

29er

2019 U.S. 29er Midwinters East

March 16 -17, 2019
U.S. Sailing Center
Miami, Florida
Organizing Authority (OA) – US 29er Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking the Sailing Instructions (SIs) as noted by [NP]. The penalty for breaking these SIs may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee (PC) as noted by [DP]. This changes Rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Prescriptions of US Sailing.
- 1.2 A two-turns penalty is changed to a one-turn penalty. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 1.3 All competitors (i.e. both skipper and crew) shall carry a SOLAS approved whistle while aboard their boat. A Discretionary Penalty [DP] shall apply to violations of this rule. (NP)
- 1.4 All competitors shall wear, except briefly to change clothes, an inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) Personal Flotation Device (PFD) certified to either US Coast Guard, CE EN393, or ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) standards while aboard their boat. This replaces International 29er Class Association rules. A Discretionary Penalty [DP] shall apply to violations of this rule. (NP)
- 1.5 International 29er Class Rule C.10.3(a)(vi), concerning all-women teams carrying a red rhombus shape on their mainsail, shall not apply.
- 1.6 In accordance with rule RRS 64.1, the PC may impose penalties for hearings held under RRS 60.3. Such penalties may range in severity from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.
- 1.7 RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters, However, competitors shall be required to comply with applicable class sail numbering rules.
- 1.8 In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments to them shall apply.

2. RECALL NUMBERS [DP] [NP]

Recall numbers will be the sail number the boat is registered under.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors (including protest notifications) will be posted on the official notice board located in the breezeway at USSC.
- 3.2 All questions to the race committee (RC), PC, or OA must be made in writing and will be posted and answered on the official notice board.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the SIs will be posted no later than 0930 each morning on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 the day before a change will take effect.
- 4.2 Oral changes to the SIs may be given on the water. The RC signal boat shall display code flag "L" and **competitors shall approach the signal boat and receive the oral change while code flag "L" is displayed** in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the USSC flagpole.
- 5.2 Code flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in the SIs or other notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board.
- 5.3 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. SAFETY [DP] [NP]

A boat retiring from a race shall notify any RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the USSC protest desk immediately after arrival ashore.

7. FORMAT OF RACES

The boys, girls and mixed events will be sailed together.

8. SCHEDULE

Saturday March 16		
0830 – 0930	Competitor Check In	
0945	Competitors Meeting	
1100	First Warning Signal	
Sunday March 17		
1000	First Warning Signal	
1430	Time limit for Last Warning Signal	
As soon as possible	Prize Giving	USSC Breezeway

- 8.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled

9. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag is as follows:

Class	Class Flag
29er	White flag with a black 29er insignia

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay, due east of the USSC launch ramp, approximately 1/2 NM off shore.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed. All rounding marks shall be left to port, except Marks 4S/4P which are gates.
- 11.2 The RC shall post the course to be sailed on a white board on the signal boat.
- 11.3 If one of the gate marks is missing, the mark in position will be rounded to port.

12. MARKS

	Marks 1	Mark 4	Start/Finishing Line marks
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13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the RC signal and a mark.
- 13.3 In the event a boat(s) breaks RRS 30.4, the RC will display her recall number on a white board on the signal boat. This is a courtesy only and failure of the RC to make this posting shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 30.4.
- 13.4 In addition, the RC will attempt to post a boat's recall number on a white board on the signal boat in the event they are scored as OCS or UFD. This is a courtesy only and failure of the RC to make this posting shall not be grounds for redress.
- 13.5 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

14. COURSE CHANGES

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will (a) move the weather mark, (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate (all original marks).
- 14.2 The RC may make minor adjustments in the course without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finish line boat and a nearby mark as described in SI 12 and as shown in Attachment B.

16. TIME LIMITS (minutes)

Class	Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Finish window
29er	45	15	10

- 16.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.2 Boats still racing and failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF and will be scored 2 more points than the last finisher in that race. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, A5 and A11.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk at USSC in the breezeway.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is forty-five (45) minutes after the RC Signal boat docks.
- 17.3 The protest hearing schedule and the location of the hearings will be posted on the official notice board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 17.4 Notice of actions taken by the RC (shown in the posted results) or PC will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request for redress of a PC decision or scoring error shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of the decision or results being posted, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:
When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

Substitution of competitors, or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

20. SUPPORT PERSONS & SPECTATORS

- a) All support persons and spectators intending to operate boats near the racing venue must register with the OA, at which time they shall provide boat registration/documentation and proof of insurance information for the boat(s) they intend to use.
- b) All support persons and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the OA to receive instructions from the OA while near the racing venue. All such boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions from the OA.
- c) Failure to register, failure to monitor the designated VHF channel, or failure to abide by instruction may result in operating restrictions being placed up on the support person, spectator, or their boat(s) during the regatta.

21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH [DP]

Boats shall not purposefully discharge trash into the water.

22. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION [DP]

A competitor shall not send or receive electronic communications from the time he or she leaves the dock until after the last race of the day.

23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be awarded to first through third place. Additional awards may be presented.

25. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race).
The OA 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.
- 25.2 The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 25.3 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69.1, the Championships' Code of Conduct and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 26.1 All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results will be posted at:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com>.
- 26.2 For further information please contact Regatta Chairperson
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