



2012 Fall Gold Cup

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CFJ: Ocean Race Venue

September 8-9, 2012



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Competitors shall wear USCG-approved PFD's at all times while on the water, other than during brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The race committee ("R/C") will not fly the 'Y' flag. This modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.3 A boat shall comply with the second sentence of CFJ Class Rule 36 regarding crew weight.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.5 At no time shall a CFJ boat's mainsail be hoisted while ashore.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online and on the official notice board located on the window next to the Flag Deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Ashore: The R/C will post any change in the sailing instructions made ashore on the official notice board no later than 0955h on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be made by 2000h on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Afloat: The R/C will signal any change in the sailing instructions made afloat by the display of flag 3rd substitute with two sound signals. The R/C may communicate these changes either verbally or in writing.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the top of the main dock gangway.
- 4.2 When flown ashore, Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns (one horn when lowered) means "Racing is postponed: do not leave the harbor. The time of the warning signal will be posted before the lowering of 'AP'." This changes RRS Race Signals, AP.
- 4.3 Flag "L" over a numeral pennant displayed ashore will signal the most recent amendment.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Pacific Ocean in the vicinity of the Newport Pier.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The first warning signal will be given at 1200h for all days of racing.
- 6.2 The organizing authority ("O/A") has scheduled seven (7) races. The R/C reserves the right to run more or fewer races depending on its judgment of the weather and the best interests of the regatta.
- 6.3 The R/C will make no warning signal after 1600h on the last day of racing.
- 6.4 If the R/C intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the flag 2nd substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a CFJ insignia on a white field.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Except at a gate, a boat shall leave each rounding mark to port.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the R/C signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.
- 8.3 The letter "G" displayed with any course description means that a gate will replace Mark 3.

9 MARKS

See Appendix A, Table 2 for detailed descriptions of the marks.

10 CHECK-IN

Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail past the R/C signal boat on starboard tack, announce her sail number, and obtain the recognition of her sail number by the R/C. A boat that fails to do so may be subject to protest.

11 START/FINISH

- 11.1 The start line will be between the course side of a staff with an orange flag on the R/C signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored R/C boat at the port end.
- 11.2 The R/C may set a mid-line buoy in the vicinity of the start line. A mid-line buoy is a reference point only. It is not a mark of the line or course, nor is it an *obstruction*, and a boat may touch it without penalty.
- 11.3 The finish line will be between the course side of the finishing mark and the course side of a staff displaying an orange flag on the nearby R/C boat.

12 RECALLS

An R/C boat displaying code flag "X" positioned near the first rounding mark will attempt to notify boats identified as "OCS" or "BFD". Any boat notified shall leave the race course immediately.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the position of the next *mark*, the R/C will lay a new *mark* (or move the finishing line) and remove the original *mark* as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change of course a new *mark* is replaced, it will be replaced by an original *mark*.

14 TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race to finish will be seventy-five (75) minutes.
- 14.2 A boat that fails to *finish* within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and *finishes* will be scored Time Limit Expired ("TLE") without a hearing. In such case, the R/C may terminate the race and score the boat points equal to the number of boats *finishing* plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

15 CHECK-OUT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify an R/C boat before leaving the race area. If that is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative.

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding this sentence before the word "However": "She shall also notify the R/C at the finish line as soon as practicable after she *finishes*."
- 16.2 A boat may not protest for an alleged breach of SI 1.2, 1.5, or 15, or for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership. Associated penalties for such breaches, if any, shall be at the discretion of the protest committee ("P/C"). The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI. This changes RRS 60.1, 64.1(a), and A11.

- 16.3 A *party* shall submit a protest or request for redress in writing on a form available at the protest desk located in the trophy room at NHYC. Regarding an incident observed in the racing area, a boat, the race committee, or the protest committee shall deliver a completed form to the protest desk no later than thirty (30) minutes after the R/C signal boat has returned to the dock. That time will be posted. This constitutes the time limit mentioned in the first sentence of RRS 61.3.
- 16.4 The P/C will hear protests as soon as possible and in the order it determines. The hearing schedule will be posted on the notice board and at the protest desk no later than 10 minutes after the close of protest time. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 16.5 Notice of any other protest by the race committee or protest committee will also be posted. This will constitute the notification required under 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Only the skipper may represent a boat in a hearing. No coach or other person may represent a boat or file a protest on her behalf. This changes RRS 63.3.
- 16.7 It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 16.8 If the R/C 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 one (1) hour after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.
- 16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing, a *party* to the hearing shall deliver a request for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision no later than thirty (30) minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

17 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel (including family members) shall stay outside areas where boats are *racing* from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, or until the R/C signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Any penalty associated with this SI shall apply to the boat(s) associated with the support boat in question. This SI shall not apply to any support boat (or her associated competitors) that the R/C has directed to help a boat or competitor that is in danger while *racing*.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Three (3) completed races shall constitute a series.
- 18.2 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with no score excluded. When more than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

19 TROPHIES

The O/A will present trophies as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday, September 9th.

