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45TH INTERNATIONAL KNARR CHAMPIONSHIP

August 30 to September 7, 2013
The San Francisco Yacht Club
Belvedere, CA USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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The 45th International Knarr Championship 2013 will be organized by The San Francisco Yacht Club in collaboration with the San Francisco Bay Knarr Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The prescriptions of the Deed of Trust of the International Knarr Championship and the current Knarr International Class rules will apply.
- 1.2 The following US SAILING prescriptions to RRS will apply, and can be found in Attachment A of this notice of race:
40, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1 82, and Appendix R, T1 and T2.
- 1.3 The following rules will be changed:
 - 1.3.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40. PFDs will not be provided and should be brought by competitors.
 - 1.3.2 The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make this broadcast or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.
 - 1.3.3 These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Only electronic, non-tactical compasses and VHF radios are permitted. No other electronic navigational or tactical equipment is permitted. Any built-in tactical functions of compasses must be turned off for the duration of the event.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 in accordance with rule 80.

- 2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and/or sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all qualified skippers with crew of the Knarr class according to this Notice of Race #3.2.
- 3.2 All Knarr Associations shall submit a list of qualified skippers, with crew, to represent them at the International Knarr Championship 2013. Boats and participants shall meet the requirements stated in the Deed of Trust.
- 3.3 The list with eligible skippers and crew from international teams must be received by The San Francisco Yacht Club no later than April 1, 2013. The United States teams list must be received no later than one week after the completion of the last 2013 qualifying race.
- 3.4 Based on agreement from the respective fleet Admirals, the number of participating skippers with crew are: USA – 12, Norway – 6, Denmark – 6, Germany – 1. In addition the 2012 IKC Champion may participate.
- 3.5 In accordance with the Deed of Trust, "The crew number shall be no less than three and no more than four, including the skipper. The crew number and members must be the same in all races. No member of the crew shall be substituted unless a written permission is obtained from the Race Committee the day before the race, or in case of acute illness, as soon as possible."

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee (per boat) is US\$500 (United States Dollars), which shall be paid at the registration desk when checking in. The entry fee includes boat charter and competition fee.
- 4.2 The social fee will be a maximum of US\$300 per person, and may be less as designated at the registration desk when checking in. Additional social tickets for all social events will be for sale to official regatta guests at the time of registration.
- 4.3 The US\$500 "Insurance Deductible Deposit" for boat damage fees are also due upon registration. The US\$500 deposit is fully refundable at the end of the regatta, but governed by the following rules:
- 4.3.1 Any skipper causing damage to any borrowed boat including loss of its sails and equipment, not as a consequence of a collision, shall forfeit his deposit or such part of it as is required to repair the damage or replace the loss.
- 4.3.2 In the event of a collision resulting in damage to any borrowed boat(s) including loss of its/their sails and equipment, the skipper determined by the Jury to be solely at fault ("At-Fault Skipper") in such collision shall
- (a) forfeit his own deductible deposit and
 - (b) pay the deductible deposits of all other skippers involved in such collision.
- However, if any such other skippers are determined by the Jury to have broken Rule 14, they shall forfeit their own deductible deposits and the At-Fault Skipper shall not be liable therefore. If the cost of repairs to any boat is less than its deductible deposit, a refund will be made for the difference.
- 4.3.3 All of the deductible deposit provisions of this Section 4.3 shall likewise apply to any incidents occurring on the water while not racing ("Non-Racing Incidents"), except that any findings of fault for Non-Racing Incidents which cause property and/or boat damage including loss of sails and equipment, shall be determined by an Independent

Review Committee.

4.3.4 No skipper will be allowed to take further part in sailing in this regatta, until

- (a) all deductible deposits for which he is liable have been paid in full under any of the provisions of this Section 4.3; and
- (b) a new deductible deposit has been posted.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1	Friday, August 30	1400-1830: Registration
	Saturday, August 31	1000: Skippers' Meeting
		1200: Tune-up Race
		1600: Opening Ceremony and Reception
	Sunday, September 1	1200: First Warning (2 races scheduled)
	Monday, September 2	1200: First Warning (2 races scheduled)
	Tuesday, September 3	1300 (subject to venue): First Warning (1 race scheduled)
	Wednesday, September 4	Scheduled Lay Day (no races scheduled)
	Thursday, September 5	1200: First Warning (2 races scheduled)
	Friday, September 6	1200: First Warning (2 races scheduled)
	Saturday, September 7	1300: First Warning (1 race scheduled)
		1800: Closing Ceremony and Awards Dinner

6. MEASUREMENTS

Each boat will be approved by the Technical Committee prior to start of the first race.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

An electronic copy of the sailing instructions will be available online after 1800 on August 15, 2013 at www.sfyc.org. They will also be available at on-site registration.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta harbor will be the SFYC harbor in Belvedere Cove.
- 8.2 The racing area will primarily be the Berkeley Circle and Southampton Shoals area of San Francisco Bay, approximately five miles from the harbor. Tuesday's race, or another day's racing, may be held on or near the San Francisco City-front, before or after a Youth America's Cup race.

9. THE COURSE

The course will be windward-leeward with an offset mark and a leeward gate. The start line will be to leeward of the leeward gate. The finish line may be either to leeward of the leeward gate or to windward of the windward mark, depending on the course selected.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is modified by US SAILING Appendix T1. US SAILING Appendix T2 is also in effect.

11. SCORING

Each boat's series score will be determined in accordance with the Deed of Trust. If more than five (5) races are completed, there will be one (1) throw-out. If more than eight (8) races are completed, there will be two (2) throw-outs.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Support boats shall fly their national flag.
- 12.2 Support boats should contact the SFYC Harbormaster at harbor@sfyc.org if berthing is requested.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1 The boats shall be docked at the SFYC guest dock directly in front of the Clubhouse.
- 13.2 Following racing each day boats shall return to the dock immediately to facilitate maintenance and inventory.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organizing Authority. The Technical Committee may haul boats to facilitate repairs as needed.
- 14.2 All participating boats shall be bottom cleaned prior to the regatta by the IKC Technical Committee. Additional bottom cleanings shall not be conducted by competitors or crew between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- The series winner will be awarded the International Knarr Trophy and a take-home trophy.
- The top skipper at mid-week (after Tuesday's race) will be awarded the Georg von Erpecom Perpetual Trophy, which the winner may retain until the following Championship.
- The top American skipper will be awarded the Robert M. York Trophy.
- Prizes will be awarded to the first six (6) skippers and crews overall.
- Daily prizes will be awarded.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. SFYC will issue one (1) parking pass per boat. Passes, and offsite parking maps, may be picked up at the regatta registration desk, and must be displayed at all times when parked in the SFYC lot.
- 17.2 For further information please contact the SFYC Race Office at 415-789-5647 or race@sfyc.org

Attachment A

The following US SAILING prescriptions to RRS will apply.

Rule 40

Change rule 40 title to: **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**

After rule 40 add

US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'PFD' link for more information.

Rule 61.4

Add rule 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 67

After rule 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 70.5(a)

After rule 70.5(a) add

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

Rule 76.1

After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Rule 82

Add rule 82

82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club,

sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an ‘indemnification’ or ‘hold harmless’ agreement.) Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the ‘Indemnification’ link for more information.

Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests

Replace ISAF Appendix R with **Appendix R**

APPENDIX R – Procedures for Appeals and Requests

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by the International Sailing Federation for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rule 71. An association appeals committee may act as permitted by rule 71.2 and shall act as required by rule 71.3, subject to further appeal as provided in rule R7.1(a).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the appeals system and their answers, including advice on how to prepare an appeal, can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the ‘Appeals FAQ’ link.

R1 WHERE TO SEND AN APPEAL OR REQUEST

R1.1 All appeals and requests shall be sent to the Race Administration Director at US Sailing, at either P.O. Box 1260 or 15 Maritime Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871, or by e-mail to RaceAdmin@ussailing.org.

R1.2 Except as provided in rule R1.4, the director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee or a request by a protest committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the association appeals committee for the place in which the event was held. However, such an appeal or request arising from an event conducted under the procedural rules of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association or the Interscholastic Sailing Association will be forwarded to the association appeals committee for the ICSA and ISSA.

R1.3 The director will forward an appeal of a decision of an association appeals committee, a request by an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and a request for an interpretation of rules to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R1.4 The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing national championship, and a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R2 TO APPEAL OR MAKE A REQUEST

R2.1 To appeal,

(a) no later than 15 days after receiving the written decision being appealed or a protest committee’s decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the decision to US Sailing. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the committee’s decision or its procedures were incorrect;

(b) when the hearing required by rule 63.1 has not been held within 30 days after a protest or request for redress was delivered, the appellant shall, within a further 15 days, send an appeal

with a copy of the protest or request and any relevant correspondence. The appeals committee to which the appeal is forwarded shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so; or
(c) when the protest committee fails to comply with rule 65, the appellant shall, within a reasonable time after the hearing, send an appeal with a copy of the protest or request and any relevant correspondence. If a copy of the protest or request is not available, the appellant shall instead send a statement of its substance.

