

CAT FIGHT II REGATTA RACE INSTRUCTIONS

May 19 and 20, 2018
Mission Bay Yacht Club

1. **RULES:** This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), these sailing instructions and the class rules for participating classes.
 - a. The following RRS are changed by this Sailing Instruction:
 - 1) RRS Rule 26 (Starting Races)
 - 2) RRS Rule 35 (Time Limit and Scores)
 - 3) RRS Rules 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) and 44.2 (One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties)
 - 4) RRS rule 62 and 62.1 (Redress)
 - b. This regatta is designated as a Category A event.
 - c. In accordance with the US SAILING Prescription to RRS 88.2, the US SAILING Prescription to RRS 40 is deleted for this event.
2. **ENTRIES:** This regatta is open to all members of Mission Bay Yacht Club, members of Yacht Clubs extending privileges to Mission Bay Yacht Club, and guests of the Multi-Hull Fleet of Mission Bay Yacht Club. All catamarans between 16 and 22.5 feet in length are eligible. Boat classes including Nacra 20, Nacra 20C, F18, F16, Nacra-15 and A-Cat are anticipated. Other classes are welcome. Each race will be timed with handicap time adjustments made depending on the boat class. Each boat is required to meet the internationally recognized criteria for their particular class. The Nacra 20 class will also allow upgrades consistent with those allowed within the F18 class, including alternate brand sails, side-pole spinnaker set-ups, etc. Entrants must register prior to the close of registration at 10:00 am on April 7, 2018.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the south side of the main clubhouse no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the competitors' meeting or 2 hours prior to the start of the first race of that day (whichever is later).
4. **SPONSOR'S LOGO:** Each competitor shall place the Sponsor's Logo (Zhik) on the side of their hulls on both sides for the duration of the regatta. Competitors who fail to abide by this instruction shall be assessed a 1 point penalty for each race they sail without the sponsor's logo.
5. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board on the south side of the club house no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the competitors' meeting or 2 hours prior to the start of the first race of that day (whichever is later). Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect. On the water changes to the SI may be made at the discretion of the PRO with concurrence from the regatta chair.
6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the patio of the clubhouse. Flag AP when displayed ashore means "Boats shall not leave the club area until this signal is lowered. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after this signal is lowered."
7. **SCHEDULE:** A competitors' meeting will be held on the lawn of "Cat Beach" (north side of the club house) at 10:30 am on Saturday. The warning for the first race on Saturday and Sunday will be at 1:00 pm in the starting area on the ocean. No race shall be started after 4:30 pm on Saturday or 3:30 pm on Sunday. Maximum four races for Saturday and three for Sunday (weather permitting and up to the discretion of the PRO within the time limits previously stated).
8. **CLASS FLAG:** The class flags for this regatta will be on display or described at the competitors' meeting.
9. **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be the Pacific Ocean approximately one mile northwest of the Mission Bay jetty.
10. **CHECK IN:** At the start of each day all boats are required to check in at the committee boat when the "L" (Lima) flag is displayed. Pass by the stern of the committee boat **ON STARBOARD TACK**, identify your sail number, and obtain the acknowledgement of the race committee. It is incumbent on the racing boat to make sure that they have been acknowledged.
11. **SAFETY:**
 - a. Competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. US SAILING Regulation 10.01D.

