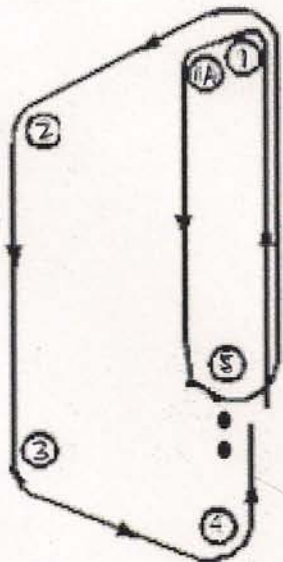
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Appendix A



Optimist - Outer Course
Start, 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, Finish

START
FINISH



C420 & Lasers - Inner Loop
Start, 1, 1A, 5, 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, Finish

START
FINISH