



2020 ILCA-NA Gulf Coast Championship

Organizing Authority: Texas Corinthian Yacht
Club (TCYC)

October 3-4, 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FINAL

Posted September 27, 2020

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Notice of Race, the ILCA-NA Class rules, and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be considered to be misconduct. [DP]
- 1.3 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.4 Face coverings shall be worn at all times while on the grounds or docks of TCYC.
- 1.5 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, shall apply with the following changes:
 - 1.5.1 Delete the word “first” in P2.1.
 - 1.5.2 Delete P2.2 and P2.3.
 - 1.5.3 P3 is replaced with: “If a boat has been protested under P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled.”
 - 1.5.4 P4 is replaced with: “A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a member of the protest committee or its designated observer under P1.”
 - 1.5.5 Delete P5.
- 1.6 Protest hearings will be on the water using Three-Minute Justice (see SI 14.2). There shall be no redress for OCS. This changes RRS 62, and the recommendations of Appendix M.
- 1.7 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.8 Appendix V1 and V2 will be in effect.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21256>
- 2.2 A competitors meeting will be held using Zoom, at 1830 on Friday, October 3.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328129321>

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3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SI's will be posted on-line and announced at the competitors Zoom meeting at 1830 on Friday, October 3.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on-line 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be posted on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21256> and displayed from the TCYC flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed on-line or ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	Oct 2	1200	Late on-line registration closes. NO on-site registration or check-in
		1830	Zoom competitor's meeting
Saturday	Oct 3	1000	Harbor start – staggered starts by class
		1100	First warning signal; additional races to follow
Sunday	Oct 4	0900	Competitor's briefing posted on-line
		0930	Harbor start – staggered starts by class
		1030	First warning signal; additional races to follow
		1530	No initial warning signal made after this time

Competitors are reminded that TCYC kindly requests that you please vacate the venue within an hour of returning to shore to insure adequate social distancing.

6. CLASS FLAGS AND THE ORDER OF STARTS

- 6.1 Standard: white flag with red starburst
- 6.2 Radial: yellow flag with red starburst
- 6.3 4.7: red flag with black starburst

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the lovely brown waters of Galveston Bay, $\frac{3}{4}$ NM due east of the TCYC pier.

8. COURSES

Attachment A shows the course diagram, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting line mark for the Radials will be an orange tetrahedron or a Pin boat on the port end of the line.
- 9.2 The starting line mark for the Standards and 4.7s will be a mid-line buoy.
- 9.3 For the **L2 course**:
 - Marks 1 and 2s/2p will be yellow tetrahedrons.
 - Mark 1a, the offset, will be a buoy.
 - The finish mark will be the mid-line buoy on the port end of the line.
- 9.4 For the **Trap course**:
 - Marks 1, 2, 3s/3p, 4s/4p will be yellow tetrahedrons.
 - The finish mark is a green tetrahedron.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix U, 3-minute Sound Sequence.
- 10.2 The starting line for the Radials will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and either a RC pin boat or the course side of an orange tetrahedron on the port end of the line. **The mid-line buoy is not a mark of the course for the Radials.**
- 10.3 The starting line for the Standards and 4.7s will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of a mid-line buoy.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than three (3) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 The race committee reserves the ability to tweak the race course in the middle of a race, to maintain fairness, of no more than 10 degrees, and no more than .10 NM from the original course axis and length, without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 For the **L2 course**, the finish line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the mid-line buoy.
- 12.2 For the **L2 course**, while racing, the finish line is closed to all competitors not actively finishing. Crossing the finish line during the race will result in a DSQ from that race. This changes A5.
- 12.3 For the **Trap course**, the finish line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a green tetrahedron.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 If a competitor wishes to protest another boat, they must inform a Judge boat, immediately finishing, of their intent to protest or request redress. Failure to do so will result in not having a hearing. The Judge boats will be on the starboard side of the RC signal boat, flying a large JUDGES flag.
- 14.2 All protests will be handled on the water, in between races, using Three-Minute Justice. Both the protesting boat and the boat being protested are required to report to a Judge boat. Failure of the boat being protested to report to the Judge boat may not be grounds for not having the hearing. Please see RRS 63.3(b). The protesting boat will have one minute to present their case. The protested boat will then have one minute to present their case. The official(s) on the judge boat will then have one minute to make a decision. No witnesses are allowed. This changes RRS 63.6. Coaches and spectators are required to stay well clear of the Judge boat during an on-the-water hearing.
- 14.3 Requests for redress not related to OCS are to be reported to the Judge boat and will be handled there as quickly as possible.
- 14.4 After the completion of racing each day, the race committee actions (if any) and results from any protests will be posted on-line.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded unless five (5) or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.

15.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled.

15.3 Two (2) races will constitute a regatta.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All competitors shall wear a PFD, appropriate for their size, at all times, while on the water, except for brief periods of adding or removing clothing. Wet or dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing. A thin pinnie may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging on rigging. This replaces RRS 40.

16.2 On both race days, all competitors shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. Failure to check in may result in a DSQ from all races sailed that day.

16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

17.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

17.2 Coaches and support boats shall remain off to the starboard side of the finish line and clear of the Judges boats to wait for competitors. Please be mindful of your location for other fleets still racing. If necessary, the PRO reserves the right to kindly ask you to move.

