

2011 USODA Team Trials

May 4 - 7, 2011

Hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 "Conditions governing USODA Events" will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org/.
- 1.3 RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. A boat is therefore required to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area, and shall continue to display it until she has reported her intention to protest.
- 1.4 RRS 61 is changed as follows: A competitor shall inform the measurement boat of its intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.
- 1.5 Appendix P, "Special Procedures for Rule 42", will apply. P2.1, "First Penalty" is changed to read, When a boat is first penalized under instruction P1 her penalty will be: (a) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing: a two-turns penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing, or (b) if her penalty is signaled after she finishes: ten (10) points added to her score for that race.

2 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2.1 Boats will initially be assigned to divisions for the first day of racing in accordance with Notice of Race instruction 5.2. Assignment to divisions for each succeeding day will be in accordance with Notice of Race instruction 5.3 using the cumulative results from completed Sets of races only.
- 2.2 While on the water, each boat shall at all times display the colored streamer corresponding to her daily division assignment. The streamer shall be attached securely to the sprit loop at the top of the sail, and its size shall not be changed.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in front of the Youth Sailing Center.

4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0830 on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE, LAUNCHING, TOWING TO AND FROM THE RACE AREA

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in the front of the Youth Sailing Center, near the launching dock.
- 5.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in Race Signal "AP."
- 5.3 All boats shall launch at the same time when code flag "O" is displayed on the flagpole with one sound signal and shall proceed directly to the racing area **only under tow**. Boats shall not launch prior to this signal.
- 5.4 All boats shall return from the racing area to SFYC **only under tow**. **Boats shall not leave the finish area after the last race of the day under sail.**

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Wednesday May 4 thru Saturday May 7		
	1000	Coaches, Parent and Competitors Meeting (mandatory)
	1045	Cove Start
	1200	First Warning Signal
Saturday May 7	1500	No new Set first warning signal after this time

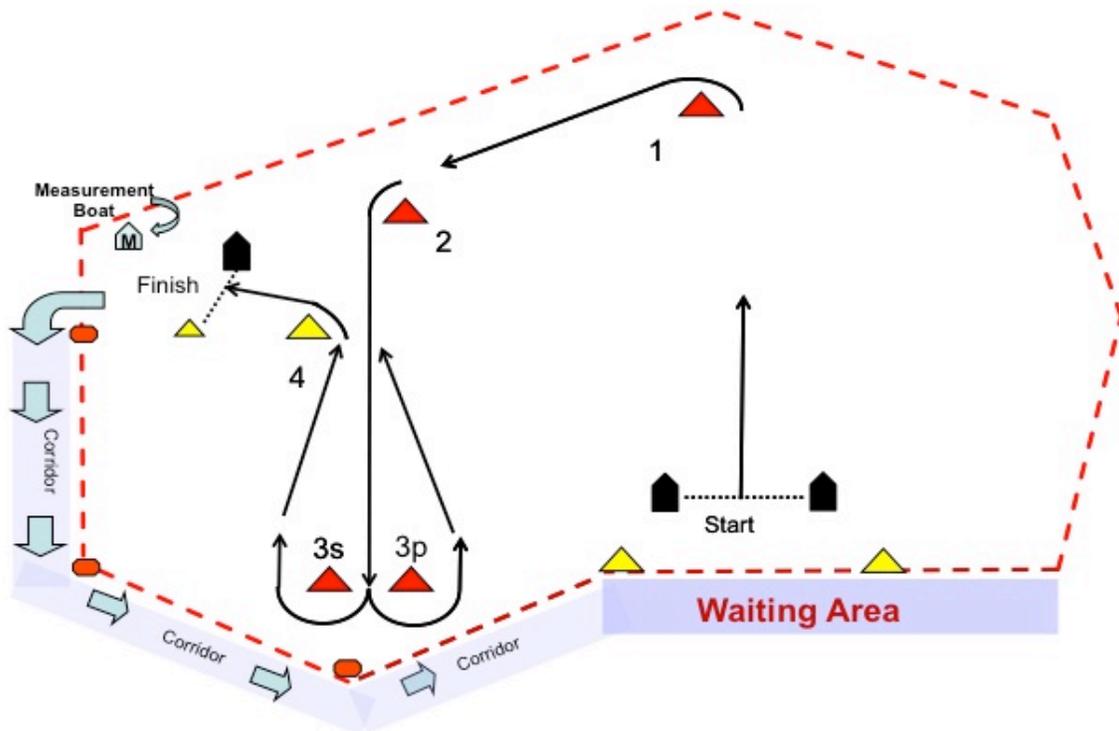
- 6.2 The race committee will run as many complete Sets of races as practical each day.

7 RACING AREA

Racing will take place at Southampton Shoal and/or the northern Berkeley Circle of San Francisco Bay. This venue is approximately 60 minutes by tow from SFYC and crosses a major shipping lane.

