



Organized by US Sailing
Hosted by The Waterfront Center
Oyster Bay NY
October 5-8, 2017

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Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), by the US Sailing Conditions for the Championship of Champions (referred to hereinafter as the Conditions), by the US Sailing Regulations, Section 10 for Championships, as well as US Sailing Regulations, Sections 2, 4, and 15, by the SafeSport Handbook, and by the US Sailing Code of Conduct.
- 1.2. RRS 60.1(a) is modified to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule other than a class equipment measurement rule..
- 1.3. Advertising for this regatta is restricted in accordance with Regulation 20, World Sailing Advertising Code. Competitors may be required to sail boats displaying advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.4. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.5. This is a Grade 3 Coaching event, no private coaching is permitted.
<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located In front of the WaterFront Center building

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat docked at The WaterFront Center.
- 4.2. When code flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes.' This changes Race Signal AP.

5. Signals Made Afloat

- 5.1. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the SIs may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the Race Committee (RC) signal boat displays code flag L with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the SIs.



6. Boats

- 6.1. The Sonar will be the provided boat and will be sailed only as provided in a “round robin” format.
- 6.2. The total number of crew aboard shall be three (3) persons.
- 6.3. No substitution of helmsperson may be made unless permission of the US Sailing National Chairperson is granted. See <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/championship-conditions/>
- 6.4. The regatta is not being conducted as a class sanctioned or class association event.
- 6.5. Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat, and shall be removed by the end of the regatta.
- 6.6. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the OA's representative as soon as possible by flying the green breakdown flag and hailing a support boat prior to the start of the next race. The penalty for breaking this instruction shall be as described in SI 6.7 below, unless the Protest Committee (PC) is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply.
- 6.7. The penalty for not complying with instructions in SI 6.6 and compliance with “Conditions for Sailing the Provided boats” Addendum A may be disqualification from each race sailed in which an instruction is broken.

7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1. A complete round robin is scheduled. Four (4) races shall constitute a regatta. Competitors may rotate boats between races.
- 7.2. On Thursday, October 5th at 1200 competitors will be given their boat assignments and rotation and will use that boat for the practice. At 1300, competitors will be allowed to take boats out for practice. Practice starts will begin at 1500.
- 7.3. The scheduled warning signal for the first race each race day is 0930. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 7.4. On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1200.

8. Class Flag

- 8.1. The class flag will be a Numeral pennant one.

9. Racing Area

- 9.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Oyster Bay, NY

10. The Course

- 10.1. The course will be selected from the attached Course Chart. Marks 1, 1A are to be rounded to port and the gate marks (2p/2s) rounded in accordance with RRS 28.1 (c).
- 10.2. In the event a single Mark 2 is in place, it shall be left to port.
- 10.3. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course number and the approximate direction to the windward mark.

11. Marks

- 11.1 The starting marks will be RC boats displaying orange flags, or a RC Boat displaying an orange flag and an orange USSA tet with orange sleeve.
- 11.2. Mark 1, 1a, will be yellow USSA/Gill cylinders. Marks 2s, 2p will be yellow USSA/Gill tets.
- 11.3. New marks, when used as described in SI 14.2 will be orange cylinders.
- 11.4. The finishing marks will be a RC boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a nearby orange USSA cone.

12. The Start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the RC signal boat at one end and a staff with an orange flag on the pin boat or a staff with an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of a an orange USSA tet with orange sleeve.
- 12.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 12.3 Races will be started using Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System.

13. Recalls

- 13.1. As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to hail boats On Course Side (OCS) by loud hail. Failure of equipment, failure to hear or understand a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

14. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 14.1 The RC may make minor adjustments (up to 10 degrees and .1NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.
- 14.2 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15. The Finish

- 15.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and an orange USSA cone for Courses 2 and 4, and Mark 1 for Courses 3 and 5.
- 15.2 Code flag A displayed at the finish with no sound means no more racing today; return the boats to their respective location.

16. Penalty System

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed to read: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 16.2 Penalties for infractions within the three (3) boat lengths of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

17. Time Limit

17.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

17.2 Boats still racing 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A.5.

17.3. If one boat is in last place, is the only boat not to have finished, and is unduly delaying the start of another race, the RC may terminate the race and score that boat in last place. SI 16.2 will not apply. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

18. Protests and Requests for Redress

18.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC boat docks. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC and PC about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

18.2. Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the end of protest time. This will constitute notice to all parties under RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.

18.3. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking SIs 21 or 22. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the PC.

18.4. A list of RC actions will be posted prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

18.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18.6. A party to a hearing may ask for a reopening or request redress from a hearing action no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decisions on the last day of the event. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. Scoring

19.1 Appendix A2 is modified as follows:

When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores.

19.1.2. When from six (6) to eleven (11) races are completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores, excluding the competitor's worst score.

19.1.3. When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding the competitor's two (2) worst scores.

20 Breakdowns

- 20.1 A competitor whose finishing place, through no fault of his/her own, is made significantly worse because of a breakdown, subject to SI 6.6, may seek redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 20.2 A boat seeking redress for a breakdown shall display a yellow streamer and keep the streamer displayed until the bosun or PC has an opportunity to view the damage.

21 Disposal of Trash

- 21.1 Competitors shall remove any trash from the boat they are sailing during each rotation. Trash may be given to any of the support boats for disposal.

22 Safety Regulations

- 22.1 All competitors shall wear, at all times while on the water, other than during brief periods to add or remove clothing, a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD. This modifies RRS 40.
- 22.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the official regatta desk as soon as possible.

23 Controlled Substances

- 23.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03, for adult US Sailing Championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.
- 23.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the PC believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home the competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

24 Prizes

- 24.1 The winning competitor will receive the Jack Brown Perpetual Trophy, subject to the conditions stated in Section 12 of the NOR.
- 24.2 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three (3) competitors.

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ADDENDUM A
BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1 GENERAL

Reasonable steps will be taken to equalize boats. Differences among the boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.

2 PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by a member of the race committee otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the race committee.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the Race Committee, or, on race days while "AP" is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.9 Moving the mast blocks.
- 2.10 Using a flattener as a reef.
- 2.11 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.12 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 2.13 The use of electronic instruments other than compass, watches, or VHF. If electronic, only a compass with heading, heading memory, and timing functions is permitted. Nothing with GPS function is permitted.
- 2.14 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 2.15 The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower turnbuckle to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited.
- 2.16 Sitting outboard (including legs) of the toe rail is prohibited, but the upper body may lean outboard.
- 2.17 The use of "Duct tape" on any component of the boat.

3 PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS

The following are permitted:

- 3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
 - (a) basic hand tools
 - (b) Electrical tape
 - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
 - (d) marking pens
 - (e) tell-tale material
 - (f) watch, timers and hand held compass

- (g) shackles and clevis pins
- (h) velcro tape
- (i) spare flags
- 3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:
 - (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
 - (b) attach tell tales
 - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
 - (d) mark control settings
 - (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
- 3.3 Changing the number of mainsheet or jib sheet purchases.
- 4 MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS
 - 4.1 Reporting damage to the Race Committee or Bosun.

Course Chart

Course	Marks	Course	Marks
2	Start, 1, 1a, Finish	3	Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish
4	Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish	5	Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish