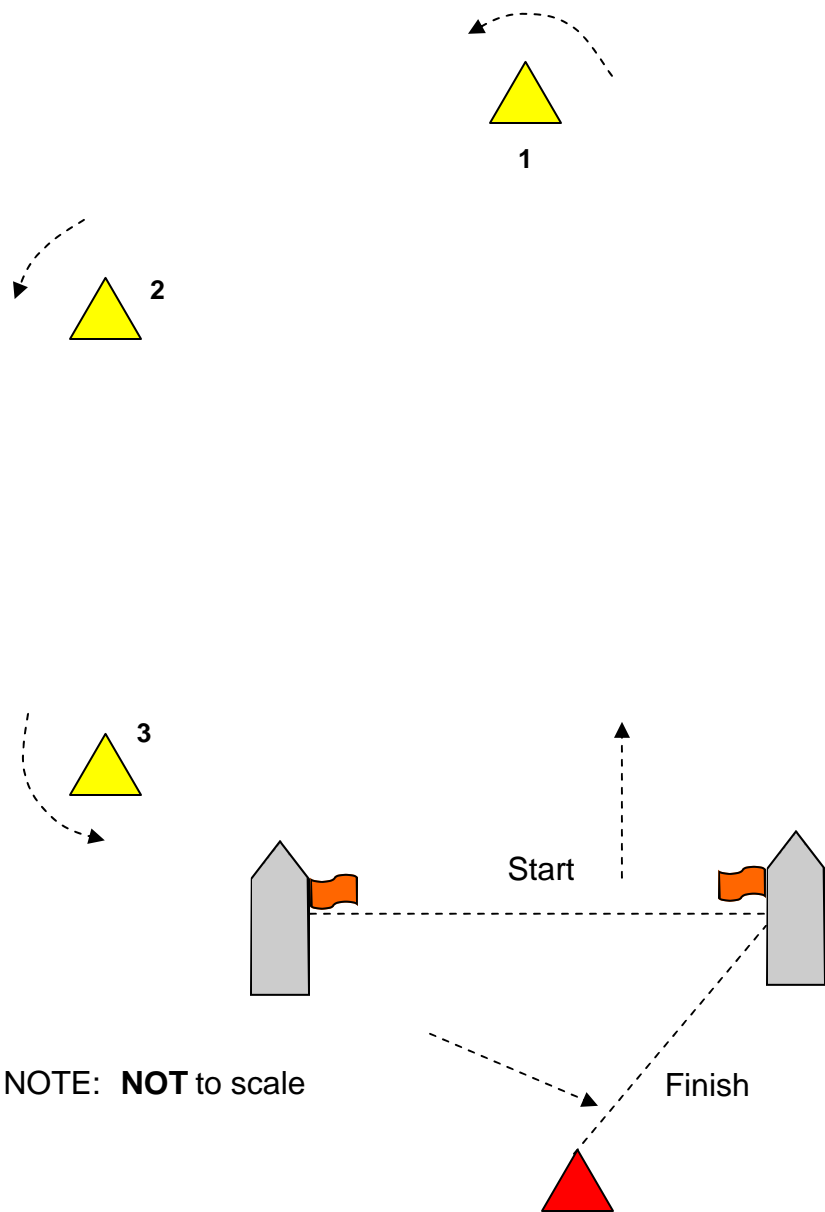
20 DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (O/A, R/C, P/C, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Appendix A: Course Descriptions

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 Appendix A: Course Diagrams and Descriptions
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NOTE: **NOT** to scale

Table 1: Course Descriptions

No.	Course
1	Start—1—2—3—Finish
2	Start—1—2—3—2—3—Finish
3	Start—1—3—Finish

Table 2: Mark Descriptions

Marks	Description
<i>Start marks</i>	R/C boats displaying orange flags
<i>Rounding marks</i>	
1, 2, 3 (3s/3p)	Yellow, inflatable cone
New mark	Yellow, inflatable cone with black cap
<i>Finish marks</i>	
Port end	R/C boat displaying orange flag
Starboard end	Red, inflatable cone

