

2016 Contender US National Championship

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Santa Cruz Yacht Club ("SCYC")

Venue: 244 Fourth Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA, 95062, United States

April 20 – 22, 2016

DEFINITIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

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

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2. Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply.

1.3. Rule 42 is changed per International Contender Association Class Rule 22 and Appendix P5.
(Available here: <http://www.contenderclass.org/the-class/classrules>)

1.4. Rule 40 is changed. Competitors shall wear appropriate personal flotation devices approved by their national authority for this use, except briefly while adjusting or changing clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y will not be displayed.

1.5. Measurement protests will only be accepted from the Race Committee or Jury. This changes rule 60.1.

1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

1.7. US Sailing prescriptions shall apply. These are available at:

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/USSAILINGPrescriptions20132016-\[15391\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/USSAILINGPrescriptions20132016-[15391].pdf)

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east side of the Regatta Shed in the boat storage area.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0900 hours on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the southeast corner of the top floor of the SCYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Five races are scheduled: two races on the first two days and one race on the final day. The race committee may run a third race in a day if the regatta is behind schedule. The race committee's intention to run a third race in a day will be posted on the official notice board prior to 1900 hours on the day before.
- 5.2. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal shall be displayed after 1530 hours.
- 5.3. After a race, subsequent races are scheduled to start as soon as is practical.
- 5.4. Approximately five minutes prior to the display of the warning signal in any subsequent race, the race committee shall display an Orange flag with one long sound signal.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

- 1200 Warning Signal, first race of day 1
- 1800 Competitors welcome to BBQ at SCYC (see registration package for information)

Thursday, April 21, 2016

- 1200 Warning Signal, first race of day 2
- 1800 Opening Ceremony Dinner – Santa Cruz Yacht Club

Friday, April 22, 2016

- 1200 Warning Signal, first race of day 3
Presentation of Awards as soon as practical after racing
- 1730 Competitors welcome to Dinner at SCYC (see registration package for information)

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be the Contender Class insignia (flag C).

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be within 3 nautical miles of the Walton Lighthouse on the west harbour jetty. (See attached chart labeled Sailing Area below.)

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, the marks in order and the side on which each rounding mark is to be left, not to scale.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate distance and magnetic bearing to Mark 1.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting and finishing marks will be an orange flag displayed on a race committee boat and a red ball buoy, or an orange flag displayed on a race committee boat stationed at the opposite end of the starting or finishing line.

- 9.2. Original marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons and are rounding marks.
- 9.3. New marks will be green tetrahedrons.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the starting marks.
- 10.2. A boat starting more than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the finishing marks.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. If no boat rounds Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2. If no boat has sailed the course and finished within 120 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3. Boats that have not finished 45 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 13.4. This section, 13, changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

14. PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Flag B will be displayed ashore with one long sound to signify that a protest committee member is available to accept protests. The protest filing time limit will be sixty (60) minutes from the display of flag B.
- 14.2. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Shed in the boat storage area.
- 14.3. Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative at the Regatta Shed prior to the time limit. The Chief Judge may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so. This changes rule 61.3.
- 14.4. A list of protests and requests for redress received, the hearing schedule, and the location of the hearings will be posted by the jury on the official notice board not later than 30 minutes after the expiration of the protest time limit. This posting constitutes the notice required by rule 63.2.
- 14.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or the jury will be posted on the official notice board. This posting constitutes the notice required by rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6. On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or, no later than thirty minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 14.7. On the last day of racing, requests for redress shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within thirty minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.8. Penalties for breaches of class rules, or rules in the NOR and SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the Regatta Shed.
- 14.9. Breaches of rules in the SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

- 14.10. For breaches of the SIs marked [SP], the Race Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the official notice board. However, the Race Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. This changes rule 63.1 and Appendix A5.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Five races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. If fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When four or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.
- 15.4. This section, 15, changes Appendix A2.

16. [DP] ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, use of any electronic communication device, including cellular telephones, while racing is prohibited.

17. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats. The penalty for breaking rule 55 is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The boats placing first through third will be awarded prizes.
- 18.2. The US National Trophy will be awarded to the first place citizen of the USA.

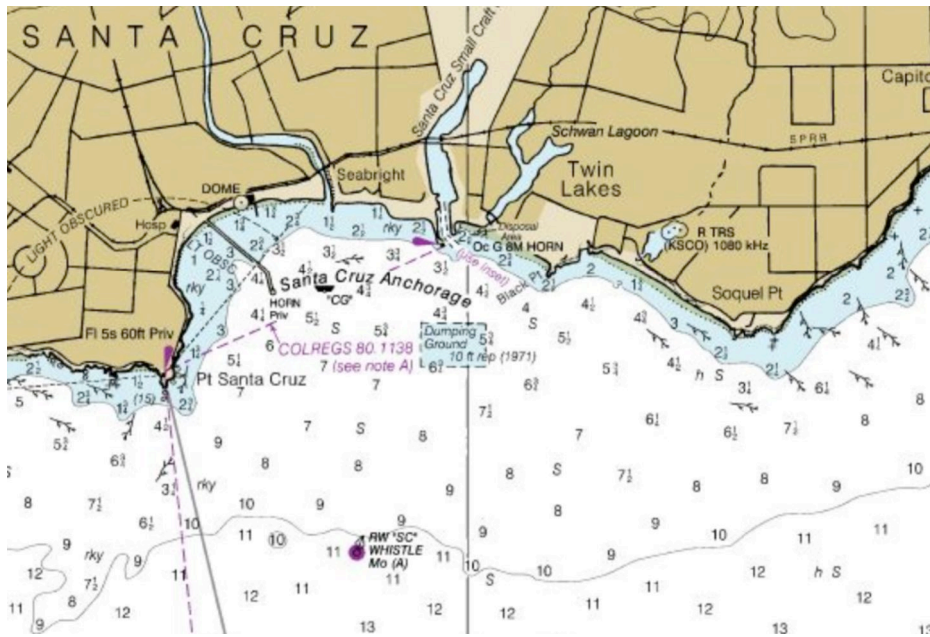
19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

Sailing area



ATTACHMENT A:

Course

- Start
- 1 to port
- 2 to port
- 3 to port
- 1 to port
- 3 to port
- Finish

