



2021 RS Aero North American Championship

June 3-6, 2021
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority:
Bay Waveland Yacht Club
1 Yacht Club Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
www.bwyc.org

Endorsed by the RS Aero North American Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment (code flag Y need not be displayed).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lounge.
- 2.2. Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located in the lounge and written answers will be posted on the official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. The signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Bay Waveland Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Dates of racing:

Thursday, June 3	1100-1300	Check-in and Rigging
	1300-1700	Regatta Clinic
	1600	Practice
Friday, June 4	0830-1030	Check-in at Bay Waveland Yacht Club
	1030	Competitors Meeting
	1200	First Race Warning
	After Racing	Competitor Social
Saturday, June 5	1100	First Race Warning
	1800	Regatta Dinner at Bay Waveland Yacht Club

Sunday, June 6	1030	First Race Warning
	1430	No warning signal will be made after
	ASAP after Racing	Awards Presentation

5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, the orange start line flag will be displayed with multiple sounds at least one (1) minute before a warning signal is made.

6. RACING AREA

Racing will be in the Bay of St. Louis.

7. THE COURSES

7.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Original marks will be orange tetrahedrons. In the event that only one mark is in place for a gate, it shall be left to port.
- 8.2. The starting mark will be an orange ball.
- 8.3. The finishing marks will be the orange flag on the RC vessel, and an orange ball.
- 8.4. New rounding marks, when used in accordance with SI 10, CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 9.2. The start line will be between the RC vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 9.3. RRS A4 and A5 are changed: A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- 9.4. The race committee will attempt to hail boats deemed on the course side (OCS) at the start. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification will not be grounds for redress. The failure to hail, or the hail of some but not all, or untimely hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the gate 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.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the course side of an orange buoy.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply and is changed as follows:
 - 12.1.1. In P2.1, *First Penalty*, the word "first" is deleted.
 - 12.1.2. P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 12.2. The following US Sailing Prescription will apply: [Appendix V1](#) (two-turn penalty replaced with a one-turn penalty except in the zone around turning marks).

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), as per SI 15.4 without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5, and A11.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available in the Club Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish vessel docks following the last race of the day.
- 14.3. 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 witnesses. Hearings will be held in Bay Waveland Yacht Club Board Room beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Breaches of SI 16 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 14.5. 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 RRS 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats which sail the course and finish plus two (2) points. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5 and A11.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Check-in Procedures: Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal vessel on starboard tack, hail her sail number and obtain acknowledgement of the race committee. Boats that fail to check-in may be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. Failure by any competitor to inform the race committee either by hail, or by telephone to (228) 342-6582 that they have retired from racing may result in a 20% penalty in the competitor's last completed race. This also changes RRS A5.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

All boats and sails shall comply with current [RS Aero Class Rules](#). Spot checks by the measurement committee may be performed on any boat at any time during the event.

18. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

22.SUPPORT VESSELS

- 22.1. The organizing authority will not provide support vessels.
- 22.2. Coach/support vessels must register prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing with the organizing authority.
- 22.3. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.
- 22.9. If a support vessel does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and /or instructions a discretionary penalty may be applied by the protest committee to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support vessel.
- 22.10. Support vessels may be required to act as safety vessels upon instruction from a race official.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26. PRIZES

- 26.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each of the three rig divisions, the first woman, the first junior (18 and under). The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division.
- 26.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

27. 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.

28. REQUESTS FROM OFFICIALS

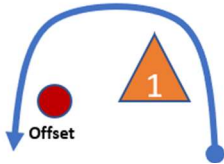
Competitors, coaches, support personnel and competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

ATTACHMENT 1

Courses

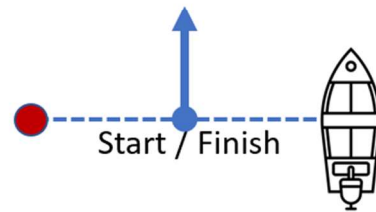
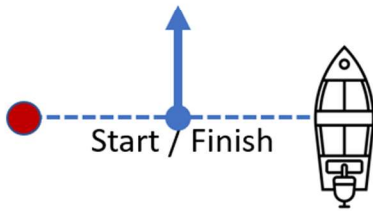
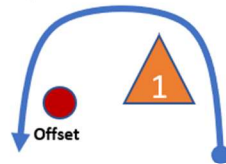
Course W2

Start – 1 – Offset – 2 – 1 – Offset – 2 – Finish
(if set) *(if set)*



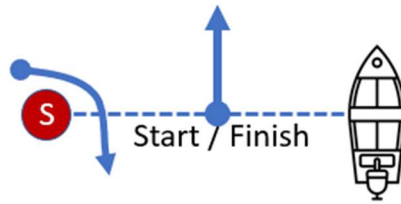
Course W2G

Start – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2 – Finish
(if set) *(if set)*



Course H1

Start - 1 - Offset - 2 - S - 3 - Finish
(if set)



Course H2

Start – 1 – Offset – 2 – S – 3 – 1 – Offset – 2 – S – 3 – Finish