R2.2 The appellant shall also send, with the appeal or as soon as possible thereafter, all of the following documents and information available:

- (a) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- (b) if the appeal is from a decision of an association appeals committee, the written decision of the protest committee and the appeal to the association appeals committee;
- (c) a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that shows
 - (1) the positions of all boats involved at relevant times, and their tracks;
 - (2) the course to the next mark and its required side;
 - (3) the speed and direction of the wind;
 - (4) any relevant mark, obstruction or zone; and
 - (5) if relevant, the depth of the water and the speed and direction of any current;
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them;
- (e) the names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing, the chairman of the protest committee and, if relevant, the chairman of the association appeals committee; and
- (f) any other relevant documents.

R2.3 To request confirmation or correction of its decision, a protest committee or association appeals committee shall send to US Sailing a copy of its decision and all relevant documents and comments (see rule R2.2).

R2.4 To request an interpretation of the rules, a club or other organization affiliated to US Sailing shall send its request to US Sailing. The request shall include assumed facts and be endorsed by an officer of the club or organization. A US Sailing committee is considered to be an organization affiliated to US Sailing. R3 FEES

R3.1 If the appeal or request is being made to an association appeals committee (see rule R1.2), US Sailing charges no fee for forwarding that appeal or request. However, an association appeals committee may charge a fee, in which case the association appeals committee will send a notice to the appellant (or, for a request, to the protest committee) stating the fee, to whom the fee is payable, and the address to which the fee must be sent.

R3.2 If the appeal is being made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee (see rules R1.3 and R1.4) by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, US Sailing charges a fee of \$25. The fee is \$75 for all others.

R3.3 A fee of \$25 is charged for a request for an interpretation of the rules, but there is no fee for such a request from a US Sailing committee. There is no fee for a request from an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision.

R3.4 If a fee is required for an appeal or request, it must be received before the appeal or request will be considered. For appeals and requests made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, the fee can be paid by check to “US Sailing” or electronically as described in the Appeals FAQ.

R4 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE DECISION IS BEING APPEALED

Upon receipt of an appeal, the appeals committee shall send a copy of the appeal to the committee whose decision is being appealed, asking it for any documents required by rule R2.2 not supplied by the appellant.

R5 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

R5.1 Protest Committee

A protest committee whose decision is being appealed shall supply the documents requested under rule R4 and any facts or other information requested under rule R5.4. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, it shall conduct a hearing, or reopen the hearing, of the protest or request for redress, or conduct a hearing to consider redress.

R5.2 Association Appeals Committee

(a) The association appeals committee shall send to all parties to the hearing, and to the committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

(b) The association appeals committee shall send its decision in writing to all parties to the hearing and the protest committee.

(c) An association appeals committee shall consider an appeal it has refused to decide if directed to do so by the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R5.3 US Sailing Appeals Committee

The US Sailing Appeals Committee shall send to all parties to the hearing, to the protest committee and to the association appeals committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

R5.4 Inadequate Facts; Reopening

An appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall promptly do so.

R6 COMMENTS

The parties to the hearing, the protest committee and, if relevant, the association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal or request, on any of the documents listed in rule R2.2, and on any clarifications received under rule R7.2(d). Comments shall be sent in writing to the appeals committee no later than 15 days after the party or committee receives the document. The appeals committee need not consider comments sent after that time or comments on comments.

R7 PROVISIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF RULES 70 AND 71

R7.1 Right to Appeal or Request Confirmation or Correction

(a) A party to a hearing may appeal an association appeals committee's decision.

(b) An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rule R2.3).

R7.2 Other Provisions

(a) No member of the association appeals committee shall take part in the discussion or decision on an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

(b) An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other boats.

(c) The US Sailing Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide.

(d) An appeals committee may seek clarifications of rules governing the event from organizations that are not parties to the hearing.

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

An expedited appeals system, which can only be used at US Sailing Protected Competitions (see US Sailing Regulation 12.03), can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to

ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'Expedited Appeals' link.

Appendix T

After Appendix R add Appendix T

APPENDIX T – ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription. One or more sections of this appendix apply only if the sailing instructions so state. The rules in this appendix are intended to improve compliance with the Basic Principle, Sportsmanship and the Rules, and may be used for fleets of boats in major or minor events.

Sections A and B provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. They can be used together or individually.

SECTION A

PENALTIES WHILE RACING

If Section A applies, rule T1 shall be included in the sailing instructions.

T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

SECTION B

POST-RACE PENALTIES

T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be

- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
- (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.