

New Bedford Yacht Club  
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43<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**2015 BUZZARDS BAY REGATTA**

**C420 and I420 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**August 7, 8, & 9, 2015**

Organizing Authority: Buzzards Bay Regatta, Inc.  
Host: New Bedford Yacht Club ("NBYC"), Padanaram Harbor, MA

**1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Attachments and supplements are part of these sailing instructions.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions 60.3 and 63.2 do not apply to this regatta.

**2.0 ENTRY PROCEDURES**

- 2.1 Boats that race before completing the entry procedures described in the NOR will be scored Did Not Compete for such races, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

**3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the tent in front of the NBYC clubhouse.

**4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

**5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the NBYC flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes in race signal AP'. This changes Race Signal AP.

## **6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.
- 6.3 The race committee will run as many races as practicable each day.
- 6.4 No warning will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday.
- 6.5 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means, "No more racing today".

## **7.0 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 C420 and I420 classes will race in the Green racing area. A chart will be posted.

## **8.0 COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachments 1 and 2 show the course configurations, including the approximate angles between legs.
- 8.2 Marks, including the windward offset mark, shall be rounded in order and left to port, except that a leeward gate shall be rounded as described in RRS 28.2(c). If only one leeward mark is set, it shall be rounded to port.
- 8.3 The courses will be:
  - TO Outer Trapezoid: Start-1(port)-offset(port)-2(port)-3(port)-2(port)-3(port)-4(port)-Finish
  - TI Inner Trapezoid: Start-1(port)-offset(port)-5S/5P(gate)-1(port)-offset(port)-2(port)-3(port)-4(port)-Finish
  - WO Windward/Leeward, posted with the number of full legs; e.g.,  
WO3: Start-1(port)-offset(port)-5(port)-Finish(upwind)
  - WOG Windward/Leeward with a leeward gate, posted with the number of full legs; e.g.,  
WOG3: Start-1(port)-offset(port)-5S/5P-Finish(upwind)
  - NOG Windward/Leeward with the leeward mark and finish set to leeward of signal boat; e.g.,  
NOG3: Start-1(port)-offset(port)-4S/4P(gate)-Finish(upwind)

8.4 The following information will be displayed on a board on the RC signal boat:

- the course designation;
- the approximate distance (in nautical miles) from the starting line to mark 1;
- the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to mark 1.

For example:

TI  
1.0  
235

8.5 After starting, competitors shall not cross the starting or finishing lines except when complying with a rule or, after finishing, refishing. The starting and finishing lines are obstructions on all legs of the course (including a leg starting a second lap) except on the first and last legs.

## 9.0 MARKS

9.1 The marks for drop mark courses on each racing area are described in Attachment 3.

## 10.0 THE START

10.1 Before racing each day each boat shall check in with the signal boat by passing behind the signal boat from the starboard side and shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. Boats that fail to check in before their Preparatory signal may receive a 20% scoring penalty [see RRS 44.3(c)] without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10.2 Class flags and time limits (see SI 15) are described in the table below.

Color	Class	Class Flag	Time Limit (minutes)	Finishing Window (minutes)
Green	Club 420	Group Color	90	30
Green	I 420	Class Flag	90	30

10.3 The starting line will consist of 2 line segments, which will be between the staffs on race committee boats from which orange flags are displayed. There will be a signal boat (starboard end), a pin boat (port end) and a mid-line boat. The race committee may add a second mid-line boat, in which case the starting line will consist of 3 line segments.

10.4 When a gate start is used, the Race Committee will display flag "G" on the Race Committee signal boat no later than the warning signal. **Refer to Attachment 4 for the Gate Start Procedure.**

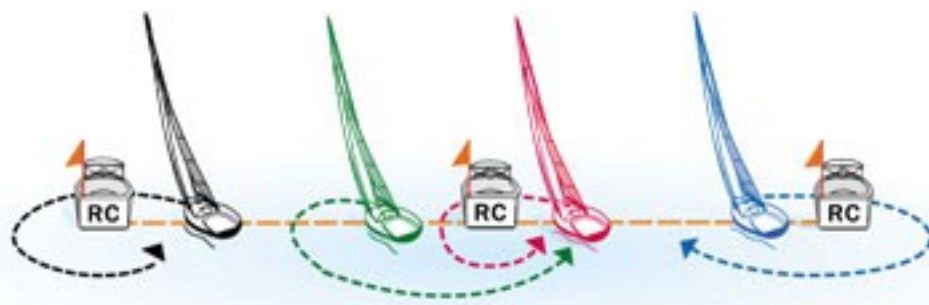
10.5 The race committee may deploy a "keep off" buoy, temporarily attached to the signal boat.