8 THE COURSE AND CHANGE OF COURSE

- 8.1 The course is illustrated below, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length and configuration will be based on sailing conditions.
- 8.2 The position of marks may be adjusted slightly for small shifts in the mean wind without signaling a change of course. Any adjustments will be made before the first boat is on the leg to the effected mark. This changes rule 33.



9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding Marks 1, 2, and Gate 3S/P will be red cones and rounding mark 4 will be a yellow cone.
- 9.2 New (change) rounding marks 1, 2, and Gate 3S/P will be yellow cones. New mark 4 will be a yellow cone with black band.
- 9.3 The starting marks are two race committee boats on either end of the starting line, and if present, any keep off buoys and their means of attachment to these boats, all of which are defined as starting marks. A boat may not pass between a keep-off starting mark and the boat to which it is attached.
- 9.4 The finishing marks will be a race committee finish boat and a small yellow cone.

10 RESTRICTED AREAS (see also SI 20 and Addendum 1 – Coach and Support Boat Regulations)

- 10.1 The racing area is the space encompassing the course, the starting area, and the finishing area. It extends 50 yards beyond any racing boat and marks 1, 2, 3S/3P, 4, the finish marks, and the measurement boat. Except as permitted by SI 20, only competing boats and official boats (designated by the race committee) may enter the racing area while boats are racing.
- 10.2 The waiting area is to leeward of the racing area below the starting line. Its windward edge and its extensions to starboard of the starting line will be marked by a series of small inflated orange balls or marks below the starting line.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting rotation for a Set of races will always be by Division in the following order; Blue, Yellow, White.
- 11.2 Class flags will be the division flags (colored streamers).
- 11.3 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee boat starting marks.
- 11.4 At least one minute prior to the first warning signal of a Set of races, the race committee will hoist its orange starting line flags with a sound signal. All boats not in the next start shall proceed immediately to the waiting area and remain there until the race committee flies code flag "F" or lowers the orange starting line flags.
- 11.5 Shortly after the first start of a Set has been made, the race committee will display code flag "F", indicating that boats in the next start may leave the waiting area.
- 11.6 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.
- 11.7 If code flag "I" and/or "Z," or the black flag has been displayed, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail number(s) of boats on the course side of the starting line or its extension **only during the minute before her starting signal**. Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of the amplification system, the order of the hails, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request for redress. This instruction changes RRS 41 and 62.1.
- 11.8 Any starting penalties from races that are abandoned after the starting signal and not re-sailed on the same day will not carry over to those races if they are re-sailed on another day in the regatta. This changes rules 30.2 and 30.3.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat on the starboard end and the course side of the port end finish mark.
- 12.2 If the race committee intends to start another Set of races on the same day, the race committee finish boat will display the 'Second Substitute' while boats are finishing.

13 RETURN TO THE STARTING AREA (see also the course diagram in SI 8)

- 13.1 The first 10 boats to cross the finish line of each race shall report immediately after finishing to the measurement boat anchored just beyond and slightly upwind of the finishing line and displaying the USODA "M" flag (red background with a white 'M'). They shall stay in the vicinity until measured or released by verbal instructions from the measurement boat. No adjustments to the rigging of the boat may be made between the times the boat finishes and this measurement. Boats in doubt as to whether they finished in the top 10 finishers should report to the measurement boat. After being measured or released, boats shall promptly return to the waiting area via the corridor shown on the course diagram in SI 8.
- 13.2 All other boats that have finished shall immediately sail clear of the finishing area, round the buoy marking the top end of the corridor to port, and promptly return to the starting area via the corridor shown in SI 8.

14 ON-WATER PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 14.1 On-water protest committee boats will fly code flag "J" (Juliet). A protest committee member may also be aboard the RC signal boat, and if so, that boat will also display code flag "J".
- 14.2 In addition to enforcing RRS 42, the protest committee will be watching to see if boats break a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) or RRS 31 (Touching a Mark). When the protest committee sees a boat break such a rule, it may make one sound signal but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under RRS 44.1, the protest committee may protest one or more boats.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat in a race to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

