



Sodus Bay Open
October 3rd and 4th, 2026
Hosted by the RIT Sailing Team at Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association
Sodus Bay, New York

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) in conjunction with the RIT Sailing Team.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition (PR) (except as any of these are modified by the sailing instructions), and by the Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on a whiteboard outside of the southern entrance to Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association (SBJSA).

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 3, 2026	Sunday, October 4, 2026
☐ 10:00 Report Time	09:00 Report Time
☐ 10:15 Competitors Meeting	10:00 First Warning
☐ 11:00 First Warning	15:00 No Start After

4. FORMAT

- 4.1 The event will be sailed in two divisions.
- 4.2 A single round robin of 12 races is scheduled, but is subject to change.
- 4.3 Boat rotations will be posted with all other notices.

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association's Class 420's will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way, except that competitors may adjust lines and controls normally adjustable.
- 5.2 Standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 5.3 No modifications to rigging are allowed except that mainsheets may be rigged either 3:1 or 4:1.
- 5.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee on the water. Violations may lead to disqualification.
- 5.5 Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots, the loss of clevis pins or rings, except that the Jury may, but is not required to, grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

6. MARKS

- 6.1 All marks will be orange/red balls.
- 6.2 The starting mark will be an orange/red ball. The starting line will be between the starting mark and the staff displaying the RIT Sailing Burgee on the committee boat.
- 6.3 For downwind finishing, the finishing line will be the same as the starting line.

- 6.4 For upwind finishing in accordance with W3 and W5 courses, the finishing line will be between the windward mark and a mark boat.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows: W2, W3, W4 or W5 with offsets.
- 7.2 Gates will be set to windward of the start/finish line. If only one mark is present, that will serve as the sole leeward mark and should be rounded to port.
- 7.3 The course for the upcoming race will be communicated to competitors using code flags and/or a whiteboard near the stern of the committee boat. See the attached document for clarification.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.

9. START/FINISH

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with PR Appendix B.
- 9.2 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Procedural Rule 18(b)(ii), the “X” flag will be flown, and boat numbers may be hailed. Failure to hear her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 10.2 A general recall will be used in accordance to PR 18(b)(iii), Visual and Auditory Signals will be used
- 10.3 After a general recall, the Round-the-End Rule, RRS 30.1 shall apply and the “I” Flag will be displayed.

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 Protests shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules
- 11.2 Protests shall be filed within the 30 minutes of securing boats to the shore after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred. This changes Rule 30.
- 11.3 Protest forms will be available in the SBJSA staff room or upon request from a member of the race committee.

12. SAFETY AND LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead.
- 12.2 A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 12.3 Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.
- 12.4 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. COACHING

- 13.1 PR 19 will apply. All coaches shall remain on land, no coach boats will be provided.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information, please contact Ashley Franklin at aif4371@rit.edu or 781-898-5426.

ATTACHMENT

Course Diagrams

Offset
Mark

