



Marblehead Junior Race Week

The organizing authority (OA) is the Pleon Yacht Club, supported by Boston, Corinthian, Eastern, and Manchester Yacht Clubs

July 22-24, 2019

Marblehead, Massachusetts

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Appendix T, Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution, will apply.
- 1.2 Appendix P except for P2.2 and P2.3 will apply for the championship fleets.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the tent.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Skippers shall not have reached their 19th birthday as of December 31, 2019.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Pleon Yacht Club flagpole.
- 5.2 Code flag AP with two sounds means: "The race is postponed. The first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes Race Signal AP.
- 5.3 Competitors in the 420, Laser and Optimist Championship fleets shall not leave the dock area until the race committee has fired the harbor start gun from the Eastern Yacht Club signal boat located on or near the Eastern Yacht Club dock.
- 5.4 Competitors in the Optimist Green fleet shall not leave the dock area until the race committee has sounded one long horn harbor start signal from the Pleon Clubhouse located on or near the Eastern Yacht Club dock.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The planned schedule of races in all fleets is as follows:
 - Monday, July 22 multiple races
 - Tuesday, July 23 multiple races
 - Wednesday, July 24 multiple races
- 6.2 For those racing in the 420 fleets and the Optimist Championship fleet, the maximum number of races will be 12. The Laser fleet may sail a maximum of 15 races. There is no limit on the number of races for the Optimist Green fleet.
- 6.3 On Monday, July 22, at 11:00 am there will be a mandatory skippers meeting in the tent for all competitors.
- 6.4 The Optimist Green sailors will have a special skippers meeting each day. On Monday it will be a continuation of the 11:00 am skippers meeting. On Tuesday and Wednesday it will be at 10:00 am. These meetings will be held in the tent.
- 6.5 On Monday, July 22, the harbor start signal is scheduled for 12:00 noon. On subsequent days, the harbor start signal is scheduled for 9:30 am.

- 6.6 For the Optimist Green fleet the harbor start signal is scheduled for 12:30 pm on Monday, July 22. On subsequent days, the harbor start signal will be at the discretion of the organizers. It is anticipated that it will be approximately 45 minutes after the racing lines harbor start.
- 6.7 The first warning signal for racing lines other than the Opti Green line will be no sooner than 45 minutes after their harbor start signal.
- 6.8 No race will be started after 4:30 pm on Monday and Tuesday; no race will be started after 2:30 pm on Wednesday.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags will be:

Club 420	Class flag or numeral pennant #1
Club 420 Green	Class insignia on green or numeral pennant #2
Laser Radial	Class flags or numeral pennant #3
Laser Full	Class flag or numeral pennant #4
Optimist Red/White/Blue	Class flag or numeral pennant #5
Optimist Green Fleet A	Yellow flag – even sail numbers
Optimist Green Fleet B	Teal flag – odd sail numbers

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing areas are shown on the chart included with these sailing instructions.
- 8.2 420 Line - seaward side of Marblehead Rock.
- 8.3 Laser Line - seaward side of Childrens Island.
- 8.4 Optimist Championship Line - near red Nun #2, off Childrens Island.
- 8.5 Optimist Green Line - near Can #1MH, just outside the main harbor.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Diagrams showing the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed are on a separate sheet included in these sailing instructions. A waterproof copy of these diagrams will be included in each skippers bag.
- 9.2 The identifying letter of the course will be displayed in the forward rack on the race committee boat.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 420 Line turning marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 Laser Line turning marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 Optimist Championship Line turning marks will be red tetrahedrons.
- 10.4 Optimist Green Line turning marks will be orange balls.
- 10.5 The starting marks will be a race committee signal boat at the starboard end and either a green tetrahedron or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.
- 10.6 The finishing marks will be a race committee boat at the port end and a green tetrahedron at the starboard end.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The 420, Laser and Optimist Championship Lines will be started using RRS 26.

Title	Signal	Sound	Time to Start
Warning	Numeral pennant	gun	5 minutes
Preparatory	P, I, Z, U, Z with I, or black flag	gun	4 minutes
One minute	Preparatory flag down	horn	1 minute
Start	Numeral pennant down	gun	0 minutes

- 11.2 The Optimist Green Line will be started using RRS Appendix S, Sound-Signal Starting System (the three-minute start system).
- 11.3 The starting line may be either a "one part starting line" OR a "two part starting line using a mid-line boat"
- 11.3.1 ONE PART STARTING LINE: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby green mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.
- 11.3.2 TWO PART STARTING LINE: The starting line will consist of three RC boats: port end line boat, mid-line boat and the Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line. The starting line will consist of orange flags on the three boats, The mid-line boat will have two flags, one on each side of the boat.
- 11.4 When RRS 30.1 Round-an-End Rule is in effect with a Two (2) Part Starting Line, boats subject to this rule shall thereafter either: (a) sail from the course side across an extension of the starting line beyond either the port- or starboard-end line boat to the pre-course side before starting, or (b) round the mid-line boat before starting, leaving it to port. This changes RRS 30.1 (see the diagram below).

- 11.5 Boats whose warning signals have not been made shall keep clear of the starting line and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 11.6 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.
- 11.7 A series of short sound signals will precede the warning signal by one minute for all starts.

12 The Club 420 Green Fleet will use spinnakers unless the Race Committee signals no spinnakers with an "S" flag at the warning signal.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To maintain a course configuration or change course length, marks may be moved as necessary, with no signal, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. NO FLAG OR SOUND SIGNAL WILL BE MADE. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby green mark.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A3 and A4.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protests shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the tent desk within the protest time limit. Protest forms will be available under the tent.
- 16.2 Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat for the protesting boat's racing area has docked. The docking time and protest time limit for each racing area will be posted on the official notice board located under the tent.
- 16.3 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board under the tent. This will inform competitors where and when there is an arbitration meeting or a hearing in which they are parties. The notice will state the time and place of each meeting or hearing.
- 16.4 On the last day of racing, requests to reopen hearings and requests for redress, based on a decision of the protest committee must be filed within 30 minutes after the results or decisions are posted. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if six or more races have been completed.
- 17.2 One race will constitute a regatta.
- 17.3 Overall fleet scoring will be used to determine white, blue and red fleet positions for the Optimist Championship class.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 Competitors are required to wear a appropriate self buoyant PFD **with whistle attached** at all times while launching boats, on the floats, or on the water, except temporarily while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2 A member of the crew of each boat must inform a member of the safety committee, located on the Pleon porch, before leaving the dock.
- 18.3 All boats are required to check in with the race committee signal boat before the start of their first race of the day by sailing past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack, hailing their sail number and receiving acknowledgement.
- 18.4 A competitor from any boat leaving the racing area before racing is completed for the day shall notify a race committee or safety boat as soon as practicable. If this is not practicable on the water, the competitor shall notify a member of the safety committee at the Pleon Yacht Club as soon as possible.
- 18.5 A member of the crew of each boat must check in on land after docking and before the end of the protest time limit. After checking in, no competitor shall re-launch their boat without permission of the race committee.
- 18.6 Bowlines: Optimists and 420s must follow their class rules. Lasers must carry a separate 20 foot minimum length bowline suitable for towing.
- 18.7 Penalties for breaches of SI 18 will be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1. DP

19 SPECTATORS/COACHES

- 19.1 Coaches, safety and spectator boats shall stay well clear (50 meters) of any boat racing, mark or layline, as well as race committee boats, except as provided for in SI 18.3.
- 19.2 All coach and spectator boats shall display a colored flag as provided by the organizing authority, indicating that they are available as safety boats if the need arises. Note that race committee mark boats will display a yellow race committee flag.

- 19.3 Coaching on the Optimist Green and 420 Green Lines during the race is requested, except that it is limited to competitors in the bottom half of the fleet. The race committee will designate coaches that will be permitted on the racecourse.
- 19.4 Coaches, spectator and safety boats shall monitor Channel 72 for communication with the race committee.
- 19.5 Penalties for breaches of SI 19 will be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1. DP

20 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

- 20.1 Competitors should read RRS 55 regarding trash disposal. Note that RRS 55 applies at all times while competitors are on the water.
- 20.2 This event is designated as a **CLEAN REGATTA** by the Sailors for the Sea Organization. By entering, all competitors agree to abide by **CLEAN REGATTA** "Best Practices" (available at the skippers meeting).

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Regatta awards will be for at least first through third places for all starting classes; additional awards will be determined by the size of the fleets.

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Line Locations

