

**ELI REUBEN MEMORIAL REGATTA - HARKEN CHALLENGE #3**

**Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club - May 23-24, 2015**

**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. RRS 63.7 is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between the sailing instructions and the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."
- 1.3. Rule 61 is changed as follows: Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted, and the following new rule is added to rule 61:

**61.5 Informing the Race Committee**

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, call the signal boat's attention to her displayed red flag and inform them of the sail number of the boat she is protesting.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. A boat may not protest another boat for violation of NOR 2.4. This changes RRS 60.1.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the door of the north container in the dry storage yard.

**4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0959 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**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official signal pole attached to the north container in dry storage yard
- 5.2. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal "AP".
- 5.3. All boats shall be kept at the boat storage yard behind the gates and 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. Boats shall not launch prior to this signal.

**6. SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, 5/23/2015**

0900-1000	Check-in (Turn in Waivers)
1000	Championship Fleet Competitors Meeting (Mandatory) – hoist area
1030	Green Fleet Competitors Meeting (Mandatory) – hoist area
1200	First Warning Championship Fleet

**Sunday, 5/24/2015**

1000	Championship Fleet Competitors Meeting (Mandatory)
1030	Green Fleet Competitors Meeting (Mandatory) – hoist area
1200	First Warning Championship Fleet
1545	No Warning Signal after this time
After Racing	Awards ceremony with light snack – hoist area

**7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1. The racing area may be inside or outside the federal breakwater in the vicinity of Angels Gate lighthouse.

- 7.2. An R/C vessel or orange inflatable object on anchor near the lighthouse will signify that the racecourse will be outside the breakwall.
- 7.3. If the sailing area is outside Angel's Gate Lighthouse, sailors SHALL pass between an orange inflatable object or an R/C vessel and the lighthouse when departing from and returning to the harbor. Sailors SHALL pass between each piling and the breakwall when departing from and returning to the harbor, except for the first piling outside the marina (Piling F). This means that competitors should depart the marina and continue directly toward the breakwall for a considerable distance before bearing off to head toward the lighthouse. To make this as clear as possible, this means passing the pilings to PORT when departing and to STARBOARD when returning.
- 7.4. The green fleet racing area will be described at the green fleet competitors' meeting.

## **8. THE COURSE AND CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 8.1. SI Addendum 1 illustrates the course, 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 exact 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 affected mark. This changes rule 33.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The starting and finishing marks will either be yellow tetrahedrons or an orange flag in a race committee boat.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The Red, White and Blue fleet races will be started using RRS26. The class flag will be a black Optimist symbol on a white background
- 10.2. The start and finish line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of either a yellow tetrahedron or a staff flying an orange flag on a race committee boat.
- 10.3. Failure of the RC to identify all boats on the course side at or before the start will not be grounds for granting redress.
- 10.4. 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 **during the minute before** her starting signal. Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of the amplification system, the order of the hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This instruction changes rule 41 and rule 62.1.

## **11. TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 60 minutes. A boat finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat may be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35, A4, and A5.

## **12. PROTESTS, SCORING REVIEWS, REDRESS REQUESTS, AND PENALTIES**

### **GENERAL**

- 12.1. Protest and scoring review forms are available at the Committee Boat. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2. The protest time limit is 30 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.
- 12.3. The protest notices required by rule 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by rule 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 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 12.4. A breach of sailing instructions 5.3, 7.3, 13.2 and 15 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 12.5. Hearings will be held at the Board Room located on the first floor of the clubhouse. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This changes rule 63.3(a). Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Front Desk.
- 12.6. The race committee will initially review requests for redress related to possible scoring errors before scheduling a hearing by the protest committee. This instruction changes rule 63.1.
- 12.7. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than thirty minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of rule 62.2.
- 12.8. Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the race committee may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This changes rule 62.2.
- 12.9. 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) sign up on the list of parties to the hearing posted on the official notice board before the hearing begins. Redress requests that are filed regarding an incident that occurs after the day's protest time will be posted as soon as practical on the official notice board. Competitors who want to become a party to any of these hearings shall sign up on the list of parties to the hearing posted on the official notice board 15 minutes prior to the next day's harbor start, or on the last day of the regatta within 15 minutes of the redress request posting.
- 12.10. 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 rule 66.
- 12.11. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

### **PENALTIES**

- 12.12. A list of boats penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted as soon as practical after racing.
- 12.13. A list of boats penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted as soon as practical after racing.
- 12.14. The penalty anytime a boat breaks SI 13.1 (Safety Check-Out or Check-In) shall be a 10 point scoring penalty assigned without a hearing. The Organizing Authority shall report all infractions of SI 13.1 directly to the scorer by Protest Time Limit. This changes rule 63.1 and A5. A boat with multiple infractions of SI 13.1 may be protested by the race committee and the penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee, and may be less than or greater than DSQ.

