



YCSH INVITATIONAL JUNIOR REGATTA

Friday, July 25, 2008

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the Mid Atlantic Yacht Racing Association, and the rules of the various classes concerning measurements and specifications except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located inside the clubhouse.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club signal mast.

4. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in front of the club for Green Fleet and Flats for Fleet races Optimist, Sunfish, Laser and 420). The race courses will be explained in detail at the skipper's meetings.

5. THE COURSES

The race courses will be announced the competitors prior to the starting sequence and will be discussed in detail at the skippers meetings for each specific fleet.

6. MARKS

Marks will be either orange spheres or yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

7. THE START

7.1 Races will be started using 3 minute dinghy starts.

7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and starting pin.

7.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Boats failing to abide by the rule shall be warned. If more than one warning is given, the race committee may impose a 20% penalty to the boat in question.

7.5 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

7.6 When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for succeeding class(es) will be postponed accordingly.

7.7 The order of start for the first race of the day will be announced at the skipper's meeting. For subsequent races, classes may be started in any order and each sequence is independent.

7.8 Contestants not starting in a subsequent race shall notify the race committee of such intent.

8. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

9. THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark or two pins.

9.2 A boat which retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

This regatta's penalty system shall follow RRS 31.2 (360 Rule) and RRS 44.1 (720 Rule)

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 Time limits are forty five (45) minutes for each class.
- 11.2 If no boat has passed Mark I within fifteen (15) minutes of her class start the race will be abandoned.
- 11.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A4.1.
- 11.4 No race will start after 1145 for the morning races and no race will start after 1545 for the afternoon races.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify and receive acknowledgement from the race committee at the finish line giving the name and number of the boat being protested. A red is not required.
- 12.2 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 12.3 For all classes the time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee, protest committee/jury and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 12.4 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the second floor of the main club house
- 12.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee/jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will apply except that each boats total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. The Race Committee will attempt to run 3 to 5 races of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series.

14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. OFFICIAL BOATS - SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Official boats will be marked by display of the race committee flag.
- 15.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside of areas where boats are racing and outside of 50' of any contestant from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be 20 % of the boats registered in each class for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 15.3 The prior rule shall be disregarded if the boat in question is in need or assistance or is racing in either the Sunfish or Opti Green Fleets.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1 Life Jackets or Personal Flotation Devices must be worn **at all times while on the water** and be of the type approved by the United States Coast Guard.
- 16.2 RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) and RRS 43 (Competitors Clothing and Equipment) apply

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each fleet
- 17.2 A perpetual award will be given to the yacht club receiving the most firsts, seconds, and thirds through out the regatta. Each place will be weighted with a score (1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 3 pts, 3rd = 1 pt) and the yacht club with the highest total points will be awarded the perpetual award for an entire year.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.