

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LASER AND 420

## Cannonball Run Regatta

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT and  
LASER DISTRICT 15 (Texas) REGATTA  
Palacios Yacht Club - 454B Main St. - Palacios, Texas 77465

August 12-13, 2017

### 1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply to youths and are available on the web site at <http://www.txsail.org/>. A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.3 Laser District 15 Racing Circuit Conditions apply to the Laser fleet and are available on the web site at <http://www.laserd15.org/>. A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.4 The rules for all youth classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.5 Racing Rule 49.1 is changed to allow the use of hiking pants.
- 1.6 The Laser fleet will be sailed in accordance with ILCA rules. Grand Prix points will be awarded provide 10 or more current members of ILCA have entered. Youth sailors may race and receive points in the TSA Youth Series in the event that their boat does not meet ILCA class rules.
- 1.7 All boats shall have sail numbers that match the registration form and are identifiable and readable from both sides of the sail. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed 420 (Club, Collegiate and International) classes. All classes are "bring your own boat". A minimum of three boats are required to form a class.

3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located at the Competitor's Tent.

### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least one hour before the first race of each day.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from Regatta Headquarters.
- 5.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the beach. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 6.1 Subject to the decisions by the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled.
- 6.2 Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a Regatta.
- 6.3 Schedule:

Friday, Aug 11, 2017

Late afternoon/evening - The City Park will be open to allow unloading of boats and registration.

Saturday, Aug 12, 2017

0800-0930	Breakfast (Outrigger Event Center)
0800-0930	Registration (Outrigger Event Center)
0930	Skipper's Meeting at the City Park beach (Attendance Mandatory)
1100	Warning Signal for the first race; additional races to follow
	Lunch will be served on the water

Sunday, Aug 13, 2017

0800-0900 Breakfast (Competitor's Tent)  
0930 Warning Signal for the first race; additional races to follow  
1300 No Warning Signal after this time  
Lunch ashore after last race  
1400 Awards ceremony

**6.4** No warning signal will be given after 1300 on Sunday.

- 7. CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF START OF FIRST RACE:** For the first race of each day, classes will start in the following order and the following flags will be used as class flags during the starting sequences:

Class flag for Laser Full will be **GREEN**.  
Class flag for Laser Radial will be **LIGHT BLUE**.  
Class flag for 420s will be **PINK**.  
Class flag for Laser 4.7 will be **RED**.

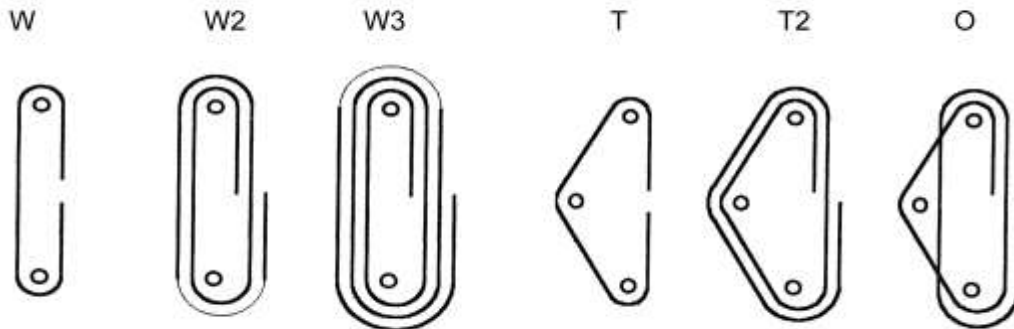
Any changes will be announced at the Mandatory Skippers Meeting on Saturday morning. The order of starts may be changed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- 8. RACING AREAS:** The location of the racing area will be announced at the Mandatory Skipper's Meeting.
- 9. 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 Signal boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so may result in a 20% scoring penalty for the first race of the day.

**10. RACE COURSES:**

**10.1** 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".

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



**10.2.1** 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.

**11. MARKS:**

- 11.1** Rounding Marks will be orange or yellow, tall cylindrical buoys. Start/Finish pin will be an orange ball. More details will be announced during the Mandatory Skippers Meeting.
- 11.2** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. This changes Rule 33.

## **12. THE START:**

**13.1** Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.

**13.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the starting mark.

**13.3** 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.

**13.4** 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.

**14 RECALLS:** Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee may hail the sail 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.

**15 THE FINISH:** The finish line shall be between a staff or flag line displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the finish mark.

## **16 TIME LIMIT:**

**16.1** The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.

**16.2** 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.

**16.3** 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.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**

**17.1** A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee on the finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing. This changes Rule 61.1.

**17.2** Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at regatta headquarters, and delivered to the Regatta Chair or their representative there within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat docks.

**17.3** Before any protest is heard, a pre-hearing with one Judge, the Protester and Protestee may 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.

**17.4** 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.

**17.5** 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.

**17.6** A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 10, 19, 20 & 21. This changes Rule 60.1(a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

**17.7** 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.

## **18 SCORING:**

**18.1** 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.

- 18.2** The regatta shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position
- 18.3** For sailors meeting the age requirement of a junior sailor under the Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions overall scores shall be used to determine finish place of each junior aged sailor for purposes of junior awards and junior place finish in the regatta.
- 18.4** For Laser District 15 awards the regatta shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to finish position irregardless of age.
- 19 DISPOSAL OF TRASH:** 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 SAFETY:**
- 20.1** A U.S. Coast Guard approved personal buoyancy device shall be worn by all competitors while on the water. Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing.
- 20.2** A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the beach and notifying the Race Committee by radio from Regatta Headquarters or Beach Park Tent facility.
- 20.3** Shoes must be worn by all competitors while in the water.
- 20.1** Sailors shall not enter into the Palacios Channel while racing. Any boat entering the Palacios Channel shall be immediately subject to disqualification.
- 21 SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:**
- 21.1** 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.
- 21.2** Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.
- 22 AWARDS:** There will 3 places awarded for each class in TSA Youth and ILCA-NA District 15. There will also be an overall award for the top 5 in the TSA Youth Laser classes. Laser Youth will be eligible for awards in both the TSA Youth Series and ILCA-NA District 15 Series.

Above all, be safe and HAVE FUN!