

## 2022 DF 95 Region 7 Regatta Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules & Governance

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by Appendix F, and Class Rules.
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race.
- 1.3 A boat is considered to be *disabled* when she is unable to continue **competitively** in the heat.

### 2. Control Area and Launching Authorization

The rules in this section are designed to prevent potential conflicts between boats still racing and boats scheduled for the next heat. They are to be implemented at the discretion of the Race Organizer.

- 2.1 The **Control Area** is to be specified by the Race Organizer
- 2.2 The **Launch Area** will be specified by the Race Organizer. Boats may not enter the Launch Area until authorized by the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Boats entering the Launch Area without Race Committee authorization will be penalized by the Race Committee. The penalty will be one penalty turn to be taken immediately after the starting signal for that boat's next heat.
- 2.4 Boats, having finished the race and completely crossed the finish Line, may not cross back over the Finish Line or its extensions and sail back to the starting area without permission by the Finish Judge. Boats violating this without Race Committee authorization will be penalized by the Race Committee. The penalty will be one penalty turn to be taken immediately after the starting signal for that boat's next heat.

### 3. Courses & Marks

- 3.1 The Course and start/finish lines will be displayed on a white board adjacent to the starting area.
- 3.2 Touching a mark, Rule 31. While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing.

**All Marks are "HOT"**

- 3.3** When a boat is wrongfully compelled by another boat to break rule 31, she shall be exonerated if the other boat acknowledges breaking a rule of part 2 by taking a penalty, retiring immediately or if the protest goes to committee and the other boat is penalized.
- 3.4** The official notice of heat composition shall be posted on the Heat Board near the control area. Competitors will also be advised by a hail of the upcoming race and heat number. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETITOR TO START IN THEIR ASSIGNED HEAT. IT IS ADVISED TO CHECK THE HEAT BOARD PRIOR TO A HEAT TO MAKE CERTAIN YOU ARE STARTING IN THE CORRECT RACE.** Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will not be grounds for redress.

#### **4. Finishing**

- 4.1** When a boat takes a penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line staying clear of boats finishing, make her penalty turn and finish.
- 4.2** Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.
- 4.3** A single boat still sailing the course after all other boats have finished may be hailed and scored last, provided she started correctly.

#### **5. Taking a Penalty**

- 5.1** A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31, in an incident while racing. However, (a) when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
- 5.2** If the boat gained an advantage in the heat or race by her breach despite taking a penalty, her penalty shall be additional One-Turn penalties until her advantage is lost;
- 5.3** If the boat caused serious damage, or as a result of breaking a rule of Part 2 she caused another boat to become disabled and retire, her penalty shall be to retire.

#### **6. Scoring System**

- 6.1** The current applicable Heat Management System will be utilized

## **7. Protests**

- 7.1** A skipper protesting another boat shall twice hail, "Protest" and the other boat's sail number. Make sure the protested boat knows that she is being protested. The protested boat shall reply that she either accepts the protest or intends to go to a hearing. Penalty turns must be completed as soon as possible after the violation and on the same leg of the course where the violation occurred. If the violation occurs within a four boat length circle of the mark, the penalty turns may be taken on the next leg of the course **AFTER SAILING CLEAR OF OTHER COMPETITORS.**
- 7.2** Boats wishing to lodge a protest shall inform the RD within 2 minutes of the end of the relevant heat. Protests not settled on the water shall be heard immediately after the heat in which the incident occurred. Skippers involved in a protest will be granted up to 5 minutes immediately after the heat to prepare for the hearing. Protests must be resolved prior to the next race. All decisions of the judges are final.

## **8. Corinthian Spirit**

- 8.1** Remember that we are always in a friendly competition. In the event of any protested behavior which is deemed to be a breach of good manners or sportsmanship, or which may bring the sport into disrepute, the Race Director or other designated race officials will protest the party(s) in accordance with RRS 2.
- 8.2** Penalties available to the RD and/or Protest Committee include a one turn penalty, exclusion from the race in question, or expulsion from the regatta without a hearing.

## **9. Sail Numbers**

- 9.1** All boats will display the sail number on the main and the last 2 digits of the sail number (1 digit if a single digit sail number) on the jib in numbers at least 3" tall.