

CLUB 420 2010 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sailing Instructions

July 20-23

ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

Brant Beach Yacht Club,

And

CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The Club 420 Class Rules and Bylaws including: The Club 420 Association, Inc. is organized to provide for junior sailing. Individuals who will be twenty two years old in the year of an event may not compete in Club 420 regattas

1.3 RRS Appendix P will apply, but is changed per 1.3 (i)

1.3 The following racing rules are changed:

(a) **RRS 60.** is changed to limit who may protest for certain infractions under these instructions.

(c) **RRS 61** is changed to add:" In addition to the requirements of rule 61, a boat must inform the on-water Protest Committee or one of the finish boats of it's intention to protest immediately after finishing."

(d) **RRS 61.1(a)(2)** is changed as follows: "All boats intending to protest shall conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity pursuant to RRS 61.1".

(e) **RRS 62.2** and 66 are changed to modify the time limit for request to reopen a hearing and for redress on the last scheduled day of racing.

(f) **RRS 35, A4 and A5** are changed to permit the scoring of "Did Not Finish without a hearing for a boat that finishes more than twenty minutes after the first finisher in that boat's heat.

(g) **RRS A2** is changed to modify the number of races required to permit a throw out.

(h) **RRS A4 and A5** are changed so the "a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing".

(i) **RRS Appendix P is changed as follows**

(1) **P2.1** is changed to "When a boat is penalized under rule P1 her penalty shall be:

(a) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing, a two turn penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

(b) if her penalty is signaled after she finishes, ten (10) points will be added to her score for that race.

(2) **P2.2, P2.3 and P2.5** are eliminated.

1.4 No contestant, regardless of age shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure at the end

of the event. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M of the Racing Rules. The hearing officers may also recommend further action under Rule 69. The officers for a hearing regarding a violation of this prohibition will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairperson of the hearing and the Protest Committee. The Event Chairperson (or in the case where the Chairperson is an Interested Party, their appointee, who shall not be an Interested Party) shall serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the panel and will have a right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process.

1.5 Absent express permission from the Event Chair to do otherwise, all competitors, coaches and parents shall return immediately to the grounds of the Brant Beach Yacht Club when the Race Committee has signaled AP over H or A, or N over H or A. Competitors failing to comply may be disqualified from the last race they sailed prior to the racing being abandoned.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the South Harbor Center adjacent to the flag pole which will be used for signals made ashore.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole at the South Harbor Center.

4.2 When the AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Schedule

Tuesday July 20	0730	Breakfast
	0845	Parents and Coaches Meeting
	0900	Mandatory Competitors' Meeting
	1030	First Warning Signal.
		Racing to follow
Wednesday July 21	0730	Breakfast
	0830	Optional Competitors' Meeting
	1000	First Warning Signal
		Racing To Follow
Thursday July 22	0730	Breakfast
	0830	Optional Competitors' Meeting
	1000	First Warning Signal
		Racing to follow

Friday July 23

0730 Breakfast

0830 Optional Competitors' Meeting

1000 First Warning Signal

Racing to follow

1400 No warning signal after this time

Awards Barbeque as soon as possible after return to

shore

5.2 The Race Committee will endeavor to start as many races a day as weather conditions permit. Remain on the water unless the finish boat displays the signal flag "H".

6. CLASS

There will be one Class, the Club 420.

7. REGATTA FORMAT

7.1 One Race is sufficient to constitute a championship.

7.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled

7.3 Each day of racing the boat will be assigned to one of three fleets: Yellow, Blue or Red. A streamer shall be provided to each boat to be flown from the top of the mast. The boat shall stay in that fleet for the entire day of racing. At the start of each subsequent day, the fleets shall be reassigned and the boats shall be provided a new streamer.

Yellow-Outer Course

Blue-Inner Course

Red-Outer Course

7.4 In the event that all fleets have not completed a race for the day, none of the races for that race shall be counted. If no race is complete in one day, the boats shall stay in assigned fleets for the next day.

8. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be west of the Brant Beach Yacht Club on the waters of Little Egg Harbor Bay.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee will display on board on the Signal Boat the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

9.3 Unless the course is shortened, boats shall pass between the gate marks (3s and 3p) on the last leg of the course before the leg to the finish.

10 MARKS

10.1 The Inner Course shall be Orange Tetrahedrons. The Outer Course shall be Yellow Tetrahedrons. The final mark of the course below the finish line shall be a Green Tetrahedron.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the anchored RC pin boat.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This instruction changes rule A4 and A5

11.4 The Race Committee may attempt to hail the boat(s) on the course side of the starting line prior to the starting signal. The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats who are OCS, failure of the boat to hear the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark and indicate the change using a “C” flag along with a Red (to port) or Green (to starboard) flag.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line shall be between staffs displaying orange flags on the Race Committee finish boats.

