

Open Atlantic Coast Championship Final @ Boston College

Boston College & Savin Hill YC, Massachusetts

October 12, 2024

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition (PR) (except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions), the Rules of the Collegiate Dinghy Class and by these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be announced via a WhatsApp group text thread and will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on Techscore web page (scores.collegesailing.org).

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally by the Race Committee before the first race in which they are to take effect, and will be posted as soon as possible.

4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 420's & Fjs will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way, except that competitors may adjust lines and controls normally adjustable.
- 4.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted. Mainsheet may be rigged with a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.
- 4.3 The penalty for infringing the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.
- 4.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. The penalty for infringing this instruction, unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

5. FORMAT

- 5.1 A division will sail FJs on Saturday and B division will sail 420s on Saturday; A will sail 420s on Sunday and B will sail FJs on Sunday. The RC may change this plan by announcing the change.
- 5.2 14 races are scheduled in each division. This changes PR 21.
- 5.3 Teams shall rotate boats every two races in accordance with the rotation posted on Techscore.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 6.1 | Saturday | 1030 | Report Time (dress for sailing immediately) |
| | | 1035 | Coaches' Meeting, Top Deck SHYC |
| | | 1045 | Ferry to Dock to rig & launch |
| | | 1130 | First Warning |
| | | TBD | 10-minute break(s) |
| | | 1730 | No Warning Signal after this time |
| | Sunday | 0930 | Report Time (dress immediately) |
| | | 0945 | Ferry to Dock to rig & launch |
| | | 1030 | First Warning |
| | | TBD | 10-minute break(s) |
| | | 1500 | No start Signal after this time |

- 6.2 The RC reserves the right to eliminate the TBD 10-minute break(s) .

7. **RACING AREA**

Dorchester Bay – see [Racing Area](#) on Official Notice Board.

8. **THE COURSE**

8.1 The courses will be announced orally and are shown on the attached drawing, Appendix A – Courses.

8.2 Rounding marks will be faded pink/white-ish or orange balls.

9. **START/FINISH**

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).

9.2 The start line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Boat and a white mark with a black stripe at the port end.

9.3 The finish line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby dark orange mark with a black stripe for downwind finishes. The finish line will be between the windward mark and offset mark for upwind finishes.

9.4 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

10. **SPARE**

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12. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

All penalties shall be reported to the Race Committee Finish Boat promptly after finishing.

13. **PROTESTS**

13.1 Protests shall be filed within 20 minutes of reaching the shore at the end of the day's racing or within 20-minutes of reaching the docks for any delay in racing that the RC designates a "protest period" via the WhatsApp message board, whichever comes first. Changes PR 30.

14. **SAFETY**

15.1 A boat requesting assistance from support boats should signal by waving hands overhead.

15.2 A capsized boat may be righted and sailed by its crew, unless, in the sole judgment of the Race Committee, safety or the progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the crew shall accept assistance, and the boat will be scored 'DNF.'

15.3 Starts may not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

15.4 A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area, or immediately upon arriving ashore.