### 13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1. All competitors are required to launch from the ramp at the hoist adjacent to the dry storage yard and return there at the completion of racing. Competitors shall pick up their assigned sailing “buddy” and take it with them to the race course. When returning from the race course, competitors shall return their “buddy” to the designated location. If a competitor loses their “buddy” on the water, they shall check in with the race committee signal boat after it docks.
- 13.2. Any competitor leaving the race area before the completion of racing is required to check in at the front desk of the club after returning ashore (and returning their “buddy” to the designated location per SI13.1).
- 13.3. Safety equipment checks may be performed on the launch ramp, on the water, or upon return to the dock.
- 13.4. Competitors shall sail on starboard past the stern of the committee boat, hail their sail number, and be acknowledged by the committee before the start of racing each day.
- 13.5. Competitors shall wear US Coast Guard approved life jackets at all times while on the water, except when temporarily necessary to shed or add clothing.
- 13.6. Competitors shall have a whistle attached to their life jackets.
- 13.7. Sailors who require assistance should so signify by blowing a whistle and waiving one arm.
- 13.8. The race committee reserves the right to assist a competitor who in the opinion of the Committee, require assistance regardless of the wishes of the competitor.

### 14. SCORING

- 14.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply with the following modification: when fewer than six (6) races have been sailed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores; when six (6) or more races have been sailed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one.

### 15. COACHING REGULATIONS (see also SI Addendum 1)

- 15.1. **Coaches** are expected to be good role models for young sailors and conduct themselves accordingly ashore and on the water.
- 15.2. **Parents** who are on the water either in spectator or coach boats are considered coaches for the purpose of SI 15. Those parents who serve on race committee boats (including patrol and safety boats) may be in a unique position to provide information that may create competitive advantage. These parents may not communicate in any way with their sailors or their coaches from the time the orange line flags are displayed until their sailor has finished his or her race (this shall be referred to as the “No Communication Period”). The only exception to this rule is when they are directed by the PRO or they are involved with safety and rescue. During periods of time when communication with coaches and/or sailors is permissible, these parents shall not transfer any strategic or tactical information (including audio or video recordings) gained due to, among other things, their advantageous location on the race course or their access to Race Committee communications, unless such information is made available to all sailors, coaches and other parents/supporters. Communications of a personal nature (e.g., ‘great race’, ‘get something to drink’, ‘go see your coach’, etc.) are always permissible outside the “No Communication Period”.
- 15.3. General coach and support (including spectator) boat requirements
  - a. Coach boats shall carry a VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel (VHF 68).
  - b. Support (parent and spectator) boats shall carry a VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel (VHF 68).
  - c. 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.
  - d. Coach and support boats shall follow the instructions of race committee, patrol, safety, protest committee, and race management boats at all times.
  - e. 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 any fixed fishing gear, crab, lobster pots or oyster stakes.
- 15.4. Restrictions
  - a. All coach and support boats shall stay out of the racing area while boats are racing and at least 100 yards away from any racing boat, and move slowly and with minimal wake, except where permitted in this instruction.
  - b. Certain coach boats may be designated as rescue craft by the Safety Officer and given permission to

- enter the racing area for the purposes of rescue operations only.
- c. When the race committee hoists (or is displaying) its orange starting line flags, all coach and support boats in 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. The race committee may close the starboard side of the course to coach and support boats.
  - d. Coach boats and support boats may only wait in the corridor 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.

#### 15.5. Penalties

- a. Competitors affiliated with any coach, parent, or support boat that breaks SI 15 may break rule 41 even when boats are not racing. This changes rule 41 (outside help).
- b. Coaches, parents, or support boats that break SI 15 may be subject to disciplinary actions by the Organizing Authority in accordance with the USODA Code of Conduct.

15.6. Support boats shall register with the race committee on the water while the “Come within Hail” flag is flying, taking care to avoid competitors

15.7. Passengers in support boats should wear lifejackets at all times while on the water, except when temporarily necessary to shed or add clothing.

