

Detroit River Yacht Racing Association

Non-Class Sails Requirements for Junior Regattas

1. INTENT

The intent of allowing non-class sails (NCS) is to reduce the cost of participating in DRYA Junior Regattas while preserving the one-design nature of competition. Durable NCS (also known as “practice sails”) allow affordable, fair competition at lower level events while preserving expensive class legal sails for higher level and one-design class sanctioned events.

2. APPLICABILITY / CLASSES

2.1. These requirements shall only apply when specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for a DRYA Junior Regatta. These requirements are invoked by inserting the following language in the “Rules” section of the NOR and Sailing Instructions:

(#) The use of “Non-Class Sails” (NCS) for the [list classes] shall not be subject to a protest or a request for redress by a boat or the race committee. This changes rules 60.1 and 60.2. “Race committee” is replaced with “protest committee” in rule 78.3 and the reference to rule 78.3 is deleted from rule 60.2. NCS shall conform to the DRYA Non Class Sail Requirements for Junior Regattas.

2.2. Only the Laser Full, Laser Radial, 420 Spinnaker, 420 JAM, 420 and Optimist classes are eligible to use NCS while competing in DRYA Junior Regattas.

3. SPECIFICATIONS / MEASUREMENT / PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

3.1. General

- a. NCS shall use equal or heavier weight materials as specified in the individual class rules or construction manuals.
- b. NCS shall be made to the same construction standards and dimensions as specified in the individual class rules or construction manuals. The only significant difference between NCS and class legal sails should be the weight of the sailcloth.

3.2. Measurement

- a. General – if the protest committee at an event believes that an NCS is not in compliance with section 3.1 of these requirements, it may require the sail to be measured, either by them, a measurer appointed by the organizing authority, or by a class certified measurer.
- b. Laser Full & Laser Radial – sail(s) shall be measured in accordance with the dimensions and specifications provided in the International Laser Class Rules, pages 46 and 47.
- c. 420 Spinnaker and 420 JAM – sail(s) shall be measured in accordance with the dimensions and specifications provided in the Club 420 Construction Manual, sect. 18, 19, 20 and 21.
- d. Optimist Dinghy – the sail shall be measured in accordance with the dimensions and specifications in the International Optimist Class Rules, section 6.

3.3. Penalty for Non-Compliance – A sail deemed noncompliant by the protest committee shall be disallowed for use in DRYA junior regattas and shall be marked “N/C – DRYA” and dated at the tack. The protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty (DPI) or take other action under RRS Rules 2 or 69 if it deems it appropriate, especially if the noncompliance was intentional or if the intent of these requirements is violated.

4. SUPPLIERS

Disclaimer – a sail obtained from a supplier listed below is not a guarantee of compliance with these requirements. Competitors are ultimately responsible to ensure their NCS meet the requirements.

Annapolis Performance Sailing, 104 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD (410) 2683676 Dieball Sails, 5556 Edgewater Drive, Toledo, OH (419) 7262933

Doyle Sails Detroit, 24227 Sorrentino Ct., Clinton Twp., MI (586) 7907500

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Intensity Sails, 200 Bald Hill Rd., Warwick, RI (401) 7388000

KentSails, 35942 Jefferson Ave., Harrison Twp., MI (586) 7912580

NorthSailsDetroit, 24422 Sorrentino Ct., Clinton Twp., MI (586) 7927212

