



# NACRA 15 MIDWINTERS EAST AND YOUTH WORLD QUALIFIER REGATTA



February 16-18, 2019

Southern Yacht Club  
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*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

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing and the Nacra 15 Class Rules.
- 1.2. This is a protected competition for the Nacra 15 class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals), US Sailing Regulation 10 is also in effect.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the club's receptionist's office on the first floor and also posted on Regatta Network:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17956>.

### 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the "A" frame structure located near the boat hoists in the SYC dry storage area.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore. '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. 12 races are scheduled for the regatta.

- 5.2. Friday  
Check-in and Registration 0900-1200 and 1500-1700

- 5.3. Saturday  
Competitor's Meeting 0900  
First Warning Signal-additional races to follow 1030

- 5.4. Sunday  
Competitor's Meeting 0900  
First Warning Signal-additional races to follow 1030

- 5.5. Monday  
Competitor's Meeting 0900  
First Warning Signal-additional races to follow 1030



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5.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a white flag with the Nacra class logo.

## 7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be located on Lake Pontchartrain, approximately one or two miles north of the Southern Yacht Club.

## 8. THE COURSE

8.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3. The course shall be signaled by placards displayed on the signal boat.

## 9. MARKS

9.1. Mark 1, 2s and 2p will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2. New marks as provided in SI 11.1 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.3. The starting, finishing and offset marks will be orange spheres.

## 10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started using rule 26.

10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. When the Windward Mark is changed, the offset will be moved with it, with no change of color to the offset mark.

## 12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee finishing boat on the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

14.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Mark 1 Time limit	Target time
60 minutes	20 minutes	35 minutes



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- 14.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit or if no boat has finished within the Time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

### 15. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located near the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor receptionist's office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, after instruction 14.3 has been applied to that race, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the club, adjacent to the receptionist's office.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. Breaches of SIs which are annotated '[NP]' will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule RRS. 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.6. 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.
- 15.7. 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 RRS 64.2.

### 16. SCORING

- 16.1. The scoring system will be the Low Point System of Appendix A.
- 16.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3. Series Scores:
  - a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4. A score of (TLE) will be two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes RRS A4 and A11.
- 16.5. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

### 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 While afloat, competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. [DP]
- 17.2 Before the warning signal on the first race each day, all boats shall sail by the stern of the race committee signal boat, hail her sail number and obtain the acknowledgment of the race committee. . [DP]



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- 17.3 Any competitor NOT going out to the race course that day, shall notify the race office as soon as they know that they will not be racing. [DP]
- 17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 17.5 Under all circumstances, coaches and other support boats are expected to assist any boat in distress. [DP]
- 17.6 All coach and support boats are requested to assist the rescue organization. Search and rescue instructions will be given on the course designated VHF channel. All coach and support boats are required to monitor the course designated VHF channel. [DP]
- 17.7 All boats shall carry a line of at least 30 feet in length and strong enough that the boat and crew can safely be towed with this line. [DP]

### **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which might be after the substitution. [DP]

### **19 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 Only one set of sails may be used during the regatta.

### **20 EVENT ADVERTISING [NP]**

Boats shall display the event advertising supplied by the organizing authority on both side of the forward 25% of the hull and on the forward part of each side of the boom. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

### **21 OFFICIAL BOATS [NP]**

Official boats will be marked as follows: R/C Boats-R/C Flag; Judge Boats-Judge Flag.

### **22 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 22.1 Support boats shall register at the race office during the registration period. All support boats will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. [DP]
- 22.2 If called upon, support boats will be required to act as rescue boats. [DP]
- 22.3 Team leaders, coaches and other on-the-water-support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This rule is not applicable when assisting a boat in distress. [DP]
- 22.4 Team leaders, coaches and other on-the-water-support personnel are required to carry a working VHF radio with US channels. [DP]
- 22.5 Communication between competitors and coaches is not permitted while the competitors are racing.

### **23 TRASH DISPOSAL [NP]**

Trash shall not be thrown overboard. [DP]



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### 24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 68 for communication.

### 25 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 teams.

### 26 PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

26.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

26.2 The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to ", within 24 hours,".
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

#### **REOPENING A HEARING**

- i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
- ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; and (b) no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day iii. When a hearing is reopened, a



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majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

### 26.3 Expedited appeals procedure

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used:

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

## 27 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## 28 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (US Sailing Regulation 10)

### 10.03 Prohibited Substances

A. *No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:*

1. *marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or*
2. *any alcoholic beverages.*

B. *An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.*

## 29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## 30 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 31 FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair: Katy Lovell- (504) 975-5010 [katypl@me.com](mailto:katypl@me.com)

Principal Race Officer: Mont Echols- (504) 813-9070 [mont.echols@gmail.com](mailto:mont.echols@gmail.com)

Chief Judge: Fred Hagedorn-(312) 286-3657 [hagedornfh@cs.com](mailto:hagedornfh@cs.com)

## Attachment A - COURSE DIAGRAM



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L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD
Signal:	Mark Rounding Order:
2	Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish
3	Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish

Marks 1, 2s and 2p are orange  
Tetrahedrons.

Starting, finishing and offset marks  
will be orange balls.

