



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS).

2. ENTRIES

- 1.1 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rated boats and one designs may enter by completing an entry form, payment of fees and complete registration prior to racing.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta notice board located near the registration desk.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted 0900 hours on the day it will take effect except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS

5.1 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, raised with two reports, means "The race is postponed, do not leave the area." when lowered with (1) report means "one minute to warning flag."

5.2 Class Flags will be announced at the Skippers Meeting on Saturday.

6. SCHEDULE AND NUMBER OF RACES

6.1 Planned schedule: Saturday- Skipper's meeting 1000, prep flag 1055, first race 1100, attempt 4 races

Sunday- prep flag 1055, first race 1100, no race after 1500, attempt 3 races.

- 6.2 Should wind, weather or other conditions make it impossible to complete the specified number of races on Saturday, an attempt will be made to make up race(s) on Sunday. The final standings will be based on the total of races completed. Decisions regarding results are solely up to the discretion of the Race Official.

7. COURSE

- 7.1 The course shall be windward (with an offset) leeward or triangle course TBD by committee boat the morning of the race, all marks rounded to port.
2. The identifying number will be displayed from the race committee boat before or with the warning which indicates the number of laps, if greater than (1).
- 7.3 The start/finish marks are to marks of the course except when starting or finishing and the start/finish line shall be considered an obstacle.
- 7.4 The course will be set up down river of the I-65 Bridge and will continue down river past the Second St. Bridge.

8. MARKS

1. Marks will be large orange/ yellow inflatable marks. Marks and course description shall be announced at the Skipper's meeting.
2. Start and Finish Marks will be the small orange balls used for Wednesday Nights.
3. **ALL** Marks will be passed to port.

9. THE START

1. Races will be started using US Sailing sequence. See Below
- 9.2 The start/finish line shall be a line from a starting mark to the **red flag** on the race committee boat.
- 9.3 If a starting sequence is interrupted by an AP, the warning signal will be made (1) minute after the AP is lowered.
- 9.4 Boats not starting (not receiving its preparatory signal) shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area behind the starting line extending one-half the length of the starting line from each end and extending back one-half the length of the starting line. Any boat, after being notified by the race committee to clear the area, may be subject to being scored a **DSQ** or any other penalty as decided by the race committee.
- 9.5 The start sequence shall be posted and announced at the Skipper's meeting. In general, slower boats will start first.
- 9.6 At the discretion of the race committee, a class finishing early may start another race before all other classes have finished. The class flag shall be displayed at the preparatory signal for any class

starting. It is the responsibility of the racers to remain in the vicinity of the committee boat after completing their respective race.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1 Rule 29.2 is modified as follows: In addition of code flag X, the race committee will **attempt** to hail the offending boat's sail number/name or broadcast on channel 68.

11. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 Unless posted, course changes shall be the shortened course flag, Code Flag "S", flown from the race committee boat.
- 11.2 The race committee may abandon or cancel a race in progress in accordance with rule 32. Code Flag "N" will be displayed. Upon notification of abandonment, boats are to return to the starting area.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to reach the first mark will be 60 minutes. The time limit to finish the race is two hours.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the class finished shall be scored a **DNF**.
- 12.3 If one or more boats in the final places of a class are delaying the next start, the Race Committee may order the race terminated and score points to the affected boats at the Race Committee's discretion.

13. RETIREMENT

- 13.1 A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the race committee boat before leaving the racing area. If that is not practical to do so, then immediately after arriving ashore the boat's Skipper shall notify a Regatta representative.

14. PROTESTS and PENALTIES

- 14.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing make take a penalty turn(s) in accordance with rule 44.2
- 14.2 A boat intending to file a protest shall, immediately upon completion of the race in which the action has occurred, notify the race committee signal boat of her intent and the name/number of the protested boat.

- 14.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at the registration desk and the completed form lodged with the race committee. Protest time will end 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat (or its launch) docks and signals its arrival.
- 14.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes following the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness.
- 14.5 The jury will hear protests in the order in which they were received. Decisions of the jury will be final
- 14.6 The race committee cannot be protested.
- 7. Breaches of section 9.4 of these instructions will not be grounds for protest by a boat. Penalties for these breaches may be less than DSQ if the race committee so decides.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 A boat's corrected time (CT) will be used to determine the order of finish beginning with the lowest CT. The boat's PHRF handicap will be used to establish a boat's corrected elapsed time to complete the measured distance of the course. This means time on distance scoring.
- 15.2 The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply.
- 15.3 Ties will be broken under the provisions of Appendix A, A2.3.

16. AWARDS

- 16.1 Awards will be presented to boats placing FIRST, SECOND & THIRD in each class of the Regatta. At the discretion of the Regatta Chairman, an individual Skipper will be honored by adding their name to the PERPETUAL REGATTA TROPHY.

17. INSURANCE AND WAIVERS

- 17.1 It is the responsibility of each owner to provide coverage for his boat.
- 17.2 It is required that the Skipper and all crew sign the waiver to be eligible to race.

REMEMBER! FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4, United States Sailing Association, A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

NOTES: While sailing or motoring before, during or after the Regatta, PLEASE be on constant alert for barge and commercial traffic, they have the right of way. This Regatta **IS NOT** being overseen by the US COAST GUARD or any of its affiliates. The river will remain OPEN to any and all barge and commercial traffic.

All boats are required to carry US Coast Guard approved life preservers and required safety equipment.