



ISA Youth Pathway National Championships 2017



Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, Northern Ireland

Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd April 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Ballyholme Yacht Club in conjunction with the Irish Sailing Association (ISA).

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 The Prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 2.3 In all rules governing this regatta:
- 2.3.1 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee This changes RRS 64.1
- 2.3.2 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes 63.1 and A5
- 2.3.2 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.4 Racing rules Race Signal AP, 28.1, 29.2, 60.1(a), 61.1(b), 62.2, 63.1, 63.2, 64.1, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear in full in these sailing instructions.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the south window of the race office – readable from the outside.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole on the sea side of the Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is flown ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after Flag D is displayed. Boats shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed. [NP][DP]

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing, Number of Races and Time of Warning Signal

Date	No of Races	Course Area 1 420, Laser Radial	Course Area 2 Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2
Thursday 20 th April	3 Races	1155	No Racing
Friday 21 st April	3 Races	1055	1155
Saturday 22 nd April	3 Races	1055	1055
Sunday 23 rd April	2 Races	1055	1055

- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal for any fleet will be made after 1500.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class	Flag
420	420 Class Flag
Laser Radial	Laser Class Flag
Laser 4.7	J
Topper	T
Topper 4.2	Q

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 Will be in Belfast Lough just to the North and West of Ballyholme Bay.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3 When one of two gate marks is missing then the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 9.4 The committee boat for the 420 and Laser Radial class (Course Area 1) will be identified by Numeral Pennant 1 and the committee boat for the Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 class (Course Area 2) will be identified by Numeral Pennant 2.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2, 3p, 3s, 4p, 4s and 5 will be Yellow Inflatables. The start mark will be a Green Inflatable and the finish mark will be a Red Inflatable.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the orange mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the windward side of a green inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [NP][DP]
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.4 In the event of a Class being subject to a General Recall, the intention is that the scheduled sequence of Class starts will be maintained but the Race Committee has discretion to defer the restart of the recalled Class until the other Classes racing on the Course have started. Competitors are advised to watch the flag sequence and be alert to the possibility of the recalled Class being deferred until later in the sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on a committee vessel and the course side of a Red Inflatable buoy.

14.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. [NP]

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 15.2.
- 15.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 15.3 For the 420 Class only: The Race Committee may signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, as specified in the Class rules by displaying flag O with the warning signal
- 15.4 For the 420 Class only: If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal, the Race Committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark or gate to signal that the actions, as specified in the 420 Class rules, are permitted once boats have passed the mark(s).
- 15.5 For the 420 Class only: If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O was displayed, the Race Committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark or gate to signal that RRS 42 applies to boats after they have passed the mark(s).
- 15.6 RRS ISA Appendix T will apply. When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request Arbitration, or the Protest Committee or Race Committee may offer it.
- 15.7 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race office within the protest time limit. [NP][DP]
- 15.8 Whistle System: To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a RRS.

16 TIME LIMITS [NP]

16.1 Time limits are as follows:

Class	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time limit	Time limit after first boat finishes	Race target time
420 Laser Radial	90 mins	30 mins	15 mins	45 mins
Laser 4.7 Topper Topper 4.2	75 mins	30 mins	15 mins	30 mins

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within the time limit after the first boat (see SI 16.1) sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Boats intending to protest or request redress, for an incident on the race course, shall inform the Race Committee finishing vessel at the finish line upon finishing the race, or if they do not finish, inform either a Jury boat or a safety boat as soon as practicable after they retire. This adds to the requirements of RRS 61.1 for a protest or request for redress to be valid.
- 17.2 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 For each Course the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat on that course has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

- 17.4 Notices will be posted, no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This is the notification required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2. Arbitration hearings and protest hearings may begin without a notice and within protest time when the parties are available. Hearings will be held in the protest room in the Blue Portacabin in the North Dinghy Park.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 A list of boats that under SI 15.1 have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 420 and Laser Radial class – A total of 11 races are scheduled. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 18.2 Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 class - A total of 8 races are scheduled. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 18.3 For all classes, when fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 For all classes, when 5 or more races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][SP][DP]

