



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Mary Raftery Girl Power 420 Regatta
Weekapaug Yacht Club
Thursday, August 13th, 2026

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. Provided sufficient entrants, there are two classes in this regatta: one class may sail with trapezes and spinnakers; a second class will sail without either. All boats will start at the same time, but each class will be scored separately. The decision whether there are one or two divisions will be noted at the skipper's meeting.

2. ENTRIES

This regatta is open to class-legal Club 420's. Eligible boats may be entered by online registration on or before 2:00 pm on August 10, 2026. Late entries will be accepted after this date, however will pay an additional \$20 for their entry fee. All boats must have a distinct sail number. Any duplicate numbers will need to be temporarily altered for participation in this regatta. Entry Fees are \$90 per boat up until August 10. After this date they will be \$110 per boat.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All competitors are responsible for information discussed at the competitors' meeting.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in these sailing instructions will be stated at the competitors' meeting.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the WYC clubhouse.

5.2 Code flag "AP" (red and white vertical striped pennant) with two sound signals means 'The race is postponed.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The warning signal for the first race on each day is scheduled as indicated below. Multiple races are scheduled. One race shall constitute a regatta.

SCHEDULE (Times are subject to change as conditions indicate):

Thursday, August 13th

Check in and registration begins 0900hrs

Skippers Meeting 1015hrs

Harbor Start 1030hrs

First Signal on Race Course 1100hrs

Last race begins no later than 1530hrs

Awards and Final Results 1630hrs (approx)

6.2 Races will be run back to back.

7. RACE COURSES

7.1 A race course could consist of any of the following, depending on wind direction. For these diagrams, assume the wind is blowing due south.

Course 1

Start – 1 – 2 – Finish (Closed Line).

Course 2

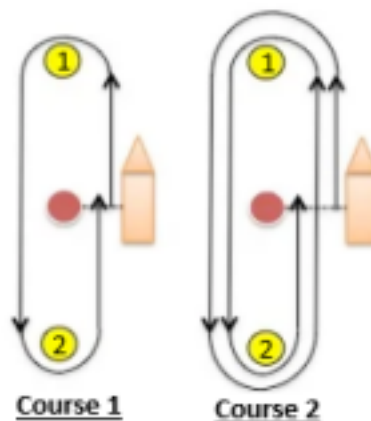
Start – 1 – 2 – 1 - 2 – Finish (Closed Line).

7.2 Courses will be displayed by using Numeral pennant 1 or 2 at least 3 minutes before the start of the race.

7.3 All Marks to be left to port apart from the Start/Finish marks

8. MARKS

All marks will be orange balls.



9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

3 Minutes: Attention signal (Series of short sounds)

3 Minutes: Warning signal (3 Long blasts)

2 Minutes: Preparatory signal (2 Long blasts)

1 Minute 30 Seconds: (1 Long, 3 Short blasts)

1 Minute: (1 Long blast)

30 Seconds: (3 Short blasts)

20 Seconds: (2 Short blasts)

10 Seconds: (1 Short blast)

0 Seconds: Starting signal (1 Long blast)

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee boat and the start mark.

9.3 A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal.

9.4 A second Race Committee boat may be in the vicinity of the start mark to aid in identifying any OCS boats.

10. RECALLS AND STARTING PENALTIES

10.1 The race committee will attempt to hail boats subject to rule 29.1, and will raise flag X if one or more boats are over the line.

10.2 If the race committee signals a general recall by displaying the First Substitute with two blasts of the horn, rule 30.1 (Round-an-End Rule) will automatically be in effect for that race.

10.3 Rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) will be in effect for any race in which there has occurred consecutive general recalls.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

The Race Committee may shorten course during a race. When shortening the course, the Race Committee will signal such a change by hoisting of Code Flag "S" (blue square in white field) accompanied by two sound signals. The race will be finished at the mark which the leading boat is approaching. The finish line will be established as described in section 12.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 1 hour from the starting signal. Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish may be given their place by the race committee.

14. PROTESTS

14.1A boat intending to lodge a protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finish line of the race in which the foul occurs.

14.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the WYC clubhouse and filed with the race committee within 15 minutes of returning from the race course to the WYC dock.

14.3 Protests will be heard at the conclusion of the day's races.

14.4 The members of the protest committee may also be members of the race committee unless the protest is lodged against the race committee.

15. SCORING

15.1 The low point scoring system, rule A4, will apply, modified such that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 6 or more races have been completed.

15.2 One DSQ only may be discarded. A DSQ will be scored as the number of boats in the series plus one. If a DSQ occurs, each boat with a worse finishing place shall be moved up one place.

15.3 DNS, DNC, OCS, DNF, RAF will be scored as the number of boats in the series plus one.

15.4 If two or more boats are tied at the end of the series, the first tiebreak will be the highest finish in the discarded race. This changes appendix A8. If there is no discarded race or if there remains a tie after this tiebreak, then series ties will be broken according to Appendix A8.

16. SAFETY

16.1 Each boat shall pass astern of the Race Committee Boat before the preparatory signal of the first race so that her sail number can be recorded and acknowledged. Boats failing to do so may be recorded as "Did Not Start".

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee boat or a Race Committee support boat before leaving the course area. Boats failing to do so may be disqualified.

16.3 Each boat must carry on board during the regatta a line suitable for towing.

16.4 All participants must wear an approved PFD at all times on the water for this regatta.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive electronic transmissions while racing.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the regatta.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

20. PARKING

The Weekapaug Yacht Club expects to provide limited on-site parking. Please arrive early to unload boats and sailors and then proceed to off-site parking at the Weekapaug softball field (Chapman Road next to the Tennis Club). This allows others to unload as efficiently as possible.