

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2013 29er USA National Championship Regatta



**Coconut Grove Sailing Club**  
2990 South Bayshore Drive  
Miami, FL 33133

**January 1-3, 2014**

This event is organized as the 2013 29er USA National Championships. This event is also a US SAILING (USSA) qualifier for the 2014 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship Regatta.

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) which is located at 2990 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The 2013 29er USA National Championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*), rules of the participating Class Associations, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 This is a Protected Competition as defined by USSA Regulation 12.03 PROTECTED COMPETITIONS. The US SAILING Prescriptions to *RRS 60*, *63.2* and *63.4* shall apply except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to *RRS 63.4* are deleted. The following Prescriptions of USSA will also apply: *RRS 61.4*, *Appendix R*, and the USSA Prescriptions to *RRS 67* and *76.1*. No other USSA Prescriptions will apply. See the Regatta Notice Board located on the first floor of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) for a copy of these Prescriptions.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. (This changes *RRS 63.7*.) If there is a conflict between a Class Rule and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence to the extent allowed by the Class Rules.
- 1.4 While aboard their boat, except briefly when changing clothes, competitors shall wear an US Coast Guard or International 29er Class Rules compliant personal floatation device (PFD). This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the *RRS* and *RRS 40*.
- 1.5 Documents governing the "US SAILING (USSA) qualifier for the 2014 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship Regatta" will be posted on the event website (see below) and on the Regatta Notice Board.
- 1.6 In particular, attention is drawn to 29er CR C1.1 (b) which modifies *RRS 42* under certain conditions. When CR C1.1 (b) is used, The Race Committee will display Race Signals as provided in *RRS P5*.
- 1.7 While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive communications not available to all boats racing, including radio communications or mobile telephone calls or texts.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board, which is located on the lower level of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Written changes will be posted by 0830 on Wednesday, January 1st, and thereafter by 0830 on the day they will take effect. Any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by the protest time limit on the day before they take effect (see *SI 16.2*).
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water in accordance with *RRS 90.2(c)*. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L," (with one sound), upon which Competitors shall approach the Race Committee Signal Boat to receive the change.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.
- 4.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- 4.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than sixty (60) minutes after the lowering of this signal. This changes *RRS Race Signals AP*.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The scheduled time for the Warning Signal for the first race each day is as follows:

Wednesday and Thursday, January 1-2, 2014	1130
Friday, January 3, 2014	1100

- 5.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled. There will be no practice race or qualifying series.
- 5.3 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display Flag "A" while boats are finishing indicating there will be no more racing today. If Flag "A" is not so displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.
- 5.4 On the final day of the regatta, no Initial Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours. The Warning Signal for the start following one or more General Recalls may be after 1500.

### **6. CLASS FLAG**

- 6.1 The Class Flag will contain the 29er Insignia. It will be displayed at the Skippers' Meeting.

### **7. RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 All racing will be on Biscayne Bay in an area approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker "1" (FI.G 5sec 8ft).

### **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1 Courses will be as described below, and depicted in "ADDENDUM No. 1-COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS".

- 8.2 Course Designations:

**COURSE 1** – Start – 1 - OS - Finish

**COURSE 2** – Start – 1 - OS – 2S/2P – 1 - OS - Finish

- 8.3 If Marks 2S/2P are present when boats are on their last leg to the finish they are not marks of the course.

- 8.4 Courses will be posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the Warning Signal of each race. The designation of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing of the first leg, and distance from the Starting Line to the Windward Mark will be displayed. (See Addendum No. 1.)

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Course Marks, except for the Offset Mark(s), will be 5.5 ft. (1.68 m) inflatable tetrahedron marks.
- 9.2 The original Windward Marks, and Gate Marks will be orange tetrahedron marks.
- 9.3 The Offset Mark(s) will be 3 ft. (1m) round inflatable marks.
- 9.4 All Marks shall be left to port, except that the Gate (Mark 2S/2P) shall be left as per *RRS 28.2(c)*.
- 9.5 If the Windward Mark or the Offset Mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place by a nearby Race Committee boat, the only remaining Mark shall be left to port.
- 9.6 If one Gate Mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place by a nearby Race Committee boat, the only remaining gate mark shall be left to port.
- 9.7 Starting and Finishing Marks are as provided in *SI 10.1* and *13.1*, respectively.
- 9.8 The positional relationships among the Marks are depicted in Addendum No. 1, hereto.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat, or the course side of a yellow starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes *RRS A4.1, A5* and *63.1*)

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11.1 In the event of an individual recall, the Race Committee will not attempt to hail the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may post the sail numbers of boat incurring OCS, ZFP or BFD penalties from the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat following the finish of a race in which any of those penalties were incurred.

## **12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new Mark (or Gate, or move the Finish line), and remove the original Mark as soon as practicable. The new Mark(s) will be yellow.
- 12.2 When, in a subsequent change, the new Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original Mark.
- 12.3 If the direction of the next leg will be changed, the direction will be signaled in accordance with *RRS 33(a)(2)*.

## **13. FINISH**

- 13.1 The Finish line(s) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby Line Boat, or the course side of a nearby finishing Mark.

#### 14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit and target time (in minutes) are as follows:

<u>First Mark</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
20	60	35

14.2 Any race in which no boat rounds the first mark within the above First Mark Time Limit following the start, or no boat finishes within the Race Time Limit following the start, shall be abandoned.

14.3 Any boats not finishing within fifteen(15) minutes of the finish time of the first boat (which has sailed the course in compliance with *RRS 28*) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4 and A5*.

14.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

#### 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 *RRS 44.1* and *44.2* are changed such that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

#### 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the Race Committee of it's intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.

16.2 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Desk at CGSC. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Regatta Desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore. Initial Protest and Redress hearings will be conducted at CGSC. The hearing schedule will be posted as soon as possible; hearings will be conducted in the approximate order in which they were filed.

16.3 Breaches of *SI 19* or *RRS 55* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes *RRS 60.1*.

16.4 On the last day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
or

(b) No later than twenty (20) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.  
This changes *RRS 66*.

16.5 On the last day of racing, requests for redress and scoring inquiries shall be delivered within the protest time or within thirty (30) minutes of the incident or the information being posted, whichever is later. This changes *RRS 63*.

#### 17. SCORING

17.1 A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.2 When fewer than seven (7) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When seven (7) through ten (10) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst finishing score. When more than ten (races) are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst two (s) finishes. This changes *RRS A2*.

**18. PRIZES****18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the following:**

The top three (3) teams composed entirely of residents of the United States of America (USA).

The top junior team (both skipper and crew under 19 years of age on December 31, 2013) composed entirely of residents of USA.

The top all-female team composed entirely of residents of USA.

The top International team (composed of one or more non-USA residents) will be presented with an award.

**19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

19.1 All boats must check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the Warning Signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a three place penalty in each race that day without a hearing. This changes *RRS 63.1*.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Regatta Desk on shore at CGSC.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 4, Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authorities, Host Club, and their officers, employees, Race Committee, agents, and volunteers 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.

ADDENDUM No. 1  
COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

**EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD – R/C SIGNAL BOAT**

<u>BEARING</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
<b>120°</b>	<b>2</b>
<u>RANGE</u>	
<b>0.7 NM</b>	

Wind

V



OS    1

2S    2P



Start & Finish ----- R/C Signal Boat