

**Sailing Instructions**  
**End of Year Home Regatta**  
**Willamette Sailing Club**  
**November 12, 2016**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Rules of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Class rules shall be observed and enforced by the competitors, except that competitors may use a “club sail” in place of a class legal sail, provided it is of the same dimensions and provides no added advantage.
- 1.3 In the event of a protest, boats are exempted from displaying a red flag (this modifies Opti Class rules).
- 1.4 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is the white board located inside the WSC Clubhouse

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

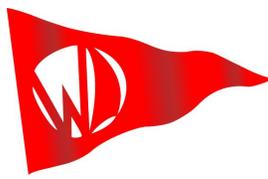
Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted to the official notice board one hour before the first scheduled warning on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6pm on the day before it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee located near the dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal for Alpha and Bravo Courses will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is taken down.

**5 SCHEDULE (all times approximate and subject to change)**

<b>Saturday, November 12, 2016</b>	
<b>9:00am</b>	Registration /Rigging / Launch
<b>10:00am</b>	Skippers Meeting
<b>11:00am</b>	First race
<b>12:00pm</b>	First Warning
<b>TBA</b>	Lunch on the water
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>No races after</b>



## **6 RACING AREA**

- 6.1 Alpha Course (C420, Opti Champ Fleet) will be located on the Willamette River between the Ross Island Bridge to the north and the Sellwood Bridge to the south.
- 6.2 Bravo Course ( Opti Green Fleet) will be located immediately in front of the WSC clubhouse and docks.

## **7 NUMBER OF RACES**

- 7.1 For all classes, five (5) races are scheduled during the one day regatta, conditions and time permitting.
- 7.2 A minimum of one race shall constitute a regatta.

## **8 STARTS and RACE TIME LIMITS**

- 8.1 Starts shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 26 (5 Minute Sequence), except that the fleets on Bravo Course will use the 3-Minute Start Sequence as described in Appendix S.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are over early. This is only a courtesy and will not be grounds for redress. Redress shall not be granted if the Race Committee fails to hail a sail number, is tardy in hailing a sail number, or if a competitor does not hear the hail.
- 8.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. However, if there is a clear order among boats that fail to finish within the time limit, then those remaining boats may be finished in place by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 35.

## **9 COURSES ASSIGNMENTS AND STARTING ORDER**

- 9.1 **Alpha Course**  
C420  
Opti Championship Fleet
- 9.2 **Bravo Course**  
Optimist Green Fleet
- 9.3 Race Committee may change the above starting order for any reason; any such change will be announced by verbal hail prior to raising the class flag at the warning signal.

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 See “Attachment A” for course diagram of Alpha Course and “Attachment B” for course diagram of Bravo Course.
- 10.2 The target race length on Alpha Course is approximately 15-30 minutes. The target race length on Bravo Course is approximately 10 minutes. A race which runs significantly longer or shorter than the target times shall not be grounds for redress.

## **11 MARKS AND START/FINISH LINES (see Attachments)**

- 11.1 *Alpha Course:* Marks will be round orange buoys. The Opti Champ Fleet shall round a shorter alternate windward mark (“WX”). Mark “WX” shall be a round white buoy set at approximately 60% the length of mark “WM.” The offset mark at the Windward Mark shall be a small orange buoy, which shall also be left to port. There will be no offset mark at mark WX. Start and finish pins for all classes shall be round white buoys.
- 11.2 *Bravo Course:* Marks will be round yellow buoys. The start/finish pin will be a round white buoy.



- 11.3 On both Alpha and Bravo courses, the start/finish line(s) will be between an orange flag flown from the committee boat and the white start/finish buoy(s).

## **12 PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the registration table. Completed protest forms shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 12.2 The protest time limit is 30 mins after race committee arrives back at the dock after each day's racing.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held inside the WSC boathouse.
- 12.4 Any boat that sails between the designated safety boat and a commercial vessel shall be disqualified without a hearing. This modifies RRS 63.1

## **13 SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEMS**

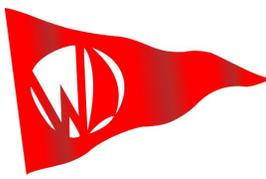
- 13.1 The Low-Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 13.1(a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's overall score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.1(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's overall score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.1(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's overall score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 13.1(d) If a competitor is disqualified, they may discard that score, provided they were not disqualified for poor sportsmanship (Rule 69) and they did not gain significant advantage by breaking a rule (Rule 2). Only in cases where one of these rules was broken shall their next worse score be excluded instead. This modifies Rule 90.3(b)

## **14 COACHING**

- 14.1 Coaching on the water is permitted between races. After the warning signal for a given race, all coaching shall cease until a competitor has finished that race. To avoid any interference with boats still racing, competitors shall be required to sail to an area at least 75 feet away from the start/finish line when meeting with coach/support boats between races.
- 14.2 Coaching while racing is permitted in cases where novice racers are slowing the progress of the regatta. Coaches shall only coach the back "10%" of the fleet if this is the case.

## **15 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 15.1 Except in the case of emergencies, support and spectator boats must remain a distance of 75 feet from the racing area at all times, and shall not cause significant wake in the racing area.
- 15.2 Coach, support, and spectator boats are required to carry a working VHF radio. They shall monitor VHF Channel 68 at all times.
- 15.3 Coaches, spectators, and race committee will be asked to attend a brief safety meeting at 11:00am on Saturday.



**16 PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

16.1 Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

**18 PRIZES**

18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews of the top finishers in the 420, Optimist championship fleets based on registration numbers. All Optimist Green Fleet competitors will receive a participation prize.



## Attachment A – Alpha Course (C420, Opti Champ Fleet)



Upwind Finish Line (WF)

**Course 1:** Start, WM, LF



Windward Mark and Offset (WM)

**Course 2:** Start, WM, LG, WF

**Course 3:** Start, WM, LG, WM, LF

**Course 4:** Start, WM, LG, WM, LG, WF



Opti Windward (WX)

**Notes:**

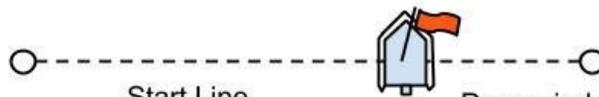
\*Except for Leeward Gates, all marks left to port

\*Diagram not drawn to scale, all angles approximate.

\*Optis- Substitute WX for WM in courses above.



Leeward Gate (LG)



Start Line

Downwind Finish (LF)

**Course 1:** Start WM, LM, Finish

**Course 2:** Start, WM, LM, WM, LM, Finish

**Course 3:** Start, WM, RM, LM, Finish

**Course 4:** Start, WM, RM, LM, WM, LM, Finish

**Notes:**

\*The Start/Finish Line is Restricted to boats starting or finishing

\*All Marks are to be left to Port

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## Attachment B – Bravo Course (Opti Green Fleet)

Wind  
Direction



Windward Mark (WM)



Reach Mark (RM)



Start/Finish Line



Leeward Mark (LM)



Course #1: Start 1P, 3P, Finish  
Course #2: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, Finish  
Course #3: Start 1P, 3P, 1P, 3P, Finish  
Course #4: Start 1P, 2P, 3P, 1P, 3P, Finish

Notes:

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