16 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND SCORING REVIEWS

- 16.1 Protest and scoring review forms are available at the Protest Committee Desk in the Judges' Area located in the Cove House on the 2nd floor of the Youth Sailing Center. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.
- 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), and notification of protests other than those observed in the racing area, will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered. This changes RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.4 Hearings will be held in the Cove House. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This changes RRS 63.3(a). Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the Judges' Area just outside the Youth Sailing Center.
- 16.5 A list of boats penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted as soon as practical after all judges have returned to shore.
- 16.6 Requests for redress relating to possible scoring errors will initially be reviewed by the race committee as a scoring review before being scheduled for hearing by the protest committee. This instruction changes RRS 63.1.
- 16.7 Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the race committee may have made. And, each boat will be expected to establish that it started properly. This adds to rule 62.2.
- 16.8 Any competitor who may wish to become a party to a scheduled redress hearing should; 1) Check the daily schedule of protest and redress hearings that the protest committee will post on the official notice board describing the nature of the redress request and time of the hearing, and 2) submit a written request to participate in the hearing to the protest committee before the hearing begins.
- 16.9 A breach of SI 2.2, 5.3, 5.4, 11.4, 13, 16.13, 18, and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.10 The penalty for the first time a boat breaks any of SI 2.2, 5.3, 5.4, 11.4, 13, 16.13, 18, or for failing an on-water measurement inspection for the first time, shall be a 10 point scoring penalty. The penalty for subsequent occurrences will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than or greater than DSQ. RRS 63.1 is changed such that penalties for breaking SI 18.1 will be assigned without a hearing.
- 16.11 On the last day of the regatta a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision before that day, or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.
- 16.12 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No_Appeal/Rule_70_5_a_Procedure.htm are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.
- 16.13 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall complete and sign the alternative penalty acknowledgment log at the protest committee desk in the Judges' Area.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 A Set is completed when all divisions have completed a scored race. Incomplete Sets will not be counted in a competitor's score for daily Division reassignment or final series score.
- 17.3 One completed Set shall constitute the regatta.
- 17.4 When fewer than 6 Sets have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from 6 to 10 Sets have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 11 or more Sets have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 17.5 RRS 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats registered for the event divided by 3 rounded up to the nearest whole number.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Each day prior to the Cove start, **and then again** after racing and before the protest time limit, sailors shall sign out, and then on return ashore, sign in with the safety committee. Both sign in and sign out will consist of each sailor removing their tag from a board located in front of the Cove House and dropping it in a basket next to the board.
- 18.2 A competitor retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat or patrol boat before leaving the course, or notify the race committee immediately upon returning to shore.
- 18.3 In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and it's US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 18.4 Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 18.5 Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

- 19.1 Boats are allowed only one hull, dagger-board, rudder (including tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. Substitution of damaged equipment must be approved by the race committee as soon as practical.
- 19.2 Measurement may be made of boats at anytime during the regatta by the measurement boat or at the direction of the race committee. See also SI 13 regarding mandatory measurement checks after finishing.

20 COACH, SUPPORT, AND MEDIA BOAT REGULATIONS (see also SI 10 and SI Addendum 1 "Coach and Support Boat Regulations," a separate document)

- 20.1 General coach, support (including parent and spectator) and Media boat requirements
 - a. Coach, support and Media boats shall follow the instructions of race committee, patrol, safety, protest committee, and race management boats at all times.
 - b. Coach boats shall fly a numbered blue flag provided by the race committee at all times while on the water. Coach boats shall carry a VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel (VHF 65) at all times. Coach boats shall check in and out from the race area with "Safety 1" on VHF 65.
 - c. Support (parent and spectator) boats shall fly a green flag with a number provided by the race committee at all times while on the water.
 - d. Media boats shall fly a special flag provided by the race committee.
 - e. No 'team' flags, private signal flags, or any object that might be construed as a signal shall be flown from coach or support boats while racing is underway.
 - f. No coach or support boat upwind of the waiting area shall communicate 1st leg race strategy information to another coach or support boat whose sailors are in the waiting area and have not started their next race.
 - g. No coach or support boat shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers, or tie up to lobster/crab pots or oyster stakes.
- 20.2 **Restrictions**
 - a. When the race committee hoists (or is displaying) its orange starting line flags, all coach and support boats **in or upwind of the starting area** shall proceed immediately to the waiting area and shall remain there until the race committee lowers the orange starting line flags with a sound signal, except that, after the first and subsequent start(s) of a set of races, coach and support boats may exit the waiting area and proceed slowly **with minimal wake** to the weather mark by going completely outside the racing area (see Addendum 1).
 - b. All coach and support boats shall stay out of the racing area (dotted red lines on Addendum 1) while boats are racing and at least 50 yards away from any racing boat, and move slowly and **with minimal wake**, except where permitted in this instruction.
 - c. Certain coach boats may be designated as rescue craft by the Safety Officer and only if given permission by the Race Committee may enter the racing area for the sole purposes of rescue operations.
 - d. Coach boats and support boats **may only wait in the corridor** (Addendum 1) as boats are finishing and briefly talk to sailors provided they stay well clear of any racing boat and do not delay the start of the next Set of races.
- 20.3 **Penalties**
 - a. Competitors affiliated with any coach or support boat that breaks SI 20.1 or 20.2 may break RRS 41 (Outside Help).
 - b. Coaches or support boats that break SI 20.1 or 20.2 may be subject to disciplinary actions by USODA and the OA up to and including venue exclusion.

21 ENVIRONMENT

Discharge of trash into the water by competitors, support boats, race committee or protest committee is prohibited.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to the notice of race.

23 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. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.