

SCMSC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Version 1.21

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current (2021-2024) World Sailing **Racing Rules of Sailing**, including Appendix E modifications, the Class Rules, and the AMYA HMS 2014 if used.

2 COURSES and MARKS

- 2.1 The Course and start/finish lines will be announced by the Race Director (RD) prior to each heat, modifying Rule 27.1 and E3.3.
- 2.2 The RD may use an offset mark at the Starboard end of the start line to represent a committee boat. Boats sailing between the two marks so designated shall be considered to have touched the committee boat (starting mark).
- 2.3 The RD may identify the course marks that may be touched without penalty, modifying Rule 31. The start and finish marks are always NOT touchable.

3 STARTING

- 3.1 Audible starting signals will apply using the AMYA starting timer or a copy thereof, modifying Rule E3.4a.
- 3.2 Only the RD can call a hold to racing. The RD must be made aware of any hold request before the preparatory one-minute signal. If approved, the hold will be monitored by the RD with a return to racing within five minutes. Only one such hold per heat will be considered. Only one five-minute hold per skipper per day is allowed. If a boat is damaged by another boat, as per RRS E6.9, the skipper will be granted up to 30 minutes to repair the damage. Holds are NOT permitted to change batteries, change rigs, or for boat tuning.
- 3.3 Individual recalls will be signaled by "Boat # is Over Early" changing appendix E3.5.

4 FINISHING

- 4.1 Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.
- 4.2 A single boat still sailing the course after all other boats have finished may be hailed and scored last, provided she started correctly.
- 4.3 A boat not racing shall not interfere with boats that are racing (rule 23.1). A boat that breaks rule 23.1 may be penalized 4 points by the RD without a hearing, modifying Rules 63.1 & 64.1.

5 OUTSIDE HELP

- 5.1 The Race Staff may provide help in the form of untangling disabled boats if requested and allowed by the competitor(s); this adds to Rule E4.2(c).

7 PROTESTS

- 7.1 Boats wishing to lodge a protest may inform the RD verbally (modifies rule 61.2) within 2 minutes of the end of the relevant heat (Rule E6.5). 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 (Rule 63.2).

8 REDRESS

- 8.1 A boat may request redress verbally to the Race Director, modifying Rule 62.1, within 2 minutes of the end of the relevant heat (Rule E6.5).
- 8.2 The RD may serve as a single person protest committee and hear a redress request from the competitor to determine if the request is valid and there is significant loss of position.
- 8.2 All decisions regarding redress will be in compliance with Rule 64.3

- 8.3 Redress may be awarded by the protest committee orally following an incident, without a further hearing, modifying Rule 63.1. If an interested party disagrees with the protest committee's call, that skipper may request a Redress Hearing after finishing the heat, modifying Rule 63.1.
- 8.4 Redress will be either the average of all races not including the race in question or whatever the Race Committee deems to be fair and appropriate.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The regatta will be scored using the Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A. The Heat Management System will be determined by the Race Committee, usually depending on the number of entrants.
- 9.2 At the end of the regatta, one worst score per each 8 races completed shall be excluded, modifying Rule A2.

10 BALLAST

- 10.1 Ballast shall not be shifted, shipped or unshipped during the regatta, modifying Rule 51. This rule does not apply to changing of batteries as long as they are replaced in the same location from which they were removed and with batteries of the same size and weight.

11 CORINTHIAN SPIRIT

- 11.1 Remember that we are always in 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(ies) in accordance with RRS 2.
- 11.2 Penalties available to the RD and/or Protest Committee include a one turn penalty without a hearing, exclusion from the race in question, or expulsion from the regatta.

12 ADDITIONAL TELEMETRY

- 12.1 No telemetry beyond the class-allowed channels for rudder and sail control, maintaining the TX/RX bind and battery level is allowed. The use of any visual enhancement technology such as video sources constitutes "outside Assistance" under rule E4.2 and is not allowed.

13 Single Tack Policy:

Generally, for normal racing, the race committee makes every effort to align the racecourse so that the first windward mark is directly up wind of the starting line. However, very significant wind shifts can sometime occur on the first windward leg creating an "unfair" race condition. Therefore, as recommended in the US Sailing Race Management Handbook to promote "Fairness of the Competition" (rule 32.1d), the following Single Tack Policy shall be used:

- 1) If any boat in the fleet starting on starboard tack sails all the way to the windward mark and can then round the mark to port without tacking, the race shall be abandoned.
 - 2) If any boat in the fleet starting on port tack sails all the way to within two boat lengths of the windward mark, tacks onto starboard and rounds the mark, the race shall be abandoned.
 - 3) If any boat in the fleet starting on starboard tack and immediately tacks onto port tack within one boat length of the starting line, and then sails all the way to within two boat lengths of the windward mark, tacks onto starboard and rounds the mark, the race shall be abandoned.
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