



Coconut Grove Sailing Club 2015 U.S. National Championship Regatta



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

January 9 – 10, 2016

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (*RRS*).
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced in the Class Rules.
- 1.3. Appendix P5 will apply.
- 1.4. Only the following Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: *RRS 61.4, Appendix R*, and the prescriptions to *RRS 67, 70.5(a), and 76.1*.
- 1.5. U Flag Rule. If flag U has been displayed as the Preparatory Signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned. This changes *RRS 26*.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7. In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SI's for this event, the SI's shall prevail. (This changes *RRS 63.7*.)

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted by e-mail to all competing 470 Class boats affected by the Notice. Failure of a boat to receive or read such e-mail will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any written change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted as provided in SI 2, above, no later than 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 on the day before they take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and notification will be sent to competing boats not shore-based at CGSC by e-mail.
- 4.2. When Code Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes". This Changes Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The scheduled time for the first warning signal each day is as follows:
Saturday, January 9, 2016.....1130 hrs
Sunday, January 10, 2016.....1130 hrs

- 5.2. The Race Committee Finishing Boat will display Flag "A" while boats are finishing to indicate that they intend to start another race. If Flag "A" is displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.
- 5.3. On the final day of the regatta, no Warning Signal will be made later than 1600 hours.

NOTE: Sunday, January 10 closing ceremony at CGSC as soon as practical after the last race.

6. **FORMAT OF RACING and PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 6.1. The Men's/Mixed and Women's 470's will race together, but will be scored separately.
- 6.2. No more than four races will be sailed per day. There will not be a Medal Race.
- 6.3. Seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 6.4. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 6.5. Unless the course is shortened to finish at a windward mark, penalties within three (3) boat lengths of the windward mark or on the Offset Leg if used may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the subsequent leg. This changes *RRS* 44.2

7. **CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1. The Class Flag will be a white flag with the 470 Insignia.

8. **RACING AREAS**

Racing will be on Biscayne Bay approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 5sec 8ft).

9. **THE COURSES**

- 9.1. The Courses and their designations will be as described in Addendum 1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS.
- 9.2. The courses to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be posted on a Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the first Warning Signal. (This changes *RRS* 27.1).
- 9.3. Course Designations:
- 9.4. **COURSE 4** - Start – 1– OS - 2S/2P – 1 -OS – Finish
- 9.5. **COURSE 5** – Start – 1– OS - 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – Finish T
- 9.6. If Marks 2S/2P are present, they will not be marks of the course for boats on their last leg to the finish of Course 4.
- 9.7. If Marks 1 and OS are present, they will not be marks of the course for boats on their last leg to the finish of Course 5.

10. **MARKS**

- 10.1. Windward Marks and the Leeward Gate Marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedron Marks.
- 10.2. The offset mark will be an orange ball.
- 10.3. If one of the Leeward Gate Marks is missing, boats shall round the one remaining Leeward Mark to port.
- 10.4. Starting Mark and Finishing Marks will be as described in 11.1 and 13.

11. **START**

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat or the course side of a yellow inflatable Mark.

- 11.2. The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the boat. Such buoy shall be tethered to the stern of the Signal Boat and/or the Port Line boat and will function as an extension of that boat.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes *RRS A4*.)

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new Mark (or move the finish line) and remove the old Mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original Mark.

13. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby support Boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable finishing Mark.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for all classes for the first boat to round the first mark is 30 minutes.
- 14.2. The time limit for all classes for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.
- 14.3. The target time for the first boat to finish is 45 minutes.
- 14.4. Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the first finisher in their Class (which has sailed the course in compliance with *RRS 28*) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4 and A5*.
- 14.5. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. A boat intending to protest should, if practicable, inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing a race and provide the identity of the protested boat(s).
- 15.2. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk at CGSC. Protests and Requests for Redress shall meet the requirements of *RRS 61* and be delivered to the Protest Desk in person or by e-mail to sandrinequenee@gmail.com within the protest time limit.
- 15.3. The protest time limit is one hour fifteen minutes (1.25 hours) after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks.
- 15.4. Notices will be posted promptly following expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will be conducted at CGSC as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.
- 15.5. The Race Committee will post a list of boats that have been given starting penalties or other Race Committee actions. If this list is posted prior to the filing deadline, Requests for Redress based on this posting shall be filed no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes *RRS 62.2*
- 15.6. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS 61.1(b)*.
- 15.7. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Regatta Notice Board at CGSC or its e-mail promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with *RRS 63.3(b)*. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their

witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Protest Desk until excused by the Protest Committee.

- 15.8. 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 *RRS 66*.
- 15.9. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes *RRS 62.2*.
- 15.10. Breaches of Sailing Instruction 19 or *RRS 55* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. (This changes *RRS 60.1*.) 15.7 The actions of media boats will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.)

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in *RRS Appendix "A"* shall apply, except as changed in these Sailing Instructions, as follows.
- 16.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes *RRS A2*.)
- 16.3. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.

18. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- 18.1. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request or at the request of the Race Committee, support and coach boats shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first Class to start until the time the last boat finishes or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.2 Support and coach boats shall be marked with national letters or a country flag.
- 18.3 A hearing may be called if a coach boat fails to comply with the requirements of this SI 18. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the oral instructions of the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. The penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat.

19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 19.1. Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Protest Desk on shore at CGSC.
- 19.3. Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform the Protest Desk prior to the start of the first race of that day.
- 19.4. Prior to the Warning Signal of the first race she sails each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat, and shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the

Race Committee. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a three place penalty in the first race that day without a hearing. (This changes *RRS 63.1.*)

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phone cell phone calls and text messages.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 4, Decision to Race.* The Organizing Authority, Race Committee, host club, and their officers, employees and volunteers 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.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

Principal Race Officer:
Jaime Ramon

ADDENDUM 1 COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD – R/C SIGNAL BOAT

COURSE	1
BEARING	120°
RANGE	0.8 NM

Wind



Finish T  ----- R/C



OS 1

2S 2P



Start/
Finish  ----- R/C