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INTERSCHOLASTIC SAILING ASSOCIATION GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL REGATTA

November 19-20, 2016
Southern Yacht Club
New Orleans, Louisiana

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, and the 2013-2016 Procedural Rules of the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the ISSA in conjunction with Southern Yacht Club (SYC).
- 1.3 RRS 61 is changed as follows: A boat shall inform the Race Committee finish boat of his/her intention to protest, including sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.

2. ENTRIES

All entries must be members in good standing of ISSA.

3. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 3.1 Boats will be divided into two fleets for each day of racing.
- 3.2 Boats will be assigned randomly during registration. The green fleet will be composed of boats with odd numbered bow numbers, and the red fleet will be composed of boats with even numbers. The green and red fleets will be started separately. The class flag for the green fleet will be green, and the class flag for the red fleet will be red.
- 3.3 At the end of the first or second rotation (the Qualification Races) or at the end of the first day of racing at the sole discretion of the PRO, the boats will be again divided into two fleets and assigned randomly. Boats finishing in the top half of the red and green fleets will form the gold fleet for the remainder of racing. Boats finishing in the bottom half of the red and green fleets will form the silver fleet. If there are an odd number of boats in the red and/or green fleets, the boat finishing in the middle of its fleet will be included in the gold fleet. The gold and silver fleets will be started separately. The class flag for the gold fleet will be yellow, and the class flag for the silver fleet will be white.
- 3.4 Fleet assignments and boat rotation details will be announced at the skippers' meeting each morning for that day's races.

4. BOATS, EQUIPMENT, SUBSTITUTIONS

- 4.1 Club 420's, without trapeze or spinnaker gear, will be provided for all competitors by SYC, Tulane University, the University of New Orleans, member clubs of the Gulf Yachting Association, and many SEISA teams.

- 4.2 ISSA Procedural Rules regarding equipment shall apply. Procedural Rule 7.10 is amended to add that “Teams sailing on boats equipped with through-hull bailers must keep them closed at all time while racing. Hand or scoop bailers and sponges are allowed.” Penalties
- 4.3 The penalty for infringement of Procedural Rule 4 & 7.10. will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these instructions.
- 4.4 Competitors shall report any damage to boats and equipment or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee immediately upon completion of the race in which it occurs. The penalty for infringement of this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, may be disqualification of the team or team members from the race or the series at the discretion of the protest committee.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Grill on the 2nd floor of the SYC clubhouse.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.
- 6.2 Any changes to the schedule will be posted by 1900 hours the day before.
- 6.3 At the discretion of the Race Committee, oral instructions may be given on the water.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag halyard affixed to the “A” frame structure located near the launching area west of the main club building.
- 7.2 When code flag “AP” is displayed ashore, it means “Races not started are postponed. Do not leave the harbor area.” The time of the next warning signal will be posted on the official notice board prior to lowering AP. This changes Race Signal “AP”.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, November 18, 2016

1400 – 1700 Registration

Saturday, November 19, 2016

0830 – Rigging of Boats

0900 – Mandatory Skippers Meeting at SYC. *Teams not represented during roll call will be scored DSQ for the first race of that day without a hearing.*

1000 – First Warning Signal. Racing will continue throughout the day. Lunch on the water.

Sunday, November 20, 2016

0830 – Rigging of Boats

0845 – Mandatory Skippers Meeting at SYC. *Teams not represented during roll call will be scored DSQ for the first race of that day without a hearing.*

0930 – First Warning Signal. Racing will continue throughout the day. Lunch on the water.

1600 -- No race will be started after this time.

9. SAFETY

- 9.1 Competitors shall provide and wear USCG approved personal flotation devices, in good repair, at all times while on the water, in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 2.2. Competitors may not protest one another over compliance with this instruction; however the Race Committee and/or Judges may initiate a protest over compliance.
- 9.2 A boat that retires from a race or intends not to start a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area, or if that is impossible, it shall notify the SYC office and/or on-shore Race Committee immediately upon reaching shore. Failure to report may subject the skipper of the infringing boat to disqualification from either the race or the series.
- 9.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors, who in the opinion of the Committee require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor.

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain north of the Southern Yacht Club.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Rounding marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange marks.
- 11.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a spherical orange mark.

