



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CATALINA 22 2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



May 23 – 27, 2021

Hosted by: Catalina 22 National Sailing Association (C22NSA) and Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC)
Pensacola, Florida

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Watson Sailing Center deck.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the SIs will be announced at the competitors meeting and posted on the official notice board immediately. Thereafter, any additional changes 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.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the SIs may be given on the water by hail on the designated VHF channel in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c) while properly displaying code flag L.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the lawn between the clubhouse and the marina.
- 4.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing: May 24 to May 27, 2021

5.2 Events:

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| Friday, May 21 | 1400-1800 | Early Registration, Sail Measurement, Inspection |
| Saturday, May 22 | 0800-1800 | Registration, Sail Measurement, Inspection |
| Sunday, May 23 | 0800-1500 | Registration, Sail Measurement, Inspection |
| | 1430 | Practice Race |
| | 1630 | Competitors Meeting |
| Monday, May 24 | 1025 | Spinnaker Fleet warning signal |
| | 1255 | Gold/Silver Fleet first warning signal of the day |
| Tuesday, May 25 | 1025 | Spinnaker Fleet warning signal |
| | 1255 | Gold/Silver Fleet first warning signal of the da |
| Wednesday, May 26 | 1025 | Spinnaker Fleet warning signal |
| | 1255 | Gold/Silver Fleet first warning signal of the day |
| Thursday, May 27 | 0955 | Spinnaker Fleet warning signal |
| | 1155 | Gold/Silver Fleet first warning signal of the day |

5.3 One race is scheduled each race day for Spinnaker Fleet. Two races are scheduled Monday-Wednesday for Gold/Silver Fleets. One race is scheduled Thursday for Gold/Silver Fleets. More races may be held on any day if time and conditions permit. No warning signal will be made after 1300 on Thursday, except as a consequence of a General Recall.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Genoa Gold Fleet: Gold Flag with C22 insignia
Genoa Silver Fleet: Silver Flag with C22 insignia

Spinnaker Fleet: Green Flag with C22 insignia

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in Pensacola Bay south of Bayou Chico Channel entrance.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix C shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee (RC) Signal Vessel will post the course by displaying either a numeral pennant 4 or 5 corresponding to the course number designations on the course diagram.
- 8.3 The RC may broadcast the course, bearing and distance information before the warning signal. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4 If mark 1a is missing, boats shall sail to mark 2 after rounding mark 1.
- 8.5 If one of the leeward gate marks is missing and not replaced by a mark vessel in its place displaying code flag "M" and making repetitive sounds, boats shall sail round the single leeward mark to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting marks will be RC vessels with a staff displaying an orange flag.
- 9.2 The offset mark will be an orange ball.
- 9.3 Course marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 New marks used for changing a leg of the course, as provided in SI 12, will be yellow tetrahedrons. The Offset (mark 1a) will not be set after a course change. Subsequent legs will be changed to maintain the course shape using original marks.
- 9.5 The finish marks will be RC vessels with a staff displaying a blue flag, or an orange tetrahedron may be used at one end of the line.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel on the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel on the port end of the starting line.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting procedure for other boats. The starting area is defined as 100 yards in all directions from the starting line. [DP]