13.2 When no more racing is declared for the day the finish boat will display an “H” flag.

14. ON-WATER JUDGES

14.1 On-water Judge boats will fly a blue flag either displaying “J” or “Judge”

14.2 Appendix P as modified per paragraph 1.3 (i) shall apply.

14.3 If a Protest Committee sees a boat violate a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) or RRS 31 (Touching a Mark), the Protest Committee may make one sound signal but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1, the Protest Committee may protest one or more boats.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be ninety (90) minutes. If no boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, the heat will be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of a heat to sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This instruction changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS, SCORING INQUIRIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest and Scoring Inquiry forms are available at the Protest Committee secretary’s desk located in the Recreational Vehicle adjacent to the South Harbor Center, requests for redress and scoring inquiries shall be delivered to the Protest Committee secretary within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit for all Fleets shall be 45 minutes after the Finish Boat docks at the Brant Beach Yacht Club.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Recreation Vehicle parked near the South Harbor Center. The Secretary to the Protest Committee will post the intended order of hearings on a board adjacent to the Recreational Vehicle.

16.4 Notice of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 1.2, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

16.6 Breaches of instructions 18, 20, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This instruction changes RRS 60.1.

16.7 Scoring inquiries must be filed by 0930 hrs on the day following the race in question or two hours after the posting to the preliminary results for that race, whichever is later, except for the last day of racing. For races held the last day of racing, scoring inquiries must be filed within the protest time limit or 20 minutes after the provisional final results are posted, whichever is later.

16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This instruction changes RRS 66.

16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on the Protest Committee's decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision has been posted. This instruction changes RRS 62.2

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2 A boat's worst score will be excluded when six (6) or more races have been completed. A boat's two worst scores will be excluded when eleven (11) or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.

17.3 The scores to be used to determine to whom the trophies for Top Girls and Top Juniors shall be the scores of the competitors as amongst all competitors.

18. SAFETY

18.1 All boats shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the first warning each day by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat, hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the Race Committee.

18.2 A competitor retiring from a heat shall notify a safety boat before leaving the course, and notify the Scoring manager in the regatta headquarters.

18.3 Competitors who are US citizens or US residents shall wear a US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times while afloat. 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. The PFD may be removed temporarily so that clothing may be changed, added or removed. The penalty for breaking this instruction shall be DSQ.

18.4 All competitors must have a whistle attached by a lanyard to their PFD at all times while afloat.. The lanyard shall be long enough to permit the sailor to use the whistle while wearing the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.

18.5 Boats that infringe the Preamble to Part 2 of the Rules and are witnessed by or reported to the Race Committee are subject to protest by the Race Committee.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

Measurement may be made of boats at anytime during the regatta by a measurement boat or at the direction of the Race Committee.

20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 General coach and support boat requirements

(a) Coach boats must register prior to the first competitors' meeting on the first day of racing with the Organizing Authority and fly a flag with a number provided by the Organizing Authority (a \$20 cash deposit will be required) at all times while on the water. Coach boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel.

(b) Support boats must register prior to the first competitors' meeting on to the first day of racing with the Organizing Authority and fly a blue flag with a number provided by the Organizing Authority (a \$20 cash deposit will be required) at all times while on the water.

(c) Coach and support boats shall follow the instructions of Race Committee, Safety, Protest Committee, and Race Management boats.

(d) No coach or support boat shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers.

20.2 Restrictions

(a) All coach and support boats shall stay clear of the racing area at all times while boats are racing, except where permitted in this instruction.

(b) All coach and support boats shall further stay more than 100 yards away from any racing boat 50 yards outside the racing area, whichever is greater and move slowly and with minimal wake.

(c) All coach and support boats shall stay out of the starting area at all times; and prior to the start of a heat shall remain in the Waiting Area. A line of small orange buoys below the starting line defines the Waiting area. All Coach or Support boats must stay below this line of buoys

20.3 Penalties

(a) Competitors affiliated with any coach or support boat that breaks SI 20 may break RRS 41.

(b) Coaches or support boats that break SI 21 may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including exclusion from the venue.

21. ENVIRONMENT

Discharge of trash into the water by competitors, support boats, Race Committee or Protest Committee is prohibited.

22. PRIZES

Trophies shall be presented for the following:

Overall: 1st through 15th

Top girls: 1st through 3rd (both skipper and crew are female)

Top juniors: 1st through 3rd (both skipper and crew under 17 throughout 2010)

APPENDIX "A"

CLUB 420 North American Championship Race Course