- 19.1 Each Competitor shall wear a personal flotation device of at least CE50 Newtons standard, or equivalent, at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes rule 40. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 19.2 Boats and competitors shall comply with all reasonable instructions from safety boat crew.
- 19.3 A boat that retires from racing shall notify a safety boat before leaving the race area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 19.4 Boats wishing to leave their race course area before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by a safety boat. The safety boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.
- 19.4 Boats not intending to race shall inform the Race Office as soon as possible.
- 19.5 Each competitor shall, in person, tally out before launching, and tally in on return from, racing.
- 19.6 The time for a boat to tally out ends at the warning signal for the first race that day.
- 19.7 The time to tally in finishes ten minutes after the last boat in her class is ashore. The penalty for failing to tally in is 10% (rounded up) of the number of boats in her last race of the day, added to her score, without a hearing.
- 19.8 When ashore boats must be kept in their assigned berth.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules and Sailing Instructions.

21.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Technical Committee member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 EVENT ADVERTISING

22.1 If required, boats shall display event advertising, supplied by the organising authority, on hull and or sail. Some competitors may be required to wear race bibs.

23 OFFICIAL BOATS

23.1 Official boats will be identified as described on the official notice board.

24 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

24.1 Support boats (including coach boats) shall comply with NOR 12. No other vessel associated with a boat or competitor shall enter the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24.2 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the race committee, support boats must stay 100 m distant from the race area except when requested to assist by an official boat from the time of the warning until the time that the last competitor finishes the last race to be sailed each day on that race course.

24.3 In addition, for the 420 and Laser Radial classes, support boats shall not communicate with competitors afloat or tow competitors to or from the race area unless asked to assist by an official race committee boat.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

26 RADIO COMMUNICATION

26.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats. [DP]

27 PRIZES

27.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats overall in each class and to the highest placed all female crew in each class.

28 RISK STATEMENT

28.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

INSPECTIONS The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

29 INSURANCE

29.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

30 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

30.1 By entering the Regatta competitors and where relevant their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

30.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

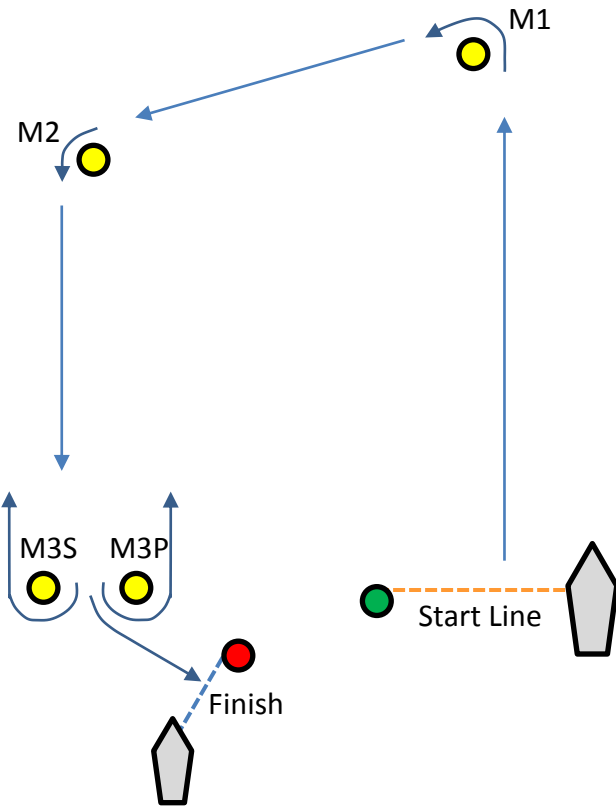
ATTACHMENT 1 – Courses

Course Area 1 – 420 and Laser Radial

Outer Loop

- O2 1, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P, Finish
- O3 1, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P, Finish
- O4 1, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P, Finish

