

2018 Pacific Coast Challenge Regatta

April 21-22, 2018, Santa Barbara, California

Organizing Authority:
Santa Barbara Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta shall be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

- 1.1 The International F/18 Class rules, Weta Class rules, and IHCA Class Rules will each apply to their respective classes.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The location of the Official Regatta Notice Board will be on the side of the Race Headquarters motor home located in the Harbor West parking lot.
- 2.2 Competitors' meeting will be held at 1030 hrs on Saturday at the Regatta Headquarters motor home in the Harbor West Parking Lot.

3 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board at least 90 minutes before the first race on the day the change takes effect. Schedule changes will be posted by 2000 hrs the day before they take effect.
- 3.2 All other notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Headquarters motor home in the parking lot.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22, 2018.
- 5.2 The objective is to hold 3-4 races on each day, back-to-back. There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1200 hrs, and on Sunday at 1100 hrs.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags are described in Appendix A.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place directly out from the beach and Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses are as follows:

<u>Course No</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Finish</u>
1	(Start) A (Finish)	Downwind
2	(Start) A C A (Finish)	Downwind
3	(Start) A C A C A (Finish)	Downwind

All marks left to port except Gates. Gates may be exited in either direction

- 8.2 The course to be sailed shall be displayed on large white placards from the Race Committee signal boat before, or closely following, the display of the Preparatory Signal for each fleet. *This changes RRS 27.1.*

9 DESCRIPTIONS OF MARKS

- 9.1 The Windward Mark ('A') for the Weta and Wave classes will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron. The Windward Mark ('A') for all other classes and the Leeward Gates ('C') for all classes shall be Red inflatable WIP Bull Buoy.
- 9.2 A barging buoy may be set behind the Race Committee signal boat as a warning to skippers to keep clear of the starting boat when starting or finishing a race. A barging buoy is NOT an extension of the starting boat or a mark of the course. There is no penalty for touching the barging buoy. *This changes the RRS definition of a Mark.*

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 No boat shall sail within the swimming area marked by buoys along the beach area just west of the launch area. The swimming area is determined by a straight line drawn between each of the buoys and from the last buoy on each end directly to the shore at a 90 degree angle.
- 10.2 When launching, boats shall not launch within the swimming area as described above. Boats must stay to the east of the cones or flags on the beach marking the swimming area.
- 10.3 When returning to shore boats may not enter the swimming area as described above and must return to the beach east of the cones or flags on the beach marking the swimming area.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line shall be between an orange buoy and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the race committee boat.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored a DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. *This changes RRS A3 and A4.*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall move the original mark to a new position.
- 12.2 A single gate mark may be moved or adjusted without a signal.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line shall be between an orange buoy and an orange flag on the starboard side of the race committee boat.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes of her start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes rules 35, A3, A4, and A5.*

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Official Notice Board, at the Race Headquarters motor home in the parking lot. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 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 protest room, located in the trailer in the parking lot, beginning at the time posted on the notice board.
- 16.4 Breaches of IHCA class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only), of instructions 11.2, 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, and 27.1 will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. *This changes RRS A2.*

- 17.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. *This changes RRS A2.*

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, by competitors while launching and when sailing, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee, and may result in disqualification. Pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 will not apply.
- 18.2 Boats shall check in by hailing their sail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore).
- 18.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee.
- 19.3 Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

21-23 RESERVED

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Do not place trash in the water.

25-26 RESERVED

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 27.1 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. RC communications on an announced VHF channel are available to all boats. *This changes some class rules.*

28 AWARDS

- 28.1 Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of each event. The number of trophies in each class will be based on pre-registrations.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 29.1 Participants in this event compete entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Santa Barbara Yacht Club and Fleet 3, the Organizing Authorities, 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.

30 INSURANCE

- 30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

31 SPECIAL NOTES

- 31.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark race committee support boats will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.* The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

HCANA ADDITIONAL SAFETY NOTES TO ALL SAILORS:

ELECTRICAL POWER LINES - AVOID!!! Before raising the mast, and ALWAYS while sailing, check for and avoid low overhead electrical power lines. When launching from shore, docking, or landing, check for and avoid low overhead power lines. If you see a power line, AVOID IT! A MAST COMING IN CONTACT OR EVEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL POWER LINE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO PEOPLE ON OR TOUCHING THE BOAT!

APPENDIX A:

Class Flags

(Each flag is the indicated color, with a white square in the middle surrounding the indicated letter, which is in black, bold font. It's not as complicated as it sounds.)

F-18 Class

Red Flag w/ A

Hobie 20

Green Flag w/ B

Hobie 18

Yellow Flag w/ C

Hobie 16

Purple Flag w/ D

WETA, Wave

Orange Flag w/ W