

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 29er Midwinters East

March 17-19, 2017

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (*RRS*).

### 2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the breezeway of the U.S. Sailing Center (USSC).

### 3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board no later than two (2) hours before the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by the protest time limit on the day before they take effect.

### 4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at USSC.

4.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other Notice to competitors has been posted.

4.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

### 5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The First Warning Signal will be at 1100 on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and at 1100 on the two following days of racing.

5.2 The Race Committee Boat will display Code Flag "A" while boats are finishing to indicate "No more racing today." If Code Flag "A" is not 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 1430 hours.

### 6. **CLASS FLAGS**

The Class Flag will be the 29er Class flag.

### 7. **RACING AREA**

Racing will be on the Northeast corner of Biscayne Bay.

### 8. **THE COURSE**

8.1 The course for all races consists of a windward leg to Mark 1, a downwind leg to a gate located to windward of the start line (Marks 2S and 2P), a leg to Mark 1, and final leg to the Finish, located to leeward of the gate:

Start -- Mark 1 -- Marks 2S/2P -- Mark 1 -- Finish

8.2 Mark 1 shall be taken to port.

8.3 If either of the gate marks Marks 2S/2P are missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

### 9. **MARKS**

9.1 Mark 1 is an red inflatable shape located approximately 0.5nm to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat

9.2 Marks 2S/2P is a gate composed of two red inflatable shapes located to windward of the start line.

### 10. **THE START**

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark abeam of the Race Committee Signal Boat.

10.2 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 will function as an extension of that boat.

10.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes *RRS* A4.)

**11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark.

**12. THE FINISH**

The Finish Line will be between a staff on a Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a yellow inflatable finishing mark abeam of the Race Committee Signal Boat.

**13. TIME LIMITS**

13.1 The time limit for a boat to reach Mark 1 is fifteen (15) minutes

13.2 The time limit for a boat to finish is sixty (60) minutes

13.3 Any boats not finishing within ten (10) minutes of the first boat to finish in compliance with RRS will be scored Time Limit Exceeded (TLE) without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4 and A5*.

**14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall, if practicable, inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing a race and provide the identity of the protested boat(s).

14.2 Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk at USSC. Protests and Requests for Redress shall meet the requirements of *RRS 61* and be delivered to the Protest Desk in person within the protest time limit.

14.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS 61.1(b)*.

14.4 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*.

14.5 Breaches of *SI 19* or *RRS 55* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. (This changes *RRS 60.1*.)

14.6 The actions of media boats will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.)

**15. SCORING**

15.1 When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst finishing score. This changes *RRS A2*.

15.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**16. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the first three teams, and to the first all-female team.

**17. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

17.1 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 until the time the last boat finishes, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

17.2 A hearing may be called if a coach boat fails to comply with the requirements of this SI 17. [DP]

**18. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall, if practicable report this to the Race Committee or the Protest Desk.