

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

Races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Racing Rules of the BBYRA and by these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the vicinity of the registration desk at the regatta headquarters.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour prior to the scheduled AM or PM Warning Signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the regatta headquarters.
- 4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY

- 5.1 Changes of registered skipper or sail number must be submitted in writing at the registration desk or late entry boat.
- 5.2 Onus for being counted as a starter or non-starter rests with each boat. Boats intending to race should pass close by the late entry boat, hail class and sail number, and receive acknowledgement. A boat that comes to the starting line and elects not to race must so advise the late entry boat before her preparatory signal. Any registered boat sailing in the starting area between her preparatory and starting signals will be considered a starter.
- 5.3 The committee will endeavor to account for all entered boats. If a boat does not start or fails to finish, the skipper shall report to the Regatta Committee or Patrol Boat flying a numbered patrol flag before leaving the course. Any boat withdrawing from the race without prompt notice may be disqualified for the next two races.

6. CLASS SIGNALS AND STARTING TIMES

See inside

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course chart shows the approximate location of marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 The Class placard and number of course to be sailed by that Class will be displayed at its Preparatory Signal. This modifies RRS 27.1.
- 7.3 When courses 0 through 8 are signaled, the PORTABLE MARK COURSE ADDENDUM will apply.
- 7.4 Except on Portable Mark Courses The Race Committee will establish a substitute turning marker for "A" Cats & Sanderlings near the final turning marker of the course. This marker will be a large green conical inflatable mark.
- 7.5 Any special course will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour prior to the scheduled Warning Signal.

8. MARKS

Marks will be drums painted orange and white with identifying letters painted in black, except as noted.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 When two races for the same class are scheduled back-to-back, the warning signal for the second race will be made as soon as practical. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a yellow shape will be displayed for at least 4 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Signal Boat at the starboard end and a large orange conical inflatable mark at the port end.
- 9.4 An orange ball attached to a Signal or Finish Boat is considered a part of the mark.
- 9.5 Boats sailing on a leg of the course may not cross the start or finish line except to start, finish, or if the start or finish mark is a rounding mark.
- 9.6 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to hail each boat that has not started correctly. Failure to make or hear such hail will not be grounds for redress.
- 10.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.3.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The Race Committee will attempt to establish a windward finish for the first class to finish. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.2 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Finish Boat and a large orange conical inflatable mark, except as indicated in the PORTABLE MARK COURSE ADDENDUM.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 2 1/2 hours for AM classes and 3 hours for PM classes. A boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat of her class finishes or after the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "Did not finish".

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 All boats intending to protest shall fly a red flag. This modifies RRS 61.1(a).
- 13.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the regatta headquarters or line boat and lodged with the Chairman of the Protest committee in accordance with RRS 61.3.
- 13.3 Protests will be heard at Regatta Headquarters commencing at 0730 on the next scheduled race day except on the last race day when protests will be heard immediately following the races.

14. PENALTIES

14.1 The 720 Degree Turns Penalty, RRS 44.2 will apply with the additional provision that when a boat breaks a rule with spinnaker drawing, drops it completely while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn or 360 degrees instead of two full turns.

14.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 14.1, a boat may elect to accept a Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3.

14.3 All alternative penalties taken shall be reported to the Regatta Committee immediately after finishing.

15. SAFETY

15.1 All Junior Class Competitors (Laser Radial) and single handed competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 1.2, 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

15.2 "E" sloops shall deploy mainsail flotation at all times while racing.

15.3 Safety inspections will be conducted at the discretion of the committee. Flag "L" and a class signal displayed at the finish line will indicate a mandatory inspection. Boats are required to respond by checking in with a safety patrol boat flying flag "L" and the class signal while laying at anchor to windward of the finish line. All boats must be acknowledged.

