

Texas Youth Race Week
July 6 – 8, 2018
Singlehanded and Doublehanded Circle
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

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

1.2. Each competitor from the USA in the Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Feva, c420, and i420 classes must wear a USCG approved PFD, made 100% of foam, while on the water at all time, properly secured at all times, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved, nor permitted, as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result in a penalty up to an including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC).

This modifies RRS 40. The Preamble to RRS Part 4, will not apply to RRS 40.

1.3. Competitors from other countries may wear a PFD approved by their national authority.

1.4. These Sailing Instructions (SI's) amend the following RRS: 32, 33, 35, 41, 60.1(a), 61.1, 62.1, Appendix A4, and Race Signals.

1.5. Appendix T will apply.

1.6. Appendix V1 will apply.

1.7. All c420 teams competing for the Area F Bemis Qualifier, please see NOR addendum for additional information.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the windows to the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC) Junior Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1. Any change or amendment to the SI's will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3.2. Any change or amendment to the SI's shall have the prior approval of the PRO and the Chief Judge.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the TCYC flagpole on the water-side front lawn.

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

5. SCHEDULE:

5.1.

Thursday, July 5	1600- 1800	Competitor Registration & Check-in, Support Boat flag Registration	TCYC Jr Clubhouse
Friday, July 6	0930- 1030	Registration	TCYC Jr Clubhouse
	1100	Competitor, Coach and Support Boat meeting. MANDATORY	Poolside porch
	1130	Lunch	Poolside porch
	1200	Harbor Start	
	1300	First warning signal, more races to follow	
Saturday, July 7	1100	Competitor, Coach and Support Boat meeting. MANDATORY	Poolside porch
	1130	Lunch	Poolside porch
	1200	Harbor Start	
	1300	First warning signal, more races to follow	
Sunday, July 8	1100	Competitor, Coach and Support boar meeting. MANDATORY	Poolside porch
	1130	Lunch	Poolside porch
	1200	Harbor Start	
	1300	First warning signal, more races to follow	
	1600	No warning signal will be made after this time	
	ASAP	Awards to follow racing. Competitor Dinner	Waterside lawn tent

5.2. Ten (10) races are scheduled.

6. CLASS FLAG:

6.1 The class flag for the Radial fleet will be a yellow flag with the Laser class insignia.

6.2 The class flag for the c420 fleet will be a white flag with a c420 class insignia.

6.3 All other class flags for other fleets on this circle will be described at the first mandatory competitors meeting.

7. RACING AREA:

The racing area location is in the Galveston Bay, approximately 1 NM ENE of the TCYC pier.

8. CHECK IN ON THE WATER:

Prior to the first warning signal of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee (RC) signal boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty on the first

race of the day.

9. COURSES:

All courses to be sailed and the order the marks are to be rounded, are shown in Addendum 2.

10. MARKS:

10.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be orange tetrahedrons.

10.2. Mark 1a, an offset mark, will be an orange buoy.

10.3. Start/finish marks shall be an orange buoys.

11. THE START:

11.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins to attract attention.

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

11.3. A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes RRS A 4.1.

11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line, **and its extensions**, and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

12. RECALLS:

12.1. Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.

12.2. The RC may hail 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 COURSE OR NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark to a new position. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH:

The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the finish mark.

15. TIME LIMIT:

15.1. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.

15.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit. However, at its discretion, the RC may finish any boat in place and it will be scored based on its

position on the race course. This modifies RRS 32 and 35.

15.3. A race may be abandoned by the RC if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 20 minutes of the start. This modifies RRS 32.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

16.1. A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the RC finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing. This modifies RRS 61.1.

16.2. Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the protest desk inside the TCYC Junior Clubhouse.

Completed forms shall be delivered to the protest desk 45 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. This time shall be posted on the official notice board.

16.3. The protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.

16.4. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SI's 8, 18, 19, and 20. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for breaking these SI's may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the PC.

16.5. Parents, coaches, and spectators not competing in the event will not be permitted to participate in, or monitor, pre-hearings. If the PC decides to hold open hearings these individuals will be permitted to monitor protest hearings within the constraints required by the RRS.

17. SCORING:

17.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more; if ten (10) races are completed her two (2) worst scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.1.

17.2. One (1) race constitutes a regatta.

18. SAFETY:

18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18.2. All Coach, Parent and Support boats shall monitor the RC VHF channel, which will be described at the mandatory competitor meeting.

18.3. If called upon by the PRO, all Coach, Parent and Support boats shall help competitors, even if they are not on their team.

19. DISPOSAL OF TRASH:

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

19.2. All RC vessels will accept trash from competitors.

20. SUPPORT BOATS:

20.1. Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least 100 yards away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start a race until after the competitor has finished, or the RC signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment. The RC, at its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of RRS 2 and may protest. The penalty which will be 30% applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision. This modifies RRS 44.3.

20.2. Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.

20.3. The PRO reserves the right to limit coaches and spectators to one side of the course.

21. PRIZES:

21.1. Prizes shall be awarded in the Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, c420, i420, as follows:

Overall: 1st through 3rd place (or 5th if more than 25 boats)

Top Girl Laser Radial.

21.2. The top two eligible c420 teams will qualify to represent Area F at the 2018 US Sailing Chubb Junior Championships to be held August 6-10 at North Cape Yacht Club in LaSalle, Michigan.

22. 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 or prior to, during or after the regatta.