17.3 Failure to comply with SI 17 may result in DSQ (after a hearing on the water) for all competitors associated with the coach or support boat.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard any support or race committee boats.

19. PRIZES

19.1 The top three (3) boats in each class and top female in the Radial class shall receive awards.

19.2 There will be no post-racing awards presentation. Due to COVID-19, awards will be mailed to the winners after the event has been concluded.

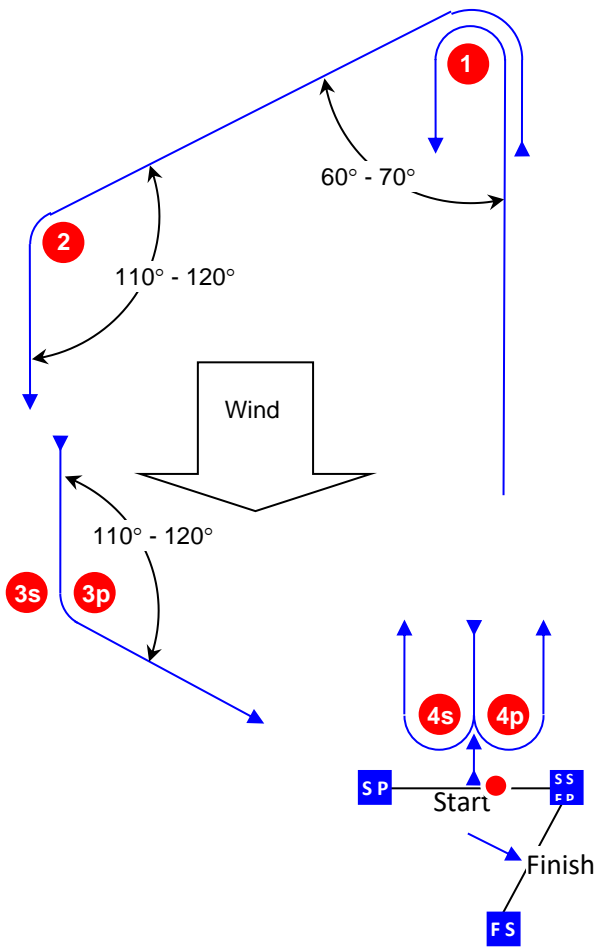
20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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, COVID-19 symptoms or illness, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

Trapezoid with signal boat for start and finish

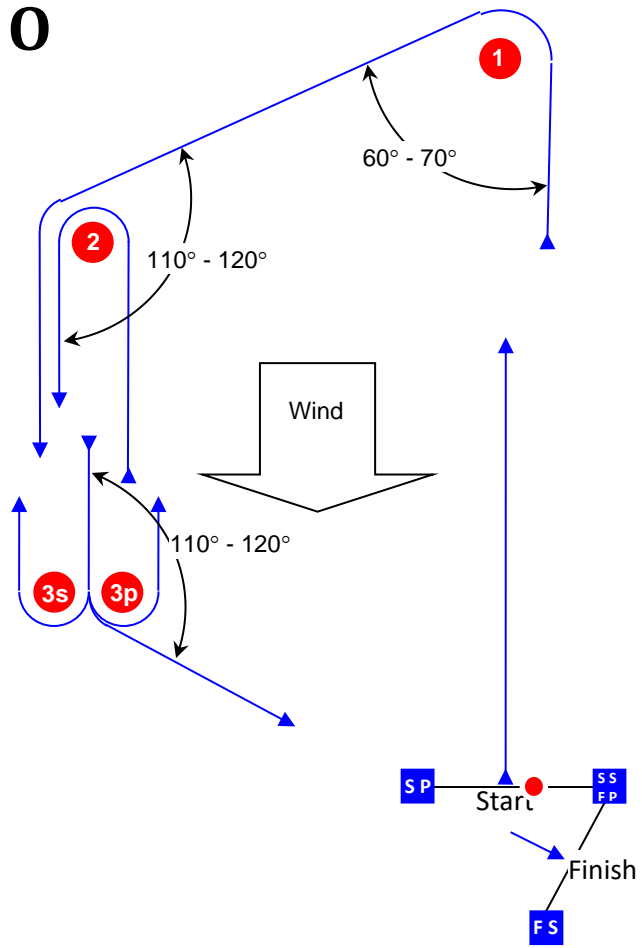
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Course: Inner Trapezoid

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish

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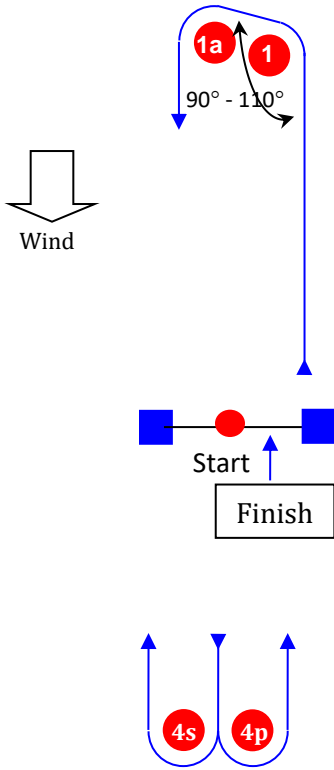


Course: Outer Trapezoid

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – Finish

Windward Leeward with offset

L2



Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish