

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2014 SMSA Team Racing Championship

Organizing Authority: SMSA

Host Club: Vineyard Haven YC

Vineyard Haven, MA

July 16-17, 2014

1. Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including Appendix D
- 1.2 RRS Appendix D 2.5 [Two-Flag Protest Procedure] and D2.6 [Limited Umpiring] shall apply.
- 1.3 Competitors may not protest for a break of C420 class rules. This changes RRS 60.1.

2. Eligibility:

- 2.1 Participating clubs must (a) be SMSA dues paying members, (b) have registered properly and (c) paid by the deadline.
- 2.2 Individual sailors shall be bona fide members of the club they represent or full time members of that organization's sailing school.

3 Schedule: Report time both days will be 0900 at Vineyard Haven YC. One representative (coach or sailors) from each team **MUST** attend the sailor's meeting both mornings. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the event chair. A rotation schedule of races will be distributed at the sailor's meeting.

4 Notice to Competitors/Change in Sailing Instructions: Official notices to competitors and/or any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Boards located at VHYC. Any changes in the sailing instructions can be announced orally on the water as long as each team is informed before the change goes into effect.

5 Courses & Marks:

- 5.1 Course will be a "Digital N." See attachment A
- 5.2 Marks will be described at the sailor's meeting

6 Start & Finish:

- 6.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix S.
- 6.2 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6.
- 6.3 The starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a mark.
- 6.4 The finish line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a mark.

7 Racing Area will be in off of Vineyard Haven YC between East Chop and West Chop

8 Safety:

8.1 All competitors and coaches must wear properly fastened USCG approved Type III non-inflatable lifejacket at all times while on the water, except to quickly change clothing.

8.2 Competitors who require assistance should signal by waving both arms overhead.

8.3 Penalties for violating this rule are at the discretion of the umpires.

9. Abandonment: A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee, in consultation with the judges/umpires, if possible.

10. Changing the Course: To maintain a course configuration, or change course length, marks may be moved as necessary, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. This changes RRS 33.

11. Breakdowns: There are no break-downs because it is a BYOB regatta.

12. Scoring:

12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with US Sailing RRS Appendix D 4

12.2. Ties shall be broken using D4

13. Format:

13.1 A double round robin between all teams is planned.

13.2 If time permits, a single race sail off will be conducted to break ties.

13.3 Scores from each round shall carry forward to the next round(s).

13.4 If the format becomes unmanageable, then it may be changed by the SMSA representatives (Rob Hurd) in consultation with the PRO and Chief Umpire.

14. Coaching:

14.1 Coaching is permitted between races provided that teams have equal access and racing is not delayed.

14.2 Coach boats are expected to help move marks, act as safety boats, and assist the race committee as well coach their team.

15. Boats: Each team shall provide 3 class legal boats and sails. Bridles are permitted.

16 Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the teams placing 1st through 4th.

17. Other Information: Neither the host organization, SMSA, nor any of the members, employees, or volunteers accepts responsibility for loss of life or injury to a participant or other or the loss or damage to property.

ATTACHMENT A: DIGITAL "N" COURSE