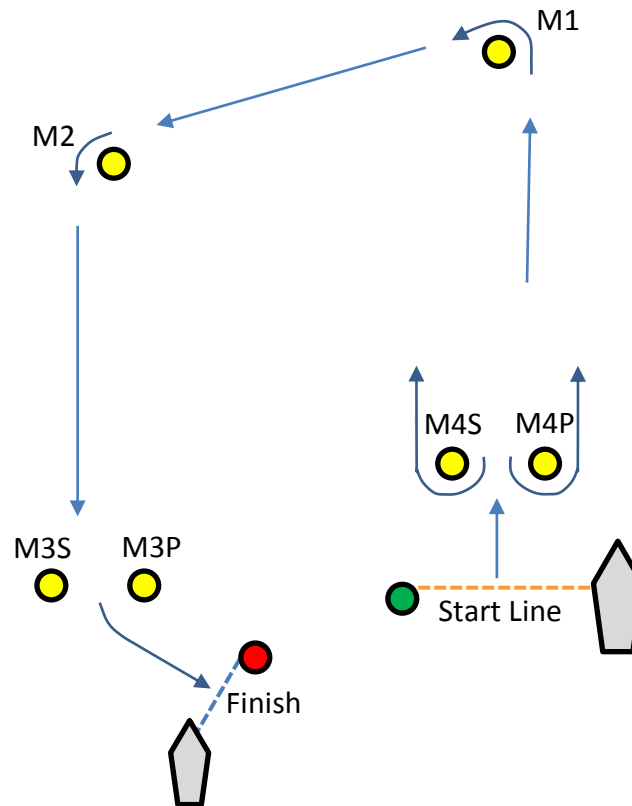
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 Marks 3P/3S are a Gate



Inner Loop

- I2 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, Finish
- I3 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, Finish
- I4 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, Finish

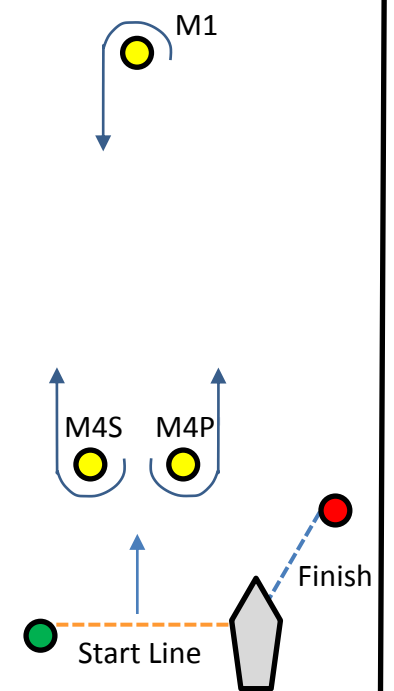
Marks 1, 2 and 3P to be left to Port
 Marks 4P/4S are a Gate



Windward - Leeward

- L2 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish
- L3 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish
- L4 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish

Marks 1 and 4P to be left to Port
 Marks 4P/4S are a Gate



Course Area 2 – Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2

Outer Loop

O1 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

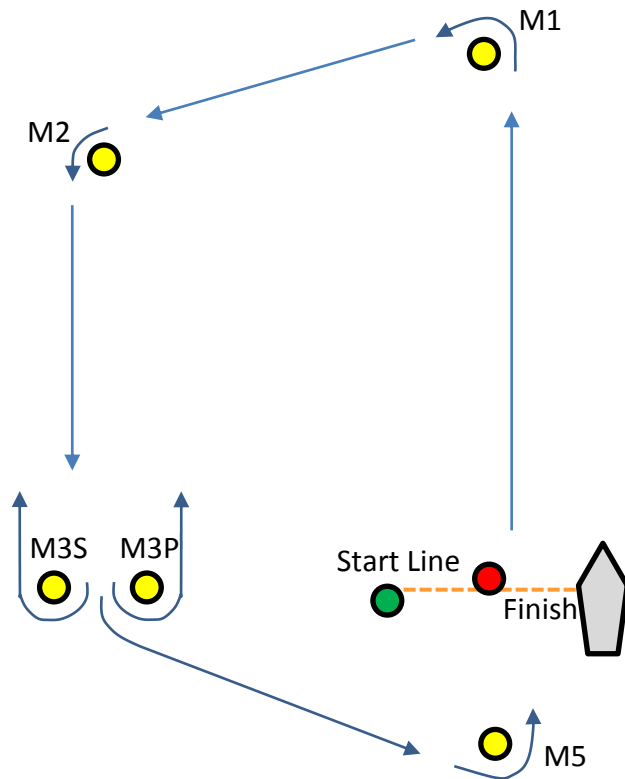
O2 1, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

O3 1, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

O4 1, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P/3S, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

Marks 1 and 2 to be left to Port

Marks 3P/3S are a Gate



Inner Loop

I2 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

I3 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

I4 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

Marks 1, 2 and 3P to be left to Port

Marks 4P/4S are a Gate

