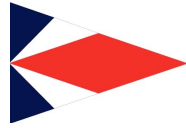


# WEEKAPAUG YACHT CLUB



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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (2017-20), except where noted below:
- 1.2 ISAF Racing Rules 44.1, 44.3, 91, and Appendix A will be changed as follows:
  - 1.2.1 Rule 44.1 is changed for the Beetle and Big Cats fleets, where a One-Turn Penalty for all infractions is allowed.
  - 1.2.1a Rule 44.1 is not changed for the 420 fleet, where the Two-Turn Penalty for all infractions is required.
  - 1.2.2 Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) will not apply.
  - 1.2.3 Rule 91(a) is changed to allow members of the race committee to serve as the protest committee unless there is a protest against the race committee. In that case, the race committee will appoint a separate protest committee.
  - 1.2.4 Appendix A4.1 is changed so that in the Low Point System the first-place boat(s) receive(s) .75 points. Appendix A2 is modified to allow a competitor to miss one race day in each month in any series to attend a club-sanctioned regatta and receive their average monthly score.
  - 1.2.5 Beetles, Big Cats, and 420s must have at least one crew member aboard at all times when racing.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the WYC. As a courtesy, information is provided on the club website, but in case of conflict the posting at the club governs.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Racing Board at the WYC no later than one hour before the committee boat leaves the dock.

#### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Optimist races are held on Wednesdays; all other fleets sail on a weekend day. Special series are held on or about July 4th and in late August to honor Labor Day. In some years the 4th of July races may count as part of the July and Season series. The full calendar of racing is posted on the Racing Board at the WYC and on the WYC website.
- 4.2 Whenever the race committee decides that 420s may use spinnakers and trapezes for a race, there will be a notice placed on the racing board no later than one hour before the committee boat leaves the dock.

#### 5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 Races may be held in First, Second, or Third Pond depending on conditions and the number of competitors. Occasionally, races may also be held off the Inn Beach.

#### 6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 Course 3 is a Modified Triangle with the start-finish in the middle; all marks to port. Two windward marks may be set on weekend races, with 420s rounding the windward mark further away from the committee boat.
- 6.2 Course 4 is a Triangle-Windward. Start at the bottom; finish at the top; all marks to port. Two windward marks may be set on weekend races, with 420s rounding the windward mark further away from the committee boat.
- 6.3 Course 5 is a Windward-Leeward-Windward. There may be an offset mark next to the windward mark, and the leeward mark may be a gate. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 6.4 Course 6 is a Windward-Leeward-Windward-Leeward-Windward. There may be an offset mark for all windward marks and a gate for all leeward marks.

6.6 Course 7 is a Modified Olympic course consisting of a Modified Triangle plus Windward-Leeward legs.

6.7 Prior to the starting sequence, the course will be hailed by the committee boat.

## **7 MARKS**

7.1 The marks of the course will be inflatable orange balls with a three-foot diameter.

## **8 THE START**

8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the most leeward portion of the port-end starting mark.

8.2 The race committee intends to hail sail numbers of OCS yachts verbally. Failure to use any method, failure to hear the hail, an untimely hail, failure to hail any yachts, and the order of the yachts in the hail will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1 (a).

## **9 CHANGE THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

9.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) or put in a new inflatable mark. The committee boat or a mark boat will not note this change verbally. This changes rule 33.

## **10 THE FINISH**

10.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the most leeward portion of the port-end finishing mark (an inflatable orange ball).

## **11 TIME LIMITS**

11.1 The time limit for finishing for a race will be one hour after the starting signal for that class.

## **12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

12.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.

12.2 A boat intending to protest will hail the race committee boat immediately after finishing a race.

12.3 Protest forms will be available from the WYC office. Protests shall be delivered there.

12.4 For each class, the protest time limit is sixty minutes after the last yacht finishes the last race of the day. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

## **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

13.1 All yachts must check-in by hailing the race committee boat prior to the warning signal for their class. Hailing includes giving the name of the skipper and the crew.

13.2 A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13.3 All Junior participants (17 and under) are required to wear an approved PFD at all times on the water for all races.

## **14 INCLEMENT WEATHER**

14.1 In case of inclement weather (heavy winds, rain, heavy fog, etc.), a decision about whether to race will be made one-hour before the scheduled start of the races by the Race Committee. In the absence of a member of the Race Committee, the decision to race will be made by the Head Instructor(s). Sailors should gather at the Yacht Club to await a decision to race.

## **15 GUEST RACERS**

15.1 From time to time guests may race in a series or cup race if approved by the Commodore or Vice Commodore. In such cases guests are not eligible for awards or prizes and their finishing places will not be recorded in the official race results.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 A first-place boat will receive .75 points, second-place 2 points, etc. DNF and DNS boats will receive points equal to the number of boats in fleet plus 1.

16.2 In the Beetle fleet points will be awarded to the boat, not to the skipper. The owner of the boat will accept any awards or trophies. This means that during a series of races that one person might skipper two races on a four-race day and another person might skipper two races. Unlike Beetle Class rules, boats can change skippers and crew during a day or a series of racing.

16.3 Boat owners may substitute another Beetle for their boat for scoring purposes for the races in a monthly series.