



**US MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP
GROUP D/F AREA QUALIFIER
SEPTEMBER 5-6 2014**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Revision 1

Abbreviations:

PC – protest committee	RC – race committee
OA – organizing authority	NA – national authority
RRS – current racing rules of sailing	SI – sailing instructions
NoR – notice of race	TMRC- Titusville Match Racing Center

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by
 - (a) The 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and these SI, the SI shall govern.

2 ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Only competitors registered in accordance with the NoR are eligible for the event.
- 2.2 To remain eligible the entire crew shall complete registration in accordance with the NoR.
- 2.3 The damage deposit is waived on the match racing keelboats used in this event.
- 2.4 Each skipper is not responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.
- 2.5 After the warning signal for a match the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 2.6 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 2.7 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Titusville Municipal Marina meeting area next to the Ships Store.
- 3.3 Skippers shall attend each daily briefing, which will be prior to the first race at the Titusville Municipal Marina in front of the Ships Store, unless excused by the OA.
- 3.4 The first meeting with the umpires will be prior to the first race on Saturday September 6, 2014 at the Titusville Municipal Marina in front of the Ships Store.

4 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Amendments to the SI made ashore will be posted at least 20 minutes before the start of any race affected and will be signed by the RC.

5 BOATS AND SAILS

- 5.1 (a) The event will be sailed in event supplied Geary 18 keelboats.
(b) The sails to be used will be main, jib and spinnaker.
- 5.3 Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.
- 5.5 The RC may permit a substitute boat when it is satisfied that the original boat is damaged and that repairs in the time available are not practical.

6 IDENTIFICATION and ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS

- 6.1 Boats will be identified by bow and stern numbers.
- 6.2 The mainsails shall display numbers.
- 6.3 Boats will be allocated in accordance with the pairing list and race schedule.

7 CREW MEMBERS, NUMBER and WEIGHT

- 7.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be three. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 7.2 The maximum total skipper and crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 577.5 US pounds when wearing at least shorts and shirts. There is no differential weight between men and women teams.

8 EVENT FORMAT AND STARTING SCHEDULES

- 8.1 The event format and match pairing lists are detailed in SI Appendix A and B. The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the RC boat. Match pairing lists will be distributed at the daily morning meeting
(c) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of each series.
- 8.3 The racing day is scheduled as Saturday, September 6, 2014.
- 8.4 The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1400.
- 8.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.
- 8.6 (a) The RC may terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.
- 8.7 The intended time of the first attention signal is **10:00 AM** on Saturday and 10:00 AM on Sunday.
- 8.8 Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Indian River adjacent to the Titusville Municipal Marina with spectator viewing and crew rotations from Crackerjacks Seafood Restaurant and Tiki Bar, The marina is located In the North part of Titusville, Florida just off Highway US 1. Marina website is www.titusville.com/marina (321-383-5600) address is 541 Marina Road, Titusville FL

10. COURSE

10.1 (a) **Course Configuration** (not to scale)

(b) **Course signals and course to be sailed**

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat bow, at or before the warning signal.

Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>
No Signal	Start - W - L - W - Finish
S	Start - W - Finish

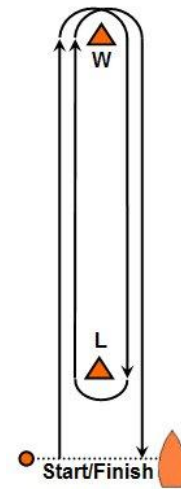
(c) **Description of Marks**

The starting/finishing line mark will be an orange mark.

Mark W will be an orange mark.

Mark L will be an orange mark.

The replacement marks will be orange marks.



10.2 **The Starting/Finishing Line**

(a) The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a starting/finishing mark and a staff with an orange and white flag on the port side of the RC Signal boat.

(b) A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle.

10.3 **Abandonment and Shortening**

(a) RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: 'After the starting signal the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.

(b) Within a flight, when a visual signal is displayed over a numeral pennant, the signal applies only to that match.

11 **BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS**

11.1 Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display a "Green" flag (or signal flag L) to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to close to leeward of the RC Signal boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.

11.2 The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the RC.

11.3 After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 11.1.

11.4 Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

12 **STARTING PROCEDURE**

12.1 Match warning signals will be numerical pennants displayed with the sounding of a horn.

12.2 The next flight number will be displayed aft on the RC boat.

12.3 The attention signal will be displayed 10 minutes before the first starting signal in each flight.

14 TIME LIMIT

A boat that does not finish within 10 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

APPENDIX A – PAIRING LISTS

4 SKIPPERS - 4 BOATS						
FLIGHT MATCH	1		2		3	
1	3	2	3	1	4	3
2	1	4	4	2	2	1

APPENDIX B - EVENT FORMAT and SCHEDULE OF RACES

4 SKIPPERS - 4 BOATS - DOUBLE ROUND ROBIN												
FLIGHT MATCH	1		2		3		4		5		6	
1	4	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	4	2	4	3
2	2	3	2	4	3	4	1	4	3	1	2	1

SI APPENDIX C - HANDLING BOATS

1 GENERAL

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

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