



**O Y S T R**  
(Ottawa Youth Sail Training Regatta)  
August 25-26, 2007  
Nepean Sailing Club  
Ontario, Canada

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The OYSTR Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule 41 is changed as follows: Coach boats registered with the regatta chair may coach competitors during the race. The coach boats shall in no way interfere with, or provide other assistance to, competitors. Competitors whose coaches breach this instruction may be penalized, as may the coaches themselves.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Sailing School.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NSC flagstaff, located outside the main clubhouse.
- 4.2 When the AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates of racing: August 25 & 26, 2007 for all classes.
- 5.2 A maximum of fourteen races for each class shall be sailed.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race August 25<sup>th</sup> is 1030 and on August 26<sup>th</sup> it is 1000.
- 5.4 A Skippers' meeting will take place at 0900 on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1700 on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> or after 1400 on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Laser Radial	Numeral pennant one
420	Numeral pennant two
Pico	Numeral pennant three
OpenBic	Numeral pennant four

## 7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place as close to the entrance of the NSC harbour as practical.

## 8 THE COURSES

The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 will be a large yellow tetrahedron.
- 9.2 Marks 2 and 3 will be a small yellow sphere.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be floating poles with red flags.
- 9.4 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be of contrasting colour.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 Each fleet may not have an independent start. Two or more fleets may be combined into a single start at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 10.2 Races will be started as follows: the Warning flag will be displayed 3 minutes before the start, the Preparatory flag will be displayed 2 minutes before the start, and the Preparatory flag will be removed at 1 minute before the start. This changes rule 26.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a floating pole displaying a red flag and the RC flag on the committee boat.
- 10.4 The race committee may lay "spacer marks" (orange balls) near the committee boat. Boats shall not pass between these marks and the committee boat.
- 10.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal, the race committee will display flag V. It will be displayed until all such boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side, but not after the starting signal.
- 10.6 Boats who's warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.7 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 10.8 Before the start of a race, the race committee may indicate the upcoming sequence with a multiple short sound signals prior to the sequence.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The change will be signaled before leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## **12 THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line shall be between a floating pole displaying a red flag and a blue flag on the finishing boat.

12.2 The race committee may award a finishing position to the last boat in a class on the course after all the other boats in that class have finished or retired.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in their class will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A 4.1.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the official notice board located in the Sailing School. Protests shall be delivered to the protest chair within the protest time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes from when the committee boat returns to shore. This changes RRS 6.1.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the Main clubhouse of NSC.

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 Boats shall check in and out of the harbour with the beach master.

16.2 Boats shall check in with the race committee each morning by sailing past on a starboard tack and hailing their sail numbers.

16.3 A boat that retired from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.4 Notwithstanding SI 22.1, should the Race Officer determine weather conditions warrant such action, the RO may take action directing competitors, coaches and spectators in a manner to increase on water safety. Such directions are to be followed.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the regatta chair. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

## **19 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official coach boats will be marked with yellow ribbon pennant.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Coach boats are encouraged to monitor race committee communications. However, apart from informing the race committee of emergency situations, or informing the race committee of a boat retiring from a race, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor pass on information to boats racing not available to all. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **21 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.

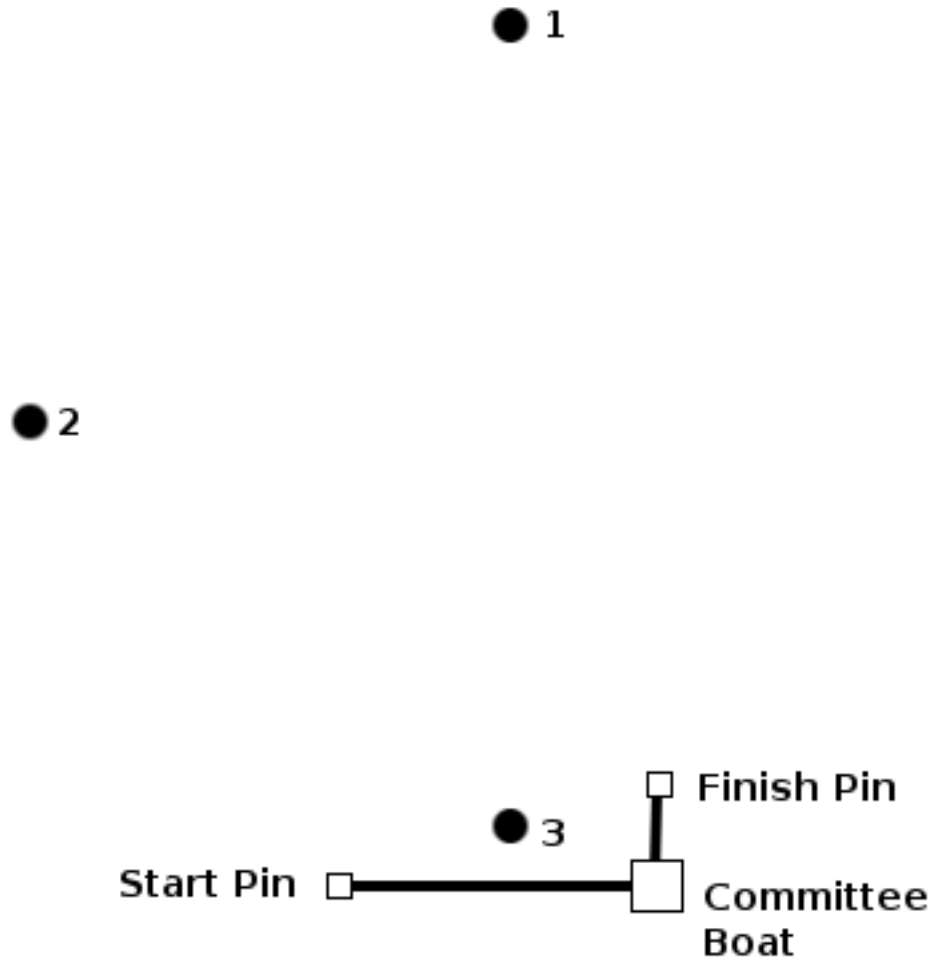
## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22.2 If a NSC clubboat is damaged, the competitor(s) is(are) responsible for its repair.

**Attachment A.**

**Course Diagram**



**Laser Radial, 420: 1-2-3-1-3-Finish**

**Pico: 1-2-3-Finish**

**OpenBic: 1-2-3-Finish**