



2013 Group D & F Qualifier

April 6&7 2013

Organizing Authority: USSA and USSA Match Racing Championship Committee

Host : Titusville Match Racing Center

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Revision 1

Abbreviations:

PC – protest committee

RC – race committee

OA – organizing authority

NA – national authority

RRS – current racing rules of sailing

SI – sailing instructions

NoR – notice of race

TMRC- Titusville Match Racing Center

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by

(a) The 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.

(b) The rules for Handling Boats (SI appendix C), which also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

(c) The prescriptions of US Sailing that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.

1.2 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and these SI, the SI shall govern.

2 ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Only competitors registered in accordance with the NoR are eligible for the event.

2.2 To remain eligible the entire crew shall complete registration in accordance with the NoR.

2.3 The damage deposit **is waived on the** match racing keelboats used in this event.

2.4 Each skipper **is not responsible** for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.

2.5 After the warning signal for a match the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

2.6 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

2.7 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Titusville Municipal Marina meeting area.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole near the Titusville Municipal Marina in front of the Ships Store.
- 3.3 **Skippers shall attend each daily briefing, which will be prior to the first race of each day at the Titusville Municipal Marina in front of the Ships Store, unless excused by the OA.**
- 3.4 The first meeting with the umpires will be prior to the first race on Saturday April 6, 2013 at the Titusville Municipal Marina in front of the Ships Store.

4 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Amendments to the SI made ashore will be posted at least **20 minutes** before the start of any race affected and will be signed by the RC.
- 4.2 Flag L over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore each day there are new amendments until the boats have departed for the race course.

5 BOATS AND SAILS

- 5.1 (a) the event will be sailed in Geary 18 keelboats supplied by the Titusville Match Racing Center.
(b) The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.
- 5.2 The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the RC boat with or before the attention signal. The signals shall have the following meanings:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sail Combination to be used</u>
No signal	Main, Jib sail and Spinnaker
Flag V	No spinnakers
- 5.3 Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.
- 5.4 The RC will decide which boats are to be used for each stage and when they decide a boat should not be used, the skipper assigned that boat will be given the temporary use of another boat.
- 5.5 The RC may permit a substitute boat when it is satisfied that the original boat is damaged and that repairs in the time available are not practical.

6 IDENTIFICATION and ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS

- 6.1 Boats will be identified by bow and stern numbers.
- 6.2 The mainsails shall display numbers as provided by the OA.
- 6.3 Boats will be allocated in accordance with the pairing list and race schedule.

7 CREW MEMBERS, NUMBER and WEIGHT

- 7.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be three. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 7.2 The maximum total skipper and crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 577.5 US pounds when wearing at least shorts and shirts. There is no differential weight between men and women teams.

8 EVENT FORMAT AND STARTING SCHEDULES

- 8.1 The event format and match pairing lists are detailed in SI Appendix A and B. The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the RC boat. Match pairing lists will be distributed at the daily morning meeting.
- 8.2 (a) In a knock-out series between two skippers, they shall alternate assigned ends for each match. Unless designated in the pairing list, the initial assigned ends shall be determined by a draw. This changes RRS C4.1.
- (b) When a knock-out series between two skippers has been decided, further matches between these two shall not be sailed.
- (c) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of each series.
- 8.3 The racing days are scheduled as Saturday, April 6, 2013 and Sunday April 7, 2013 is rain or race delay day.
- 8.4 The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1400.
- 8.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.
- 8.6 (a) The RC may terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.
- (b) Add RRS C10.3(b): 'When a single round robin is terminated before completion, or a multiple round robin is terminated during the first round robin, the highest score shall be determined as the average points scored per match sailed by each competitor, unless one or more competitor has completed less than five matches, when the entire round robin shall be disregarded and if necessary the event declared void.'
- 8.7 The intended time of the first attention signal is **1:00 PM** on Saturday and 12:00 noon on Sunday.
- 8.8 Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 8.9 When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. No starting sequence flags will be displayed for a blank start.
- 8.10 When, in a knock out series, a winner of a particular series has been determined, subsequent starts shall be brought forward to eliminate blank starts. Competitors will be so advised verbally by an umpire.

