

Carson Challenge

August 27, 2020

Metedeconk River YC

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and The International Lightning Class Rules.

1.2 The following rules in the RRS will be changed: (a) Appendix A, to allow for different points for boats receiving "letter" scores, will be modified to add: A boat not finishing within a time limit of 20 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish, will be scored the number of boats that finished within the time limit, plus two (2). The score for DNF will be changed to the number of starters, plus two (2). This changes RRS 35. & Appendix A RRS.

2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices will be posted on regatta website

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the SI's will be posted before 0800 on the day it takes effect, except that any changes to the racing schedule or venue will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it takes effect. Any questions on the SI's, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be presented to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) at the Contestant's Meeting.

4 Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag pole on the waterfront of the MCYC Club. When flag AP is displayed ashore, no signal will be made less than forty-five (45) minutes after AP is lowered. Signals made from the Committee Boat at dock are not subject to the time limit.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 The planned Regatta is a five (5) race series. One race constitutes a regatta.

5.2 Thursday, August 27th.

1100-1200, Registration & Check in.

1200 Contestants meeting and welcoming remarks.

1300 First Warning

No Warning signal will be made after 1630 hours.

6 Racing Area

6.1 Racing will be conducted on the Metedeconk River.

7 Courses

7.1 The courses will be windward-leeward with 4 legs. The start and finish line will be the same, although the line may be shortened for the finish.

8 Marks

8.1 The rounding marks will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

8.2 There will be a windward mark with an offset mark. The Leeward Marks set to windward of the start/finish line.

8.4 All Marks are to be left to Port or through the Gate.

9 The Start

9.1 The starting and finishing lines will be described at the Skippers Meeting. The Sound Signal Starting System of Appendix S will be used except that sounds for 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1 second may be omitted.

9.2 The start/finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat and a mark at the leeward end.

9.3 The starting line will be located to leeward of the leeward gate.

9.4 The RC will endeavor to hail premature starters using Loud Hailer & VHF and X Flag.

9.5 Failure to hail, the order of timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a) 10.6 RRS 30.1 I Flag Rule will be in effect for all starts.

10. Next Leg of the Course Changes

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. The change will be signaled before the leading boat begins the next leg by a Red or Green shape. Any mark that has been rounded by all boats may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When there is a subsequent change and a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 The Finish

11.1 The Finish Line for a downwind finish will use the same mark as used for the Start.

11.2 The Down Wind Finish will be located to leeward of the Leeward Gate Marks.

12 Time Limits

12.1 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A-5

12.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be one (1) hour. If no boat completes one leg in 25 minutes the race shall be abandon.

12.3 Any boats that do not finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first finisher will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), without a hearing and be scored two (2) more points than the last boat to have finished within the time limit. This changes Class Rule VIII (3), RRS 35, 63.1, A-4.1,

13 Protests and Redress Requests

13.1 Boats shall report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to the RC Signal Boat upon finishing and remain in the area until acknowledged by the RC. The protesting boat shall not hinder any boats still finishing.

13.2 Protests shall be delivered to the RC representative at the MCYC clubhouse Regatta Desk within sixty (60) minutes after the RC Boat docks. The docking time and official starting time for Protests to be lodged will be posted on event website.

13.3 Hearings will be heard as soon as possible.

13.4 On the last day of racing, a request to reopen 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 thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.

13.5 On the final day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered within the Protest Time Limit or within thirty (30) minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2 1

14 Scoring

14.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions (Rules 1.3-c), will apply to all races.

15 Safety Regulations

15.1 Prior to the first warning signal of the first race each day, each boat is required to check in by passing astern of the RC Signal and hailing their number and acknowledged by the RC.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the RC or a patrol boat as soon as possible either by hail or VHF and be acknowledged.

15.3 Patrol boats will only offer assistance when requested or if safety requires assistance.

15.4 All boats are required to have a lifejacket, suitable tow line (min 25 ft) and a paddle.

16 Replacement of Equipment

16.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC via email at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 Equipment & Measurement Checks

17.1 A boat or equipment shall be in accordance with Class Rules.

18 Support Boats

18.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions or posted after the contestants meeting. These requirements begin from the start of the first race until the finish of the last race.

18.2 RRS 41 is being changed to allow the use of support boats between races to allow crew and sail Changes. All visits to support boats and Regatta Provided Support Boats must be completed before the Preparatory signal for the next Race.

19 Radio Communication

19.1 Use of VHF is permitted to Contact the Race Committee and in Emergency situations only.

19.2 The Signal Boats will use VHF in addition to Loudhailers and X Flags in an attempt to identify boats that are on the Course side of the starting line at the time of the Starting Signal.

19.3 VHF Channel 6 will be used by the Race Committee

20 Disclaimer of Liability

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. The organizing authority will not accept any liability related to competitors potential exposure to COVID-19 prior to, during or after the regatta

21 Enviroment

21.1 Discharge of trash into the water by competitors, support boats, race committee or protest committee is prohibited.