

2015 Vanguard 15 National Championship
Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA
September 5-6, 2015



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The regatta will be organized by Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC) and Vanguard 15 Fleet 53.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Vanguard 15 Class Rules.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear USGC approved personal flotation devices while on the water, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing.
- 1.3 Appendix T Section A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING) shall apply: 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.'
- 1.4 Appendix T Section B (POST RACE PENALTIES) shall apply.
- 1.5 Class Rule 4.2 is amended to permit the use of non-builder sails; however boats must declare their use at registration and will not be eligible for the 1st Place Prize and recognition as the Class National Champion, which will pass sequentially in the order of finishes to the next eligible boat. All other Class Rules will apply. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules.
- 1.6 Boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the organizing authorities.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located between the two buildings close to the hoist area at TISC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole near the launch ramp.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Friday, September 4, 2015

1400-1700	Practice races
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Saturday, September 5, 2015

0900-1000	Check in
1030	Skippers' meeting
1200	First warning signal, additional races to follow
1700	No races started after this time

Sunday, September 6, 2015

1030	Skippers' briefing
1200	First warning for the day, additional races to follow
1600	No races started after this time

5.2 14 races are scheduled.

5.3 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Clipper Cove and/or the water to the east of Clipper Cove.

7. THE COURSES

7.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed.

7.2 All marks shall be left to port, except Ls as part of the gate.

7.3 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a numeral placard on the race committee signal boat, and announced verbally.

8. MARKS

8.1 Marks W, R, Lp and Ls will be round orange balls.

8.2 There may be an orange ball set as an offset mark (O) abeam of mark W. For courses 4, 5, and 6 the offset mark may be a substantial distance from mark W. If it is present it shall be rounded after mark W and left to port. If it is absent it shall be disregarded.

8.3 Marks Lp and Ls collectively are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing the remaining mark shall be left to port.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS Appendix S (SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM).

- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end white starting mark.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 9.4 If rule 30 (STARTING PENALTIES) is used the appropriate flag will be displayed at the preparatory signal and removed at the starting signal. This changes RRS Appendix S.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 For courses 1, 2, and 3 the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end white finishing mark.
- 11.2 For courses 4, 5, and 6 the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of mark Lp.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1 The target time for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 30 minutes.
- 12.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE without a hearing. TLE will be scored as number of finishers, plus 1

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office at TISC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which shall be 40 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.2 Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, and the time such hearings will commence.
- 13.3 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 was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day.This changes rule 66.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from six (6) to twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When thirteen (13) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 Crew substitutions must be approved by the race committee in writing and must complete the entry forms and waivers.
- 15.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16. BERTHING**
Boats shall be kept and launched at the Treasure Island Sailing Center.
- 17. PRIZES**
Trophies will be awarded to the top five (5) finishers. The top finisher will be recognized as the Vanguard 15 Class National Champion.
- 18. 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.
- 19. INSURANCE**
Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

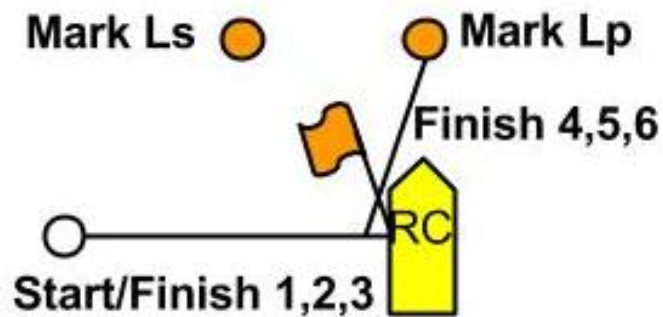
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ATTACHMENT A



● Mark R



COURSES

- 1) Start – W – O – Finish
- 2) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Finish
- 3) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Finish
- 4) Start – W – O – R – Finish
- 5) Start – W – O – R – Lp – W – O – R – Finish
- 6) Start – W – O – R – Lp – W – O – R – Lp – W – O – R – Finish