

2016 Division VI

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1.0 RULES

The regatta shall be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013-2016); the individual class rules of the classes sailing (except as any are altered by these sailing instructions); the Notice of Race published for this event; and by these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ADVERTISING AND EVENT CLASSIFICATION

Unless otherwise prescribed in the Notice of Race published for this event and in amended Sailing Instructions, this event shall be classified as Category C.

3.0 SAFETY

- 3.1 GENERAL: Notwithstanding anything in these Sailing Instructions, it is the personal responsibility of each competitor to sail safely and to wear a life jacket, or Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or other personal buoyancy device approved by the National Authority having jurisdiction and adequate protective clothing as conditions warrant. If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, retire from the race.
- 3.2 ELECTRICAL POWER LINES - AVOID!!! Before raising the mast, and ALWAYS while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. When launching from shore, docking, or landing, check for and avoid low overhead power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 ENTRY FORMS: Each entry shall file a written registration entry form with the race organizer prior to racing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. An entry is official when posted on the master scorecard.
- 4.2 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: Incomplete or inaccurate entry information may result in disqualification during or following the regatta.
- 4.3 SAIL NUMBERS: Sail numbers shall match the entry form and be readable from both sides of the sail.
- 4.4 PORTSMOUTH RATINGS:
- (a) The ratings will be taken from the Table of Portsmouth Numbers And Wind Dependent Handicaps (latest published by US Sailing). The listed wind speed adjustments will be used as the basis for determining corrected time.
 - (b) If a boat does not have a published rating, the owner shall advise the Registration/Race Committee in writing. The Race Committee shall assign a rating based on the information supplied by the owner of said boat to be registered by basing it's # on a comparison with similar boats of the Table Of Portsmouth Numbers. It is the responsibility of the owner to secure a rating from the Race Committee. A boat that starts without an assigned rating will not be scored for any races.
 - (c) Any appeal to the posted rating shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee prior to the start of racing on Sunday. The Race Committee shall review and approve/disapprove any rating change request prior to the first posted race results. NO revisions to the rating will be made after this time.

5.0 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTION / NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 LOCATION: The location of the Official Regatta Notice Board will be announced at the event's initial Skippers' Meeting.
- 5.2 CHANGES: Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board one hour before the first race on the day the change takes effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 8:00 p.m. the previous day.
- 5.3 NOTICES: All other notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- 6.1 **STARTING TIME:** The planned time of the Warning Signal for the first race of each day will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting and/or as announced in the event Notice of Race. No Warning Signal shall be made after 1:00 PM on the last day of racing.
- 6.2 **SKIPPER'S MEETINGS:** A Skippers' Meeting will be scheduled before the first race of the regatta and may be scheduled for other racing days.

7.0 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

- 7.1 **MARKS:** The description of the marks to be used, including starting and finishing marks, will be described at the initial Skipper's Meeting.
- 7.2 **"B" MARK LOCATION:** "B" Mark, the reaching mark, may be located to either the windward or leeward end of the course.
- 7.3 **BARGING BUOY:** A barging buoy may be set behind the Race Committee signal boat as a warning to skippers to keep clear of the starting boat when starting or finishing a race. A barging buoy and its tether is an extension of the starting boat or a mark of the course.

8.0 RACE STARTS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

- 8.1 **CLASSES:** Classes, Class Flags and starting sequences will be announced at the initial Skipper's Meeting.
- 8.2 **STARTING SIGNALS:** The starting signals shall be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 8.3 **RACE SEQUENCE:** When the Committee Boat is displaying a Class Flag at the finish, that class shall remain near the starting area for another race.
- 8.4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**
 - (a) When signals are made ashore they shall conform to RRS "Race Signals" and their location ashore will be announced at the initial Skippers' Meeting and posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
 - (b) "Postponement" (Answering Pennant "AP") with 2 sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 8.5 Catamarans whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all catamarans whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 8.6 A catamaran shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

9.0 THE COURSE

9.1 **RACE COURSE:** US SAILING courses shall be used as follows:

<u>Course No</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Options</u>
1	(S) A C A (F)	Downwind	1 G
2	(S) A C A C A (F)	Downwind	2 G
3	(S) A C A B C (F)	Upwind	
4	(S) A C A B C A (F)	Downwind	
5	(S) A C (F)	Upwind	5 G
6	(S) A C A C (F)	Upwind	6 G
7	(S) A C A B C A C (F)	Upwind	

All marks left to port except Gates Gates may be exited in either direction

OR

RACE COURSE: DIVISION VI courses shall be used as follows:

<u>Course No</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Finish</u>
1	(S) A (F)	Downwind
2	(S) A C A (F)	Downwind
3	(S) A C A C A (F)	Downwind
4	(S) A C A C A C A (F)	Downwind
5	(S) A C A C A C A C A (F)	Downwind
Etc.		