9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Indian River adjacent to the Titusville Municipal Marina with spectator viewing and crew rotations from Crackerjacks Seafood Restaurant and Tiki Bar, The marina is

located In the North part of Titusville, Florida just off Highway US 1. Marina website is www.titusville.com/marina (321-383-5600) address is 541 Marina Road, Titusville FL

10. COURSE

10.1 (a) Course Configuration (not to scale)

(b) Course signals and course to be sailed

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat bow, at or before the warning signal.

Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>
No Signal	Start - W - L - W - Finish
S	Start - W - Finish

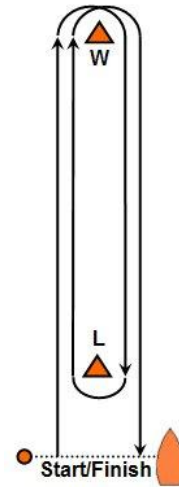
(c) Description of Marks

The starting/finishing line mark will be an orange mark.

Mark W will be an orange mark.

Mark L will be an orange mark.

The replacement marks will be orange marks.



10.2 The Starting/Finishing Line

- The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a starting/finishing mark and a staff with an orange and white flag on the port side of the RC Signal boat.
- A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle.

10.3 Abandonment and Shortening

- RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: 'After the starting signal the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.
- Within a flight, when a visual signal is displayed over a numeral pennant, the signal applies only to that match.

11 BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

- Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display a "Green" flag (or signal flag L) to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to close to leeward of the RC Signal boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
- The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the RC.
- After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 11.1.
- Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

12 STARTING PROCEDURE

12.1 Match warning signals will be numerical pennants displayed with the sounding of a horn.

12.2 The next flight number will be displayed aft on the RC boat.

12.3 The attention signal will be displayed 10 minutes before the first starting signal in each flight.

13 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE WINDWARD MARK

13.1 There will be no changes of course after the start of the first match of a flight except that a mark may be laid any time until the first boat of a flight rounds the previous mark or, for the first windward mark, starts.

(a) Changes to the course will be made by setting a replacement mark W if practicable.

(b) Subsequent changes will revert to the original mark.

13.2 **Change of Course Signals** (amends RRS 33 and Race Signals)

(a) Flag C and a colour flag or board means: 'The windward mark has been moved. Sail to a mark the same colour as the flag or board.'

(b) When a change of course after starting only affects some matches these shall be designated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

14 TIME LIMIT

A boat that does not finish within 10 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

17 PRIZES

The top team may advance to the USMRC Championships Group D/F Seminal-Finals to be held mid September 2013 at the Sheybogen Yacht Club.

19 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused. All competitors, umpires and regatta support people shall sign a disclaimer notice provided by the host to comply with the liability insurance company specific requirements.

APPENDIX A – PAIRING LISTS

4 SKIPPERS - 4 BOATS						
FLIGHT MATCH	1		2		3	
1	3	2	3	1	4	3
2	1	4	4	2	2	1

4 SKIPPERS - 4 BOATS - DOUBLE ROUND ROBIN												
FLIGHT MATCH	1		2		3		4		5		6	
1	4	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	4	2	4	3
2	2	3	2	4	3	4	1	4	3	1	2	1

APPENDIX B - EVENT FORMAT and SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 1 First Stage – Single Round Robin or Multiple Double Round Robins to be determined by the RC based on wind conditions.**
 - (a) Each skipper will sail a single round robin - each skipper sails each other skipper once.
- 2 Semi-finals**
 - (a) Skippers will be paired in accordance with pairings to be distributed by the RC.
 - (b) The first two skippers to score at least three points shall proceed to the Finals. The other two skippers shall advance to the Petit-Finals
- 3 Petit Finals- Third/Fourth Place Final**
 - (a) Skippers will be paired in accordance with pairings to be distributed by the RC.
 - (b) The first skipper to score three points shall be awarded third place, the other fourth place.
- 4 Finals**
 - (a) Skippers will be paired in accordance with pairings to be distributed by the RC.
 - (b) The first skipper to score at least three points shall be the Winner. The other skipper will be awarded Second Place.

SI APPENDIX C - HANDLING BOATS

1 GENERAL

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

SI APPENDIX D - EQUIPMENT LIST – To be distributed at the initial Skippers' meeting