16. POSTPONEMENT SIGNAL ("AP", Answering Pennant)

This signal made before 1:15 PM does not refer to afternoon races. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

17. COME WITHIN HAIL SIGNAL (Flag "L")

Flag "L", when displayed afloat to indicate "Come within Hail", is mandatory. Failure to respond will be grounds for disqualification. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

18. MARK MISSING ("M")

A missing mark will be designated either by a black and yellow buoy or a buoy or vessel displaying Flag M. Sound signals while displaying "M" may be omitted. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

19. ABANDONMENT SIGNALS ("N" & "N" over "A")

Flag "N" over "A" means, "All races including those not started are abandoned and will not be sailed." This signal made before 1:15 PM does not refer to afternoon races. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

20. SHORTEN COURSE SIGNAL (Flag "S")

This signal displayed at a rounding mark means: "All classes finish between the rounding mark and the boat displaying this signal". When this signal is displayed over one or more class flags it pertains to those classes only. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

22. SIGNALS

The following signals will be used in accordance with RACE SIGNALS used in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except as modified in these Sailing Instructions.



B
Solid
Red

PROTEST



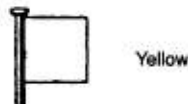
C
Blue, Red
& White

CHANGE OF COURSE
WHILE SAILING



I
Yellow Field
Black Center

ROUND THE ENDS RULE



Yellow

ACKNOWLEDGE
BREACH OF RULE



L
Yellow
and
Black

POSTED NOTICE
"COME WITHIN HAIL"
OR "FOLLOW ME"



M
Blue
Field
White
Stripes

MARK SIGNAL



N
Blue
and
White

H
Red
and
White

ABANDONMENT



S
White
Field
Blue
Center

SHORTEN
COURSE



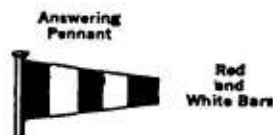
X
Blue Cross
White Field

INDIVIDUAL
RECALL



Y
Yellow
and
Red

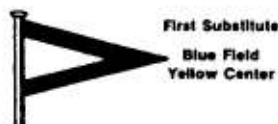
LIFE JACKET



Answering
Pennant

Red
and
White
Bars

POSTPONEMENT



First Substitute
Blue Field
Yellow Center

GENERAL RECALL



Blue
Cone

FINISHING

23. Scoring

23.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. RRS A.9 , Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta, replaces RRS A4.2.

23.2 The number of scheduled races is 10 (except "E" Sloop, 8 and "A" Cat 12), of which 1 must be scored to constitute a series.

23.3 a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed in her class, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

b) When 5 to 6 races have been completed for her class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

c) When 7 to 8 races have been completed for her class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

d) When 9 to 10 races have been completed for her class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

e) When 11 or more races have been completed for her class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.

f) Failed inspection shall not be excluded. This changes RRS 88.3b.

23.4 Qualification for the Championship will be prescribed in Racing Rules of the BBYRA.

PORTABLE MARK COURSE ADDENDUM

The following instructions are applicable ONLY to courses 0 - 8:

24. THE COURSE

24.1 The diagrams show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the marks are to be left. On the final leg to the finish of Course 7, the leeward mark is not a mark of the course.

24.2 There will be an offset mark adjacent the windward mark which shall be rounded to port, all courses. The offset mark will be an orange ball.

24.3 A gate may be employed on any windward-leeward course. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark, Use of a gate will be signaled by display of placard "G" following the course number.

24.4 When a course is shortened at a gate, a finish boat will lift one gate mark and anchor in its place.

25. MARKS - Marks will be yellow inflatables. New marks, as provided in instruction 26, Change of Course after the Start, will be orange inflatables.

26. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START - A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

27. THE FINISH - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Finish Boat displaying the flag/flags designating the class/classes using this finish line and the nearby mark except Course 7 that will finish at the starting line..

PORTABLE MARK COURSE ADDENDUM

(NOTE PARTICULARLY PAR. 7.3, 11.2, 24, 25, 26 & 27)

