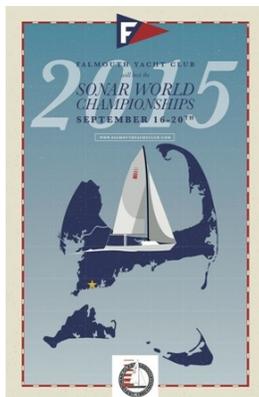


2015 SONAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



September 16 – 20, 2015
Falmouth Yacht Club
Falmouth, Massachusetts, USA

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix T ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION, Sections A, B and D shall apply. No other US Sailing prescriptions shall apply. See Attachment 1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS [NP]

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower level of Falmouth YC.
- 2.2 Any questions concerning these sailing instructions, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee (RC). All written inquiries and responses will be posted on the official notice board.

3. BOW NUMBERS [DP] [NP]

Bow numbers will be assigned and shall be displayed on both sides of the bow approximately 50-150 mm below deck level and with the forward most point within 200 mm of the bow. Event bow stickers shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. They shall be applied 50-150 mm below deck level and 150-300 mm aft of the bow numbers. Instructions will be included with the bow numbers/stickers in the Skipper's Package.

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4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0830 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.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the FYC flagpole
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes Race Signals.
- 5.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

It is the intent of the RC to run as many races as practical on each race day, up to a maximum of four (4) per day, with a maximum total of twelve (12) races for the series, of which 4 must be completed to constitute a valid championship.

Wednesday, September 16 1500 Practice Race Warning Signal

Thursday, September 17 1030 First Warning Signal

Friday, September 18 1030 First Warning Signal

Saturday, September 19 1030 First Warning Signal

Sunday, September 20 1030 First Warning Signal
No warning signals after 1400 (unless required to constitute a series).

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag will be the Sonar class emblem on a white background.
- 7.2 The alternate class flag will be numeric pennant one.

8. CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT [DP] [NP]

- 8.1 Boats shall check in with the RC signal boat before their first start of the day.
- 8.2 Boats that retire during a race or leave the racing area between races shall check out with the RC either by hail or on VHF (72).

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be as shown in ATTACHMENT 2.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed, approximate compass bearing and approximate distance from the signal boat to the windward mark will be displayed on the RC signal boat and broadcast on VHF (72) before the warning signal. Failure to broadcast or receive this notification on VHF (72) will not constitute grounds for requesting redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).
- 9.3 If the leeward gate is replaced by a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 9.4 The RC may make minor adjustments to the course without signaling a change of course. This changes rule 33.
- 9.5 If the weather mark is changed per rule 33 during the race, a new weather off-set (mark 1a) will not be set.

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10. MARKS

- 10.1 Starting/Finishing marks will be orange inflatable marks or RC boats.
- 10.2 Original rounding marks and off-sets (mark 1A) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.4 If Course CW or CL is used, mark 2 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.5 Change marks will be green tetrahedrons.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and either the course side of a nearby inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat.
- 11.2 The RC will attempt to hail individual recalls on VHF channel 72 using bow or sail numbers. This changes rule 29.1. The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all boats, or the untimely hail of a boat or boats shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).
- 11.3 The bow or sail numbers of the boats OCS, UFD or BFD will be posted on the signal boat following the race.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 11.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rules 26, 30, and A5. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual Recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC finishing line boat and either the course side of a nearby inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat.
- 13.2 Flag Second Substitute displayed (no sound signal) by the RC finishing line boat while boats are finishing indicates that another race will be sailed.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 45 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish the race is 150 minutes (two and one half hours).
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.1, A4.2, A5, and A11

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15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Protest forms are available in the FYC office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 US Sailing prescription Appendix T ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION Section A PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT will be in effect. The details of this are in Attachment 1.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS [DP] [NP]

- 16.1 US Sailing Appendix T ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION Sections A, B and D will be in effect for alleged breach of rules of RRS Part 2 or rule 31. The details of Appendix T are in SI Attachment A.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks and the RC will post those times on the official notice board.
- 16.3 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 PC room, located on the rear deck at FYC.
- 16.4 Notices of protest by the RC or PC will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of NOR 2, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches and for class rule breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this SI will be DPI.
- 16.6 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day. This changes rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17. SAFETY [DP] [NP]

It is the responsibility of the skipper of each boat to assure the proper equipment is on board and that the boat is handled in a safe manner.

18. REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITORS OR EQUIPMENT [DP] [NP]

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the jury.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the jury. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP] [NP]

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

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ATTACHMENT 1 – US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS IN EFFECT

The following US Sailing prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix T, Sections A, B and D, shall apply.

- A1. Add rule 61.4: “US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.”
- A2. After rule 67 add: “US Sailing prescribes that:
(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
(b) A protest committee shall find fact and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.”
- A3. After rule 76.1 add: ”US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.”
- A4. Add Appendix T, Sections A, B and D:

SECTION A - PENALTIES WHILE RACING

T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’

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SECTION B - POST-RACE PENALTIES

T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be
- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

SECTION D - ARBITRATION

When Section D applies, a boat may take the applicable Post-Race Penalty in Section B without participating in an arbitration meeting.

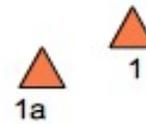
T5 PROTEST ARBITRATION

- T5.1 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, that it will be closed.
- T5.2 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
- (a) the *protest* is invalid,
 - (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
 - (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- T5.3 A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as provided in Section B. However, the penalty in rule T2.2(a) is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.
- T5.4 If a boat asks to withdraw her *protest*, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.
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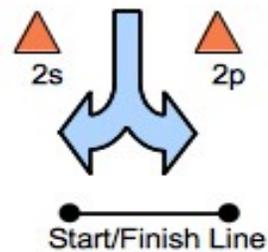
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ATTACHMENT 2 - COURSES

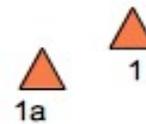
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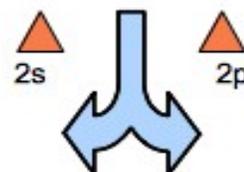
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COURSE "D"



Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-
2s/2p-Finish



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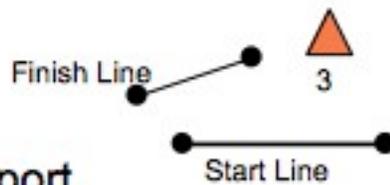
COURSE "CW"



Direction of Current



Start-1-2-3-1-2-Finish



Leave all marks to port

COURSE "CL"



Direction of Current



Start-1-2-3-1-2-Finish

Leave all marks to port

