

BC 420 Championships & Comox Bay Summer Fun Regatta
August 8th and 9th, 2026



COMOX BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION
Comox, British Columbia

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS v1.0

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1).

The notation '[SP]' in a rule means that a boat may be subject to a standard penalty without a hearing for breaking that rule.

1. RULES

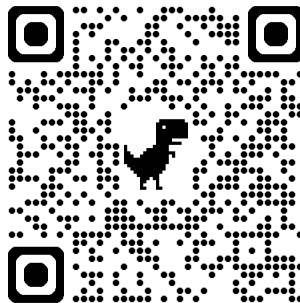
- 1.1. See NoR 1

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at:
<https://comoxbaysailingassociation.ca/regatta/edMYYPfaH/#notice-board>
- 3.2. The Regatta office will be located in a trailer in front of the Spinnaker Building in Comox Marina Park
- 3.3. On the water the Race Committee intends to monitor VHF Channels specified in Addendum A
- 3.4. The following WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication:



4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. Sailors, officials and support people all desire a safe and inclusive event and are reminded of the BC Universal Code of Conduct for sport.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast by the Regatta Office.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6. CLASS FLAGS

C420 White on Purple			
ILCA (Laser) (red on white)		Optimist Red,Blue,White (black on white)	

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. Racing will be held in the waters of Comox Bay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. In the absence of one of the gate marks, the remaining mark is to be left to port. This changes RRS 34.
- 8.3. The course will be designated by one or more letters and a numeral (e.g., L2, LA2). Designations will be displayed from the signal boat.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The marks for each course are described in a table in Addendum A

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line for all courses will be between a staff on a boat displaying an orange flag on the starboard end of the line, and the course side of the port end mark.
- 10.2. [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area extends 50 metres from the start line in all directions.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. The start sequence for each race will be identified using the class flags.
- 10.5. The start order may vary and multiple fleets may be started together.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. The Race Committee is not required to signal the change where the next leg of the course is changed by moving the mark less than 15 degrees in angle or less than 150 metres in length. This changes RRS 33.

- 11.2. To change the next leg of the course to a greater extent than 11.1, the race committee will signal the change in accordance with RRS 33 and 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.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finish mark, as indicated in Appendix A

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The Race Time Limit is the time limit for the first boat to sail the course.
 13.2. The Mark 1 Time Limit is the time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.
 13.3. The Finishing Window is the time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course.
 13.4. If no boat either passes Mark 1 or Sails the Course within the Mark 1 Time Limit or Race Time Limit, respectively, the race will be abandoned.
 13.5. The time limits for the Optimist class will be:
 a. Race Time Limit: 45 Minutes
 b. Mark 1 Time Limit: 15 Minutes
 c. [NP] Target Time: 30 Minutes
 d. Finishing Window: 15 Minutes
 13.6. The time limits for the C420 and ILCA Classes will be:
 a. Race Time Limit: 60 Minutes
 b. Mark 1 Time Limit: 20 Minutes
 c. [NP] Target Time: 35 Minutes
 d. Finishing Window: 15 Minutes
 13.7. Failure to achieve target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. Hearing requests and requests for redress **must be filed online** using the form provided on the official notice board within the protest time limit. The above link can also be accessed from the event website.
 14.2. For all classes, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee vessel docks.
 14.3. Notices will be posted online to links on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses (above link is available on the event website).
 14.4. The protest committee will attempt to resolve all protests by arbitration, if possible, as per Appendix T. Hearings will be held in the protest room, beginning at the time posted.
 14.5. A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted to links on the official notice board.
 14.6. Notices of protests by a committee will be posted to links on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15. SCORING

- 15.1. If a boat is told they are 'Scored/finished on Course' by an official vessel, it shall return to the starting area. That boat will be scored in its last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
 15.2. [NP] If Boats cannot all be assigned a score in accordance with SI 15.1, then all boats failing to finish within the finishing window will be scored TLE and given points equivalent to the last boat to finish within the time limit plus two points, but not more than a boat scored Did Not Finish. This Changes RRS 35, A 5.1 and A 5.2

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. [SP] All Coaches are required to check their sailors out by radioing The Race Committee with their Sail numbers as having left the dock. The cadet teams will use one point of contact to represent their whole program.
- 16.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee or a coach boat before leaving the course area, and the coach boat will relay the retiring sail number to the race committee.
- 16.3. [SP] All Coaches are required to check their sailors back in to shore by radioing The Race Committee with their Sail numbers as having returned to the dock. The cadet teams will use one point of contact to represent their whole program.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without approval of the race committee.
- 17.2. 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.

18. SUPPORT / COACH BOATS [DP]

- 18.1. Support / Coach boats must check-in at the Regatta Office.
- 18.2. Attendance by coaches and other support staff at the Coaches Meeting is mandatory.
- 18.3. Coaches shall monitor their applicable course VHF channel (see Attachment 'A') to determine if their assistance is required in case of emergency or rescue situations.
- 18.4. If coach boats deliver athletes to the dock they must inform the Race Committee that they are doing so and report the sail number of the retiring boat.
- 18.5. All support boats must accept trash from competitors. See SI 20.
- 18.6. Coaches and other support staff shall be familiar with the CBSA Emergency Action Plan.
- 18.7. Support boats shall carry a copy of the CBSA Emergency Action Plan.
- 18.8. Optimist Green coach boats shall be in the close vicinity to their allocated sailors.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1. [SP] As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. See RRS 55. Trash may be placed aboard support and official boats.

20. STANDARD PENALTIES

- 20.1. The Following Standard Penalties will Apply:
 - a. NoR 10.1 Optimist Towline 2 Points per race
 - b. NoR 10.2 Optimist Whistle 2 Points per race
 - c. NoR 15.4 Support Vessel VHF 1 point per race against all boats the vessel is responsible for
 - d. SI 19.1 Check Out 1 Point per race held that day
 - e. SI 19.2 Check In 1 Point per race held that day
 - f. SI 25.1 Trash Disposal 3 Points against the race nearest in time to the infraction

Addendum A: Course Diagrams & Information

Alpha Course - VHF Ch 72 - All Classes All Courses - Windward Leeward

Course channel: VHF Channel 72

Course ID Optimist	Course to Sail	
L1	Start – 1 (port) – 4p (port) – Finish	
L2	Start – 1 (port) – 4s/4p (gate) – 1 (port) – 4p (port) – Finish	
L3	Start – 1 (port) – 4s/4p (gate) – 1 (port) – 4s/4p (gate) – 1 (port) – 4p (port) – Finish	
Course ID Laser/C420	Course to Sail	
LA1	Start – 2 (port) – 4p (port) – Finish	
LA2	Start – 2 (port) – 4s/4p (gate) – 2 (port) – 4p (port) – Finish	
LA3	Start – 2 (port) – 4s/4p (gate) – 2 (port) – 4s/4p (gate) – 2 (port) – 4p (port) – Finish	

Mark	Description	Instructions
Start Boat	“Sea Tek” Beneteau 35.1 (White hull with Blue accents)	
Start Mark	Yellow Cylinder	
1	Green Inflatable Tetrahedron	To be left to port
2	Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron	To be left to port
4S/4P	Orange Inflatable Tetrahedra	Gate

Finish Mark	Yellow Cylinder	
Change Mark	Pink Tetrahedron	
Optimist Green Fleet	Optimist Green fleet mark will use a Blue mark as their Windward mark. They may also use the Green Tetrahedron if the race committee notifies all Green Fleet boats on the water.	