

# MATTAPOISETT YACHT CLUB

AND

# MATTAPOISETT COMMUNITY

## SAILING

### 2011 420 Series

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. RULES

The races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), and by these sailing instructions. Where conflicts occur among the rules, these sailing instructions shall take precedence.

### 2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by filing a completed MattSail 420 Race Entry Form with its accompanying fee no later than Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 1600. Deadline for receipt of entry fees may be extended solely for good cause and at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the MattSail Clubhouse at Mattapoissett Town Beach.

### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Race Committee on the MYC clubhouse flagpole.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Refer to the NOR for the scheduled dates and time of the warning signal for the first race.

## 7. RACING AREA AND MARKS

The racing area is south of Neds Point Light. Marks may be government navigational marks or inflatable drop marks.

## 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1** The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee Course Board before or with the warning signal for the first start. 420 class course will be listed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> row of the course board.
- 8.2** The race committee may display an “O” for Olympic course (Triangle) or a “W” for windward/leeward course followed by a number which denotes the number of times the course is to be sailed. These courses will be sailed around drop marks. Example: “W2” – Sail to windward rounding drop mark to port, downwind rounding the pin to port, upwind rounding to the drop mark to port and finishing downwind between the committee boat and the pin.

## 9. THE START – First Gun at 1800

**10.** Races shall be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound shall be disregarded.

| <u>SIGNAL</u> | <u>FLAG &amp; SOUND</u>          | Minutes Before<br><u>Starting Signal</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Warning       | Signal Flag 0; One Sound         | 5  |
| Preparatory   | “P” Flag; One Sound              | 4  |
| One Minute    | “P” Flag Removed; One Sound      | 1  |
| Starting      | Signal Flag 0 Lowered; One Sound | 0  |

**10.1** The Race Committee shall attempt to make five sound signals one minute before the warning of the first race.

**10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark.

**10.3** A yacht shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

## 11. RECALLS

**11.1** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.1 as a courtesy. Failure of a yacht to see, hear or interpret a recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to properly start, nor shall it be grounds for redress under RSS 62.

11.2 When a general recall has been signaled, a new preparatory signal will be made one minute after the lowering of the code flag “First Substitute” with one sound signal.

## 12. CHANGING COURSE AFTER START

A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 32.

## 13. THE FINISH

**13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the designated mark.

**13.2** A yacht that starts a race but fails to finish must report to the race committee as soon as possible.

**13.3** The time limit is two hours. Yachts failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be considered “Did Not Finish”.

## 14 PROTESTS

**14.1A** yacht intending to protest shall notify the race committee upon finishing or retiring. For yachts sailing single-handed, racing rule 61.1 (a) is modified to delete the requirement to fly a protest flag.

**14.2**Protests shall be written on forms available at the MYC clubhouse and delivered to the Race Committee no later than 1630 hours on the day after the race.

**14.3** Skippers will be notified of time and place of hearing in accordance with Rule 63.2.

## 15 SCORING

**15.1**The series score for each boat will be the sum of her scores. If a series consists of eight or more races, one race will be discarded for scoring purposes. If a series consists of ten or more races, two races will be discarded for scoring purposes.

**15.2**Low Point System to be used (RRS-A 4). A boat penalized under rule 30.2 or 44.3 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3.

**15.3** Series ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

## 16 PENALTIES

A boat that may have broken a rule in Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident by taking a two-turn penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2 or by taking a scoring penalty in compliance RRS 44.3. The 20% penalty shall not be less than 2 places.

## **17 AWARDS**

Awards will be given to the top three finishers for the series.