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 Individual recalls and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 may be broadcast on the designated VHF channel using bow/sail numbers. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 29.1, 30.3, and 62.1(a).
- 11.2 The RC may broadcast the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start twice; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.
- 11.3 Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Class flags for the classes for which a change of course applies will be displayed along with flag "C". If no class flags are displayed, the change applies to all classes.
- 12.3 The RC may broadcast a course change over the designated VHF channel. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.4 A course change for the final leg of a race will be signaled by an RC vessel in the vicinity of the last rounding mark(s). It will display code flag "C" over "F". This signal (C over F) applies only to the boats sailing their final (finishing) leg. The change will be signaled before the leading boat of a class has begun the leg, although the finish line may not yet be in position.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on an RC vessel and the finish mark.
- 13.2 Flag “A” displayed, with no sound, at the finish line means “No more racing today”.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The target time for races is 45 to 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2 The overall time limit will be 2 hours for the first boat to finish.
- 14.3 The time limit for the first boat to round Mark 1 for the first time after the start is 30 minutes.
- 14.4 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Hearing requests shall be filed by using the US Sailing Racing Rules app and sent by email to: patssun@yahoo.com within the appropriate Time Limit. For more details about the app, see SI 27 below.
- 15.2 The Protest Time Limit (PTL) shall be **sixty (60) minutes** for each fleet except the Spinnaker fleet after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The PTL for the Spinnaker fleet will be the same as the Silver fleet unless the Spinnaker fleet is the last fleet to sail that day in which case the PTL for the Spinnaker fleet shall be 60 minutes after the last Spinnaker boat finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today. The resulting time will be posted at the Official Notice Board. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.3 Notices of scheduled protests or requests for redress hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Seven races will be scheduled for the Gold and Silver Fleet with three completed races constituting a Regatta. Four races will be scheduled for the Spinnaker Fleet with one completed race constituting a Regatta.
- 16.2 No race scores will be excluded.
- 16.3 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. No score shall be greater than DSQ. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4 If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the RC may terminate the race and notify the boat that she will be scored in the place she would have finished including TLE.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Vessel on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail/bow number. They shall continue to do so until their sail/bow number is verbally acknowledged by the RC. [DP]
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio contact from PYC (Regatta Director or PYC staff). [DP]
- 17.3 A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to sail their proper course or carry out their commercial functions in a normal manner.
 - 17.3.1 A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 Horns or Sounds) from a commercial vessel, shall be protested.
 - 17.3.2 A boat in violation of SI 17.3 can only be protested by the RC. [NP] This Changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.
 - 17.3.3 The penalty for breaking this SI 17.3 shall be disqualification from the entire regatta.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Gold Fleet and Spinnaker Fleet: The number of crew and/or crew substitutions shall not change during the regatta except for extenuating circumstances. A prior written request and written approval of the Technical Committee (Doug Thome, 404.295.3560) is required. Requests for a change shall be lodged in the Race Office before 0900 of the day of the race. In emergency case, the RC (PRO) may grant the change after this time. [DP]
- 18.2 Silver Fleet: A prior written request and written approval of the Technical Committee (Doug Thome,

404.295.3560) is required for crew substitutions and/or number of crew change. [DP]

- 18.3 Substitution of equipment, with the exception of sails, will not be allowed without a prior written request and written approval of the Technical Committee (Doug Thome, 404.295.3560). Granted approval does not relieve the approved change from separately meeting class rules requirements and being subject to SI 20.0. [DP]

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and SI. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a class measurer, or his assigns, to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats must be launched by 1030 on Monday, May 24 and remain in the water during the regatta with the exception of a boat that may be in danger of sinking or having prior written permission of the RC. In the event a boat is hauled out due to being in danger, the skipper/helmsman shall notify the RC as soon as reasonably possible. [DP] This changes RRS 45.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 21.1 The RC will use VHF channel 72 to hail competitors regarding start times, starting infractions, and information important to racing. Failure of the transmission, failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, or any errors or omissions on the part of the hailed messages shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 21.2 The RC may not acknowledge any radio transmission except in the case of an emergency, and it may not enter into dialogue with competitors.

22. RISK STATEMENT

Rule RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

23. INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

24. US SAILING RACING RULES APP

- 24.1 The US Sailing Racing Rules app is available for Apple and Android OS and can be downloaded at no cost.
- 24.2 US Sailing App download links:
Apple: [US Sailing Racing Rules on the Apple Store](#)
Android: [US Sailing Racing Rules - Apps on Google Play](#)
- 24.3 To get familiar with the app, there is a tutorial video on how to use the App that can be found here: [Videos - U.S. Sailing Racing Rules App \(c22sail.com\)](#)

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Course Diagram Appendix C