10.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

10.7 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

## 11.0 RECALLS

- 11.1 The race committee will attempt, after the starting signal, to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats and boats that must comply with RRS 30.1. This changes RRS 29.1 and 30.1.
- 11.2 When RRS 30.1 is in effect, the race committee may, in the last minute before the starting signal, hail the sail numbers of boats that have any part of the boat, crew or equipment on the course side of the starting line.
- 11.3 The failure of a boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, or the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4 Rule 30.1 is replaced with: "If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she 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 a mid-line starting boat before starting, leaving it to port (see the diagram below).



## 12.0 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark.

## 13.0 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.

## 14.0 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limits are shown in SI 10.2.
- 14.2 A "finishing window" will open when the first boat that sails the course finishes. Boats still racing when the finishing window closes (see SI 10.2) will be scored "Time Limit Expired" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5. Time Limit Expired is defined as two places more than the number of boats who properly sailed the course and finished in the finishing window.
- 14.3 If boats at the end of the fleet are delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score those boats in the places they would have finished. This changes RRS A4.

## 15.0 PENALTIES WHILE RACING

- 15.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to "A boat may take a One-turn Penalty at the time of the incident when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

## **16.0 POST RACE PENALTIES**

- 16.1 Appendix T of the RRS, Section B applies. A post race scoring penalty of 20% or 30% may be taken after informing the race committee in writing within the prescribed protest time limits.

## **17.0 PROTESTS, REDRESS AND ARBITRATION**

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk in the NBYC clubhouse.
- 17.2 Requests for scoring review (including OCS) shall be filed within the protest time limit on forms available at the protest desk. Such requests will be reviewed by the race committee before being scheduled for hearing by a protest committee. If unresolved, they shall be considered a Request for Redress and will be considered to have met the protest time limit. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 17.3 Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.4 A list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within 20 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 17.5 Boats are not permitted to protest alleging a breach of SI 18 or 19. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.6 A boat intending to protest alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 should report her intention, including the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she intends to protest, to the RC aboard the finish boat as soon as possible after finishing.
- 17.7 Appendix T of the RRS, Section D "Arbitration" applies.

## **18.0 SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, changed so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded only if five (5) or more races have been completed.
- 18.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 A boat racing with any sail number different from the number on her entry form (or sail number change form) will be scored Did Not Compete without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A 4.1, A5 and G4.
- 18.4 For Friday and Saturday, only races completed by both the Yellow and Blue groups will be included in the series scoring.

## **19.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 All competitors shall wear, while on the water (other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing), a properly fastened US Coast Guard approved (or the equivalent authority of the competitor's home country) PFD. This changes the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 40.
- 19.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the racing area, or, when that is impossible, the NBYC office immediately after arriving ashore.
- 19.3 If the race committee displays flag L before the Warning signal to indicate that a check-in is required, boats that fail to check in before their Preparatory signal may receive a 20% scoring penalty [see RRS 44.3(c)] without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.4 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from any support boat will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.2 and A5. The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

19.5 If there is a medical emergency, contact any RC vessel, or call the EMT boat (VHF channel 16).

## **20.0 TRASH DISPOSAL**

20.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. The penalty for breaking this rule will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may include adding points to a boat's score in the race or the series. This changes RRS 55.

## **21.0 PRIZES**

21.1 Prizes will be given as described in the NOR.

21.2 The Club 420 Association will award prizes for the Triple Crown Series.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1: Trapezoid course diagrams, 1 page

2: Additional course diagrams, 1 page

3: Mark descriptions, 1 page

4: Gate Start Procedure, 3 pages

### **C420 RACING FORMAT: SUPPLEMENT TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1.0 Each boat will be issued a Blue and a Yellow streamer when checking in at the NBYC. The colored streamer corresponding to the boat's group assignment shall be attached to the STARBOARD SHROUD of the boat's mast while racing. See the next paragraph.

1.1 For Friday's racing, boats will be assigned to the blue or yellow group by the Organizing Authority. Boats will be re-assigned to approximately equal groups for Saturday's racing based on Friday's results. Boats will be assigned to the Gold (championship) or Silver groups for Sunday's racing based on the Friday and Saturday results. Scores will be carried forward. A boat sailing with the wrong streamer or in the wrong group will be scored DNC for all such races without a hearing. This changes rules RRS 63.1, A4.2 and A5. If limited or no sailing occurs on any race day, the Organizing Authority may revise the racing format.

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