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- b. Boats leaving the racing area, prior to the end of the day's racing must notify a race committee boat by hailing or using VHF on the channel announced at the competitors' meeting. If that is not possible, notify a regatta official or the yacht-club office immediately upon arrival ashore.
12. **WIND LIMITATIONS:** No races should be started if the average wind speed is consistently (more than 50% of time) less than 5 knots or consistently greater than 25 knots. Application of this limit is at the discretion of the PRO and competitors may not file for redress.
13. **COURSES:** The courses are described below and in appendix A. The course number and the compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed on a placard or white board on the committee boat. There will be an off-set mark designated "R" from mark "W" that must be left to port. The race committee has the option to set a gate at the leeward mark. All marks are to be left to port except if a leeward gate is set, boats must pass downwind between the two marks of the leeward gate and round either one in an outward direction. Boats must always pass through the gate or port of mark "L" before finishing upwind or downwind.
- Course #2: (S) W-R-L (F) Downwind
Course #3: (S) W-R-L (F) Upwind
Course #4: (S) W-R-L-W-R-L (F) Downwind
Course #5: (S) W-R-L-W-R-L (F) Upwind
Course #6: (S) W-R-L-W-R-L-W-R-L (F) Downwind
Course #7: (S) W-R-L-W-R-L-W-R-L (F) Upwind
14. **MARKS:** The marks are large orange or yellow inflatable tetrahedron or cylinder shapes. The "W" will always be a Tetrahedron. All marks will be orange unless a change of course is posted, in which case a yellow mark will be used as the replacement. If a second replacement is needed within one race the orange mark will again be used. The "C" flag will be flown on the RC Flag Boat in all subsequent races if the yellow mark is continuing to be used. If it is not flown the primary mark will be orange. The race committee has the option of using a leeward gate or a single leeward mark based on the number of entrants and will be announced at the Competitors Meeting.
15. **THE START:**
- a. Races will be started with a three (3) minute start sequence. (This is a change to RRS rule 26.)
 - b. Sequence of starts and class flags will be announced at the competitor's meeting.
 - c. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a staff in the water displaying an orange flag on the port end of the line.
 - d. Any boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes rules A4 and A5.)
 - e. The Race Committee will give a preliminary warning of several short sounds to alert competitors approximately ONE MINUTE prior to the hoisting of the warning flag. Rolling starts from one fleet to the next will be used if appropriate and at the discretion of the PRO. In this case the starting flag for one fleet will be the warning for the next.
 - f. The RC will attempt to hail over the VHF radio recalled boats over the starting line at their discretion. The VHF channel to be used by the RC will be announced at the competitor's meeting. The failure to hail, the failure of the competitor to hear the hail, a delay in hailing, or the order in which the boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1.
16. **THE FINISH:** For courses 2 and 4, the finish line will be between an orange flag on a floating staff to the port side of the committee boat and approximately perpendicular to the last mark sails, and an orange flag on the committee flag boat (the starting line). For courses 3 and 5, the finish line will be to windward of the "W" weather mark, between an orange flag on a staff to port side of a chase boat displaying an orange flag.

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17. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for the first boat to round the first weather mark is 30 minutes. The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of the same fleet or within the time limit, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF. (This changes rule 35.)
18. **PROTESTS:** As a condition to a valid protest, the protesting yacht must notify the R/C as it finishes the race involved, and identify the protested boat and submit a written protest within 1 hour of the R/C Flag boat returning to the dock. The R/C shall call in and advise the office to get the protest committee assembled. RRS 62 is hereby modified such that a violation of RRS 29.1 (OCS) shall not be dropped if unsuccessfully contested by the infringing competitor and the protest is deemed to be frivolous by the Protest Committee. In this case, the OCS shall be changed and scored as DNE.
19. **SCORING:**
 - a. Scoring for the one design classes will be in accordance with RRS Low point scoring system. Scoring for the handicap fleet(s) will be by SCHRS rating with the new rating numbers provided by the fleet.
 - b. As many races as feasible within the time limits of paragraph 6 (Schedule) will be sailed. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
 - c. When fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. When six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all its race scores excluding her worst excludable score. (This changes RRS App A2.)
20. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded based on the Notice of Race and number/type of boats registered at the ceremony on Sunday at approximately 5:00 pm.
21. **EQUIPMENT, MEASUREMENT CHECKS:** Change to F18 Rule E.2 **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** A paddle and magnetic compass will not be required. A towing line will continue to be required. Also it is recommended (but not required) that all boats have a hand-held VHF radio on board to communicate with the RC in emergency situations. Also there may be communications from the RC to the fleets over the VHF radio. The channel to be used will be announced at the competitors meeting.
19. **REPLACEMENT CREW OR EQUIPMENT:** Substitution of crew is allowed. A change of crew weight category will not be allowed. Substitution of sails will not be allowed without approval of the RC under the provision of B.4.4. **LIMITED NUMBER OF SAILS,** International Class Rules.
20. **ALTERNATE PENALTY:** RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to a One Turn Penalty that includes one tack and one jibe.
21. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 of the RRS, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and the host for this event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Multihull Fleet Captain

Steve Stroebel

Regatta Chair

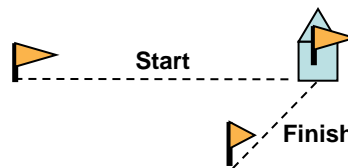
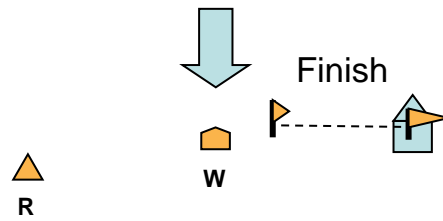
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Appendix A



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