

2006 US SAILING OLYMPIC PRE-TRIALS

Skiff - 49er

Organizing Authority: US SAILING in conjunction with
the Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego, CA ("SWYC")

Thursday, October 19 - Sunday, October 22, 2006

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 (a) RRS 64 is changed so that:

- Reports, questions or disputes concerning eligibility, equipment substitution or arising under the class rules or any rule related to measurement shall be referred to the Olympic Sailing Committee ("OSC") representative, who shall investigate the matter.
- The OSC representative may order corrected without penalty measurement defects or breaches of class rules that are deemed to be minor or inconsequential.
- If the OSC representative determines that a penalty may be appropriate, he will report the matter in writing to the race committee, which shall protest the boat.

(b) RRS 64.1 is changed such that for protests involving equipment substitution, class rules or measurement defects, a penalty less than disqualification may be assigned.

(c) RRS 63.6 and 64.2 are changed such that in a hearing involving eligibility, equipment substitution, class rules or measurement defects, the protest committee shall take testimony from the OSC representative regarding his investigation and recommendations.

(d) Rule 64.3(a) is changed to replace "protest committee" with "OSC representative."

(e) In RRS 64.3(b), the "authority responsible for interpreting the rule" is the OSC representative.

1.3 The regatta is designated unrestricted Category C, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

- Boats may be required to display identification numbers and event sponsor advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d).
- Competitors may be required to wear bibs provided by the organizing authority.

1.4 Competitors shall not discard trash into the water.

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, REGISTRATION and CREW SUBSTITUTION

2.1 Eligible boats and competitors may be entered by:

- completing on-line registration with US SAILING and paying all applicable fees (see the Notice of Race, paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4), and
- completing on-site registration in the Corinthian Room at the SWYC (see the Notice of Race, paragraph 4), and
- demonstrating that their boat is insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent (see the Notice of Race, paragraph 21).

2.2 Substitutes

- Boats may substitute crew members only for reasons of illness, injury or other special circumstances, and only with the express written permission of the OSC representative.
- Requests for substitution shall be made to the OSC representative before 0900 on the day of the race. However, in emergencies, permission may be requested and granted retroactively.
- Unless otherwise specified by the OSC representative, a substitution will be for twenty-four (24) hours only.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the Corinthian Room on the deck.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be approved by the OSC representative and posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of racing will be posted before the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located on the deck near the official notice board.
- 5.2 When flag AP with two horns (one when lowered) is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 60 minutes" in the Race Signal AP.
- 5.3 A numeral pennant will be displayed ashore to indicate the intended location of the racing area. See paragraph 8. This pennant will be displayed each day not later than 0930 or, if AP has been displayed ashore, the lowering of AP ashore each day.
- 5.4 Flag T, displayed prior to 0930, means that towing to the racing area will be available at 1000. The tows will be made up in the fairway just beyond the dock fingers.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 6.1 | Thursday | 0930-1730 | On-site registration and measurement |
| | | 1800 | Opening ceremony - SWYC dining/banquet room |
| | Friday | 1200* | First warning signal |
| | Saturday | 1200* | First warning signal |
| | Sunday | 1200* | First warning signal |

1600 No warning signal after this time
1800 Prizegiving and closing ceremony - SWYC

* changes the Notice of Race

- 6.2 Nine races are scheduled, with a maximum of four races each day at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.3 If the race committee intends to run another race on the same day, it will display the second substitute (with no sound signal) while boats are finishing.
- 6.4 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (or a sequence of races for two or more classes) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or series of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7. CLASS FLAGS

49er: light blue flag with black 49er class insignia

8. RACING AREAS

The racing areas are shown on the attached chart (Attachment 1):

(1) approximately 2.5 nm from Zuniga Light "Z" on a bearing of 125° magnetic; the approximate distance from the SWYC to this racing area is 5.5 nm.

(2) in the Pacific Ocean outside and to the south of the San Diego Channel.

9. COURSES

9.1 Attachment 2 shows the course diagram, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course description and course designations are as follows:

<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Course Designations</u>
Windward/Leeward	W1, W2, W3, W4, W5

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the course designation and the approximate distance and bearing to the first mark will be displayed on a board on the race committee signal boat.

9.4 Mark 4 is shown as a gate, 4s and 4p. The gate may be replaced by a single mark 4, to be left to port. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10. MARKS

10.1 Original rounding marks will be inflatable orange tetrahedrons.

10.2 New marks, as provided for in Sailing Instruction 12, Change of the Next Leg of the Course, will be inflatable yellow tetrahedrons.

