

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2019 OYC Poinsettia Regatta December 14, 2019 Oceanside Yacht Club



1 RULES

- **1.1** The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The organizing authority is Oceanside Yacht Club.
- **1.2** No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 These sailing instructions also consist of supplementary sailing instructions, if any, that will be on the official notice board located at Oceanside Yacht Club's Office.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Oceanside Yacht Club's Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these 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 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Date of racing: December 14, 2019
- **4.2** Number of races: Five races are planned for each class and fleet.
- **4.3** A skippers' meeting is scheduled for 1000 on December 14, 2019 at OYC.
- **4.4** The scheduled time of the class flag (warning signal) for the first race is 1157.
- 4.5 To alert boats that races will begin soon, the Race Committee will sound a horn or whistle four times approximately one minute before the first warning signal is made.
- **4.6** No warning signal will be made after 1530.

5 CLASS FLAGS Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
FJ and Lido	Red
Sabot and RS Tera (sport)	Green

Depending upon the number of registrants, the Race Committee may assign additional class flags for junior and senior fleets. Colors will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

6 RACING AREA

Attachment A shows the protected outer harbor race area.

7 COURSE DIAGRAM

- 7.1 Attachment B shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The Race Committee reserves the right to use additional courses not included in Attachment B.
- **7.2** Using Roman numerals, the Race Committee will display the number of laps for each race.

8 MARKS

Mark 1 and the start/finish pin will be round red inflated buoys. The Race Committee may use a navigation buoy in place of Mark 1.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated as an obstruction:

Attachment A, Race Area, indicates a submerged jetty. Though this obstruction should not interfere with planned race courses, it should be avoided while travelling to/from the race course.

10 THE START

10.1 The warning signal will be made three minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26, Starting Races.

	Minutes before start	Visual signal	Sound	Means
	3	Class flag up	One	Warning
	2	P flag up	One	Preparatory
	1	P flag down	One long	One minute
	0	Class flag removed	One	Start

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

- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- **10.4** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a red buoy at the starboard end and an orange flag on the course side of the port-end committee boat.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, RRS 44.1, Taking a Penalty, is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- **13.1** Course lengths will be set so that each race is about 25-35 minutes long. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS

- **14.1** Protests shall be delivered to an Oceanside Yacht Club Race Committee member within the protest time limit.
- **14.2** The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee has returned to the dock following the last race.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board at the Oceanside Yacht Club office no later than 15 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 regatta room, located at the Oceanside Yacht Club, beginning at the posted time.
- **14.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- **14.5** Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15 SCORING

- **15.1** The scoring system follows RRS Appendix A, Scoring.
- **15.2** Two completed races are required to constitute a series.

- **15.3** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no race discards.
- **15.4** Lidos and FJs will be scored as a single fleet using Portsmouth scoring. The race committee reserves the right to establish junior and senior fleets depending upon the number of registrants.
- **15.5** Sabots and RS Teras will be scored as separate fleets. The race committee reserves the right to establish junior and senior fleets depending upon the number of registrants.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

All junior participants must wear a PFD.

17 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- **19.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- **19.2**Coach boats may communicate with the Race Committee on channel 69.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Each fleet will be award prizes for first through third place. Race results will be announced and prizes presented at Oceanside Yacht Club.

21 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.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Race Venue - Racing Area

Attachment B: Course Diagram

Attachment A: Race Venue - Protected Outer Harbor Racing Area