15.8. Support, coach and spectator boats shall not enter the racing area during the 5 minutes before the start of any race and ending after the finish of the last boat, except for the waiting area noted on the course diagram. Support boats that, in the opinion of the race committee, operate unsafely or to the detriment of competition will be asked to leave the racing area. Support boats that do not leave the area when asked to do so should prepare for a “courtesy inspection” by the Los Angeles Port Police or the US Coast Guard.

15.9. Coaches may meet with sailors in the area designated on the course diagram. Do not meet with competitors to windward of the finish line or inside the course area.

15.10. All support boats shall comply with instructions from the RC.

### 16. PRIZES

16.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the notice of race. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

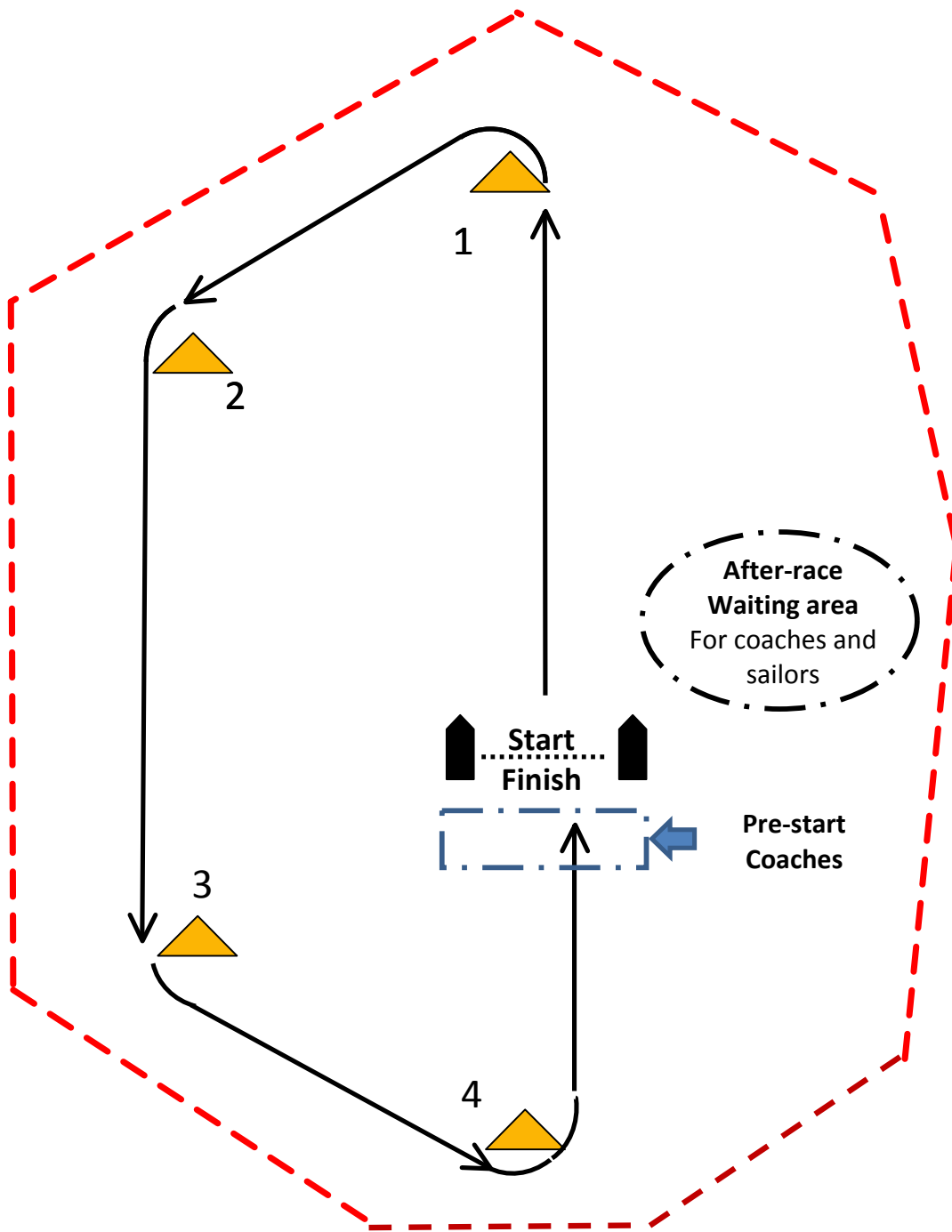
### 17. LIABILITY

17.1. Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility.

17.2. The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organizing of the regatta, accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss of claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the regatta.

# SI ADDENDUM 1 - Race Course and Restricted Areas

## Simple Trapezoid Course



COURSE: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - Finish

Racing Area