10.4 The starting and finishing marks will be a race committee boat at one end and either an inflatable orange tetrahedron or a race committee boat at the other end; see paragraphs 11.2 and 13.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and either the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on another race committee boat or the course side of the inflatable starting mark at the port end.
- 11.3 Boats failing to start within four minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 11.4 If a boat fails to start or breaks rule 30.3, the race committee will, after mark 1, point flag X at her, make a sound signal and hail her sail number. The hailed boat shall immediately leave the course area. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat at the port end and either the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on another race committee boat or the course side of the nearby inflatable mark at the starboard end.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1, 44.2 and Appendix P2.1 are changed to make the penalty a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe.
- 14.2 RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rules 42, as changed below, will apply.
- 14.3 RRS Appendix P2 is replaced by the following, which changes rule 63.1:

P2.1 First and Second Protest

When a boat is protested under P1 for the first or second time during the series, she may acknowledge her breach by taking a One-Turn penalty under rule 44.2 as changed by Sailing Instruction 14.1. If she fails to do so, she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Subsequent Protests

When a boat is protested a third or subsequent time during the series she may acknowledge her breach by immediately retiring from the race. If she fails to do so, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excludable.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 is 60 minutes.

15.3 A boat failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course as required by RRS 28.1 will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms will be available in the corridor directly to the left of the office on the right side in an area labeled "Protest Forms." Protests shall be delivered to a protest committee representative in the Corinthian Room before the relevant protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee finish boat docks. That time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

16.4 Breaches of sailing instruction 1.3, 1.4, 14, 18, 19 and RRS Appendix G shall not be subject to protests by boats, and penalties, if any, shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 60.1 and 64.1(a).

16.5 RRS 62 is changed so that the time limit for delivering a request for redress alleging a scoring error, such as OCS, is one of the following:

- if the information is posted prior to the protest time limit and it is not the last day of the regatta: one-half hour after the initial posting of the relevant information or the protest time limit, whichever is later;
- if the information is not posted prior to the protest time limit and it is not the last day of the regatta: 0930 the following morning;
- on the last day of the regatta: one-half hour after the initial posting of the relevant information or the protest time limit, whichever is later.

16.6 RRS 62 and 66 are changed so that, on the last day of the regatta:

- the time limit for delivering a request for redress is the protest time limit or one-half hour after the incident, whichever is later, and
- the time limit for delivering a request to reopen a hearing is the protest time limit or one-half hour after the decision is announced, whichever is later.

17. SCORING

17.1 Three races are necessary to constitute a series.

17.2 A boat's series score shall be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score only when five or more races have been completed.

18. SAFETY

18.1 If the race committee displays flag L (with one sound) prior to a warning signal, each boat shall check-in prior to her next warning signal by sailing on starboard tack close aboard across the stern of the race committee signal boat. The race committee will hail the sail number of boats as they check in.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall, when possible, notify a race committee boat before leaving the racing area.

18.3 Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing, except for brief periods while changing clothing. This replaces RRS 40, but not the US SAILING prescription to RRS 40.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

19.1 Support boats shall be registered and comply with the other requirements of paragraphs 13.1 and 13.2 of the Notice of Race. Paragraph 13.3 of the Notice of Race is deleted.

19.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless otherwise directed by the race committee.

20. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

While on the water, a competing boat shall not carry equipment capable of making or receiving electronic communications, except for equipment provided by the organizing authority. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through third in each event.

22. DRUG TESTING

The US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) may conduct doping control. Information on drugs and medications and about doping control may be obtained by calling the USADA Drug Reference Line at 1-800-233-0393, or from the USADA web site www.usantidoping.org.

23. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

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Attachments:

1. Chart of Racing Area - one page
2. Course Diagram - one page
3. Tides for Pt. Loma - below

TIDES AT PT. LOMA

	<u>LOW</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>LOW</u>	<u>HIGH</u>
Thursday, October 19	0221 (0.5')	0830 (5.2')	1447 (0.8')	2038 (4.7')
Friday, October 20	0243 (0.7')	0849 (5.4')	1517 (0.4')	2112 (4.5')
Saturday, October 21	0301 (1.0')	0908 (5.6')	1546 (0.2')	2145 (4.3')
Sunday, October 22	0320 (1.3')	0927 (5.7')	1620 (0.0')	2219 (4.0')