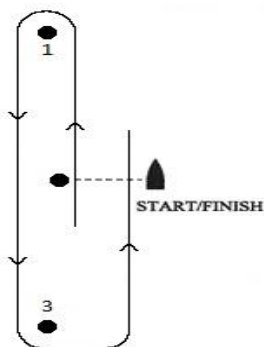
12. THE COURSES

- 12.1 All courses will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.7.
- 12.2 Course diagrams with identifying names and numbers in 12.5 below show the courses, and the order and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 12.3 The identifying number of the course will be given orally before the Warning Signal and may be displayed by the race committee boat.
- 12.4 The starting and finishing marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing. The gate formed by the start/finish mark and the race committee boat is *closed* to all boats not starting or finishing.

12.5 Course "1"

Windward/Leeward

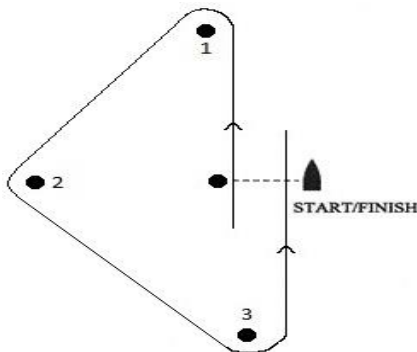
Start - 1 - 3 - Finish



Course "2"

Triangle

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.8 and RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix S – Sound Signal Starting System.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the adjacent mark, or as described at the skippers' meeting.
- 13.3 The Fleet whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 13.4 A boat shall not start later than three (3) minutes after her starting signal. All such boats will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

14. RECALLS

- 14.1 As provided in Appendix S, the Race Committee will verbally hail the sail numbers of those boats identified as OCS. Failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. As an additional aid, code flag "X" may be displayed for about 60 seconds, after which time it will be removed regardless of whether all boats have started properly. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 14.2 A general recall will be signaled by verbal hail, multiple sound signals, and the display of "First Substitute" from the Race Committee boat. The next starting sequence (warning signal) will begin shortly after the lowering of "First Substitute."
- 14.3 Per ISSA Procedural Rule 7.8(b), the "round an end" provisions of RRS 30.1 will apply for a start following a general recall. Code flag "I" need not be displayed.

15. ABANDONMENT

In accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.7(d), races will not be shortened. They will be abandoned. No signals are required. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee.

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the adjacent mark, or as described at the skippers' meeting.
- 16.2 If a boat is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, award that boat a finish and score her points equal to last place.

17. ON-WATER PROTEST COMMITTEE

On-water protest committee (Judge) boats will display a flag "J" or a US Sailing Judge flag.

18. PROTESTS, SCORING REVIEWS, REDRESS REQUESTS, AND PENALTIES

- 18.1 **General**
Protest forms are available at the Regatta Desk located in the Grill. Completed protest and request for redress forms shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.
- 18.3 The protest notices required by rule 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by rule 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 18.4 Hearings will be held at the Board Room on the 2nd floor of the club as soon as practical. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain in the vicinity of the Board Room until their hearing is held.

18.5 **Redress Requests**

If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the second sentence of rule 62.2.

18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

18.7 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 rule 62.2.

19. **BREAKDOWNS**

Breakdown points will be awarded using the principles outlined in ISSA Procedural Rule 9(e).

20. **SCORING**

20.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 11.

20.2 Teams failing to attend the skippers' meetings shall be scored DSQ without a hearing for the first race of the day in which the meeting was not attended. This changes RRS A5.

20.3 Only scores from the gold and silver races will be used to determine finish positions in the gold and silver fleets. A minimum of three races constitute a series in the gold and silver fleets.

20.4 In the event that only Qualification Races are completed or that an insufficient number of gold and silver races are completed, the winning teams from the green and red fleets shall be awarded "equal firsts", the next teams shall be awarded "equal seconds", etc.

20.5 In accordance with ISSA PR 4.3, Record of Participation (RP Forms) must be completed online by each team in TechScore at ts.hssailing.org by the close of protest time at the end of each day of sailing. This modifies ISSA PR 4.3. [Please note, penalty for teams failing to complete the Record of Participation Form before the expiration of Protest Time at the end of the day's sailing shall have 20 points per division added to their total team score by the Regatta Chairperson. (Changes RRS 63.1 and A5) (See also PR 13 and PR Appendix 2 RECORD OF PARTICIPATION FORM)].

21. **COACHING**

Coaching will be governed by ISSA Procedural Rule 8. For purposes of this rule, the floating dock (if used) is considered to be an extension of the land. Both sailors and coaches are allowed on the float.

22. **AWARDS**

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in the gold fleet and to the top three finishers in the silver fleet. The school name of the top gold finisher will be engraved on the permanent Great Oaks trophies. The Babs and Larry White Perpetual trophy will be awarded for the outstanding performance of a first time team.