

Texas Youth Race Week  
July 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Laser/I420 c420 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 Laser, I420, and C420 racing in this event must have aboard life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations in either the USA or the home country of each of the sailors aboard.
- 1.3. The following Racing Rules are being amended in these Sailing Instructions: 32; 33; 35; 41; 60.1(a); 61.1; 62.1; Appendix A4; and Race Signals.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the porch of the Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC) Youth Seahorse Lounge deck white board.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 3.1. Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 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 Sailing Instructions will have the prior approval of the Regatta Chairman or the PRO.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Small boat harbor flag hoist.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than ninety (90) minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

**5. SCHEDULE:**

Tuesday, July 11

Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Seahorse Lounge

Wednesday, July 12

0800-1000	Check-In (Clinic ONLY) @ LYC Lobby
0900-1000	Breakfast in Ballroom followed by Nutrition Program
1030	Rig
1100-1400	Starting Clinic
1730	Competitors Dinner @ Ballroom with speaker Luther Carpenter, US Sailing Senior Olympic Coach
1800	Parents Social @ LYC Lounge
1700-1900	Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Lobby

Thursday, July 13

0900-1000	Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Seahorse Lounge
1015	Coaches' Meeting
1030	Competitors', Coaches', and Parents' Meeting (Mandatory)
1100	Harbor Start
1200	First Warning

Friday, July 14

1015	Coaches' Meeting
1100	Harbor Start
1200	First Warning Signal
After Racing	Competitors Dinner and Awards ceremony @ LYC Ballroom

Friday, July 14 (For those sailors who did not already Check-In for all four days)  
1700-1800 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Seahorse Lounge

Saturday, July 15  
0900-1000 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Seahorse Lounge  
1015 Coaches' Meeting  
1030 Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting  
1100 Harbor Start  
1200 First Warning Signal

Sunday, July 16  
1015 Coaches' Meeting  
1100 Harbor Start  
1200 First Warning Signal  
After Racing Competitors Dinner and Awards ceremony @ LYC Ballroom

No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday.

**6. CLASS FLAG:**

- 6.1. The Class Flag for the Radial and 4.7 classes will be the Class Insignia.
- 6.2. The c420 and the I420 classes will start together. The Class Flag for the c420 and I420 starting group will be the c420 Class Insignia.

**7. RACING AREA:**

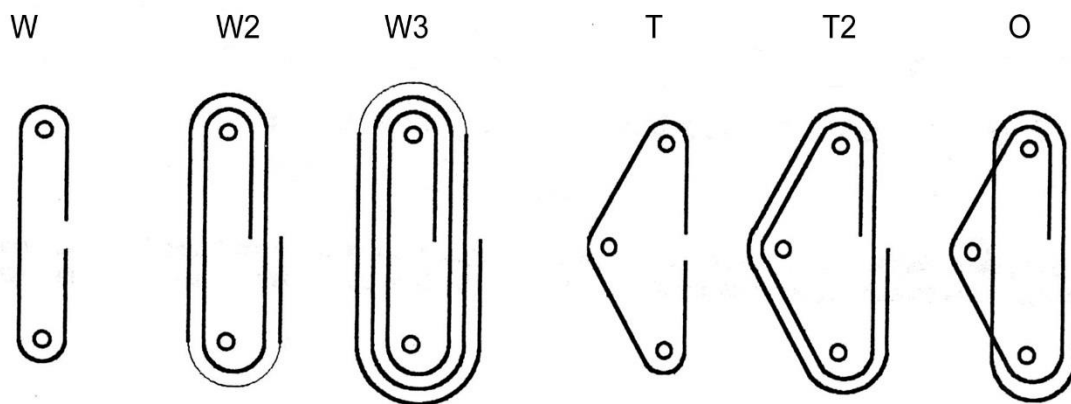
- 7.1. The Racing Area location is in the Galveston Bay off the Kemah channel.
- 7.2. The distance to the racing area is approximately 2 nautical miles in an easterly to south easterly direction. You will need to be towed to and from the race course.

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 Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

**9. COURSES:**

- 9.1. There will be three types of race courses as follows: "W" (windward/leeward) – windward, leeward, windward to finish; "T" (triangle) – windward, reach, reach, windward to finish; or "O" (Olympic) – windward, reach, reach, windward, leeward, windward to finish. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "T" or "W".

9.2. The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.



9.3. Unless a race is shortened in accordance with the Rules, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the windward leg. During the race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying an orange flag on a staff, the start/finish line will be an obstruction, except to finish. Boats that sail through this obstruction will be scored points equal to DNF, unless they properly unwind.

10. **MARKS:**

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 10.2. Start/finish mark shall be a Orange Sphere.

11. **THE START:**

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 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 Race Committee boat and the 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 Rule A 4.1.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

12. **RECALLS.**

12.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the tip numbers of 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 rules 41 and 62.1. It is the responsibility of each competitor to display the issued tip number during the regatta.

13. **CHANGE OF COURSE OR NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:**

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. This changes Rule 33.

14. **THE FINISH:**

- 14.1. The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee 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 but in any case no more than a score of DNF; however, at its discretion, the Race Committee may finish any boat in place and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies Rules 32 & 35.
- 15.3. A race may be abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 20 minutes of the start. This modifies Rule 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 race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing. This changes Rule 61.1.
- 16.2. Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the clubhouse, and delivered to the Regatta Chair or their representative there within sixty (60) minutes after the Signal Boat from the Competitors race course docks.
- 16.3. Before any protest is heard, a pre-hearing with one Judge, the Protester and Protestee will be conducted. If these three can unanimously agree on a resolution of the protest within 15 minutes, no protest hearing will be held. If the pre-hearing participants agree that the protested or protesting boat infringed a rule, that boat may take the scoring penalty set forth below by completing a report indicating acceptance of the penalty and submitting it to the protest committee. If the protest is not resolved during the pre-hearing, a full protest hearing will be conducted according to Racing Rules Part 5. The person who served as mediator may not serve on the protest committee. This modifies Rules 63.1 and 63.2.
- 16.4. Any boat accepting a penalty in a pre-hearing will receive a penalty score equal to the score for the place worst than her actual finishing place by the whole number (rounding .5 upward) nearest to 40% of the number of boats racing in the race in which the infringement occurred, except that it shall not be scored worse than DNF. The scores of the other boats in the race shall not be changed; therefore two boats may receive the same score.
- 16.5. The protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within thirty (30) minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 16.6. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 18, 19, & 20. This changes Rule 60.1(a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 16.7. Parents, coaches, advisors, etc. not competing in the event will not be permitted to participate in or monitor pre-hearings. If the protest committee 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, but not ten (10), races are completed; if ten (10) races are completed her two worst scores will be excluded.
- 17.2. For Laser and Double-Handed fleets, the regatta shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position regardless of whether the sailor meets the age requirement of a junior sailor under the Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine the finish place of each junior aged sailor for purposes of junior awards and junior place finish in the regatta. Awards for adult sailors (i.e. those sailors who exceed the junior age eligibility limit) are at the host club's discretion.
- 17.3. The c420 and I420 classes will be scored separately.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

- 18.1. Each day, before the start of a competitors' first race of the day, each boat is required to sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Signal boat and verbally check in.
- 18.2. When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's tip or sail number, the check-in has been officially noted.
- 18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

**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.

**20. SUPPORT BOATS:**

- 20.1. Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least Two Hundred (200') feet 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 Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The Race Committee, in its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per Rule 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision.
- 20.2. Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.

**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: 1st place

**22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

- 22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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