



NACRA 15 Youth Worlds Qualifier
Sarasota Youth Sailing
Sarasota Bay, Florida, USA



August 13-15, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. RULES

- 1.1. The event shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The International NACRA 15 Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.3. World Sailing IHC and National Flag stickers are not required.
- 1.4. In the event there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.5. Competitors shall be required to wear non-inflatable life jackets acceptable by their country of residence while on the water. Use of buoyancy aids are at the sole risk of competitors and not subject to protest.

2. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

2.1. US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:

- (a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.1 and 63.2 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the prescription to rule 63.1 are deleted.
- (b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth by the USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- (c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- (d) Any boat that is a part to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a)
- (e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

2.2. Other Rule Changes:

- (a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours" and "promptly" is changed to "within 24 hours."
- (b) Rule 66.1, Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by: "However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered."

2.3. Expedited Appeals Procedure:

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used. See:

<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-Expedited-Appeals.pdf>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the lower-level classroom at Sarasota Youth Sailing.
- 3.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made orally on the water by broadcasting the instruction over VHF channel 11. The Signal boat shall display code flag "Lima" before issuing the applicable changes.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located. As a courtesy these notices may also be posted online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22949#_newsroom
- 4.2 On the water the race committee intends to use VHF channel 11 to communicate with support persons.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the main flagpole in front of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron facing Sarasota Bay.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'a time to be posted on the regatta's official notice board before the lowering of AP'. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 SI Appendix B will include a table showing the days, dates, number of races scheduled, the scheduled times of the first warning signal each day, and the latest time for a warning signal on the last scheduled day of racing.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place inside Sarasota Bay. The course location will be approximately 2.3 miles north-northwest of Sarasota Bay channel marker 17.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The RC intends to set windward-leeward courses as described in SI Appendix A.
- 8.2 Courses will consist of either 3,4,5, or 6 legs not inclusive of the offset leg between the weather mark and offset mark.
- 8.3 The course number for each race will be displayed on a whiteboard fixed to the signal boat. The course number will also be announced by loud-hailer and on VHF 11 approximately one minute prior to the warning signal of each race.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The windward mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2 The windward offset mark will be an orange ball.
- 9.3 The leeward gate will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 The starting mark will be a green tetrahedron.
- 9.5 The finishing mark will be a small red tetrahedron.

10. CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 The NACRA 15 Class Flag will be numeral pennant one (1).

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. An attention signal will be made approximately fifteen (15) seconds prior to the warning signal.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, which will be a green tetrahedron.

- 11.3 A boat that does not start within three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 Course changes will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.
12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (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.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 41.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored DNF.
15.2 The Finishing Window will be fifteen (15) minutes.

16. SCORING AND RACES

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
16.2 Series scores shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A2.1

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or 20 minutes after the signal boat returns to the dock for the day, whichever is later.
17.3 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 and where the hearings will be held.
17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the signal boat or mark boat as soon as possible. A competitor's support person may notify a signal or mark boat of their intent to retire from a race.
18.2 RRS 41 is changed to include the following text:
(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

19. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 19.1 A. No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2. any alcoholic beverages.
B. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded

from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

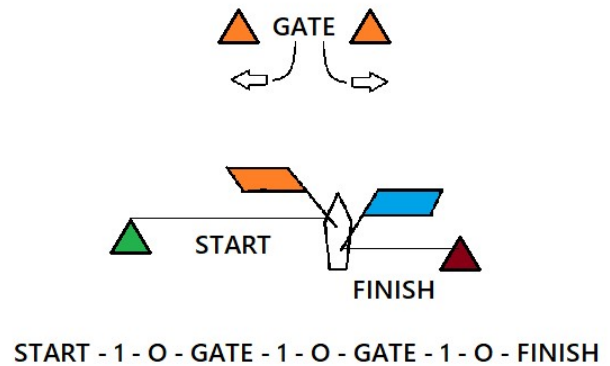
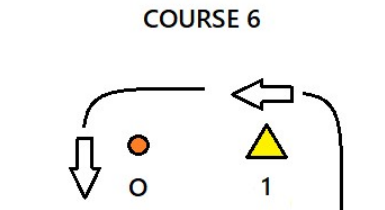
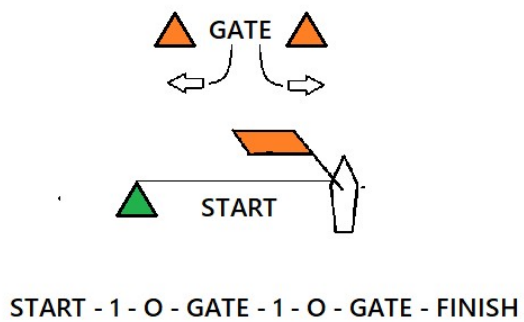
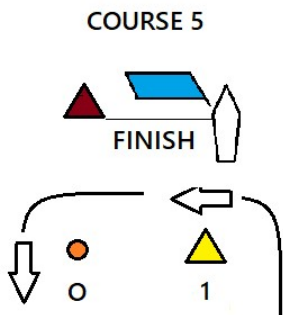
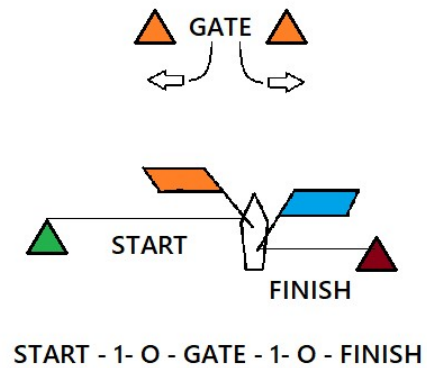
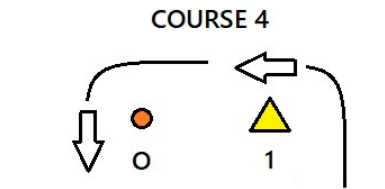
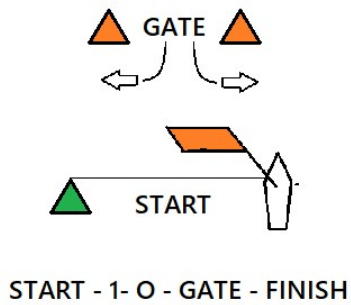
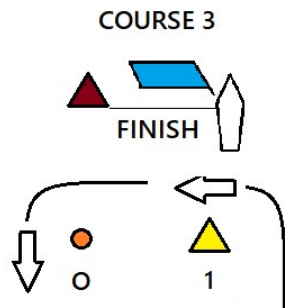
20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21. EVENT CONTACT

- 21.1 Sarasota Youth Sailing Director - Kevin Dooley: (941) 504-4236, syssailingdirector@gmail.com

APPENDIX A COURSE DIAGRAM



**APPENDIX B
EVENT SCHEDULE**

Friday, August 13th, 2021 [Five (5) Races Scheduled]

0900	Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
0915	Competitors Briefing in lower-level classroom
1100	Intended Time of First Warning Signal
1600	Intended Time of Last Warning Signal

Saturday, August 14th, 2021 [Five (5) Races Scheduled]

0900	Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
0915	Competitors Briefing in lower-level classroom
1100	Intended Time of First Warning Signal
1600	Intended Time of Last Warning Signal

Sunday, August 15th, 2021 [Two (2) Races Scheduled]

0900	Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing
0915	Competitors Briefing in lower-level classroom
1100	Intended Time of First Warning Signal
1300	Intended Time of Last Warning Signal