All Marks left to port.

Start / Finish Line will be below C mark

9.2 COURSE CALLED: The course to be sailed shall be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat before, or closely following the Warning Signal for each fleet.

9.3 GATE COURSES: The Race Committee may set a gate at the leeward mark in lieu of a single C mark. Boats shall sail between the two gate marks from the direction of the last mark, rounding to either port or starboard. The Race Committee is not required to post a G for courses that have the optional gate for windward/leeward courses.

10.0 START LINE OBSTRUCTION

The Start Line shall rank as an obstruction for fleets previously started while other fleets are starting and in sequence until after the last fleet has successfully started.

11.0 RETIRING FROM A RACE

NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE: A boat, which retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or upon arriving at shore. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification from the regatta+.

12.0 ALTERNATE FINISHES, TIME LIMIT, AND RACE VALIDITY

12.1 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START:

(a) Courses may be shortened or abandoned at the Race Committee's discretion in accordance with RRS 32.

(b) Code Flag "S" shall be displayed at a rounding or finishing mark. Finish between the nearby mark and this flag.

12.2 TIME LIMIT: No race time limit is scheduled. The Race Committee may abandon a race at its discretion in accordance with RRS 32.

12.3 FINISHING ON THE WATER: When approximately half of the boats in a race have rounded the last mark, the Race Committee may finish the balance of the boats at the last mark or on the course. The Race Committee determines the method of finishing and the finish positions awarded each boat.

13.0 PROTESTS

13.1 PROTEST TIME LIMIT: Protests shall be written on regatta supplied protest forms or reasonable equivalent. Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee or with the Protest Committee within one-half hour (0.5 hr.) after the Race Committee boat arrives in the harbor or dock as signaled by an audible blast following the last race of the day. The protest committee may extend the protest time at their discretion. This modifies RRS 61.3.

13.2 SIGNALING A PROTEST: A boat protesting another boat shall follow RRS 61.1 (a) with the following provisions and modifications:

(a) All boats, regardless of hull length shall hail "Protest" and display a red flag. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a)

(b) The definition of the "first reasonable opportunity" for displaying a protest flag is IMMEDIATELY upon achieving control of the boat.

(c) The definition of the "first reasonable opportunity" for hailing "Protest" is IMMEDIATELY following the incident.

(d) Notify the Race Committee signal boat of intent to protest when finishing. The Race Committee will acknowledge the protest flag only. If unable to finish, notify the Race Committee upon reaching shore that you did not finish and of your intent to protest.

14.0 ALTERNATE PENALTIES

360-DEGREE RULE: (This modifies RRS rules 44.1 and 44.2.) A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be one 360-degree Turn Penalty in either direction.

15.0 SCORING

15.1 METHOD: Low Point Scoring System as written in RRS Appendix A2.

15.2 THROWOUT RACES: Provided there are four or more races in a regatta, there will be one throwout race allowed in the scoring.

15.3 PENALTIES AND SCORING PENALTIES: As described in RRS Appendix A except that DNF shall be scored the number of finishers plus one (1).

15.4 One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

15.5 All scoring penalties may be thrown out if a throwout race is allowed except DNE. This penalty may be awarded by the protest committee for equipment violations, unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive profanity, fouls causing injury, material prejudice, or serious damage. Awarding a DNE does not preclude the protest committee taking action under RRS Section C - Gross Misconduct, Rule 69.

16.0 SPECIAL NOTES

16.1 QUESTIONS: No questions will be answered by the Race Committee on the water.

16.2 OBSTRUCTIONS: Mark boats, rescue/chase boats, control boats, and line sighting boats shall rank as obstructions.

16.3 ASSISTANCE: Any boat receiving "hands on" assistance from rescue/chase boats will be scored DNF. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

16.4 EQUIPMENT: Trapezes are permitted. Modifies RRS 49.1