



2012 Spring Gold Cup

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sabot A, B, C2: Race Venue 1

March 10-11, 2012



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 USCG approved PFD's shall be worn at all times by competitors while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online and on the official notice board located on the window proximal to the Flag Deck.
- 2.2 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted not fewer than thirty (30) minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be made by 2000h on the day before it is to take place.
- 2.3 Flag 'L' over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the top of the main dock gangway.
- 3.2 A class flag with one sound means 'the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after the class flag is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the dock until this signal is made.'

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first warning signal for a class will be made not less than 15 minutes after the class flag has been displayed ashore, see SI 3. Boats are requested not to leave the dock until this signal is made.

- The C2 class flag will not be displayed ashore before 10:30 am for both race days.
- The A & B class flags will not be displayed ashore before 1:15pm for both race days.

5 FORMAT OF RACES

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6 COURSES AND MARKS

- 6.1 Appendix A provided shows the course diagrams. The course number will be displayed from the R/C signal boat on a magnetic white board located on the port side of the R/C vessel.
- 6.2 All turning *marks* will be yellow inflatable cones
- 6.3 The starting and finishing *marks* will be green inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 6.4 The start and finish line *marks* are not *marks* of the course except when starting or finishing.
- 6.5 Moored boats rank as *obstructions*. Moored boats and their mooring balls and lines shall not be touched in any way. A boat may not protest for infringement of this SI. This changes RRS 60.1.

7 START/FINISH

- 7.1 All races will be started using RRS, US Sailing Prescription Appendix S.
- 7.2 The start line will be a straight line between the course side of a staff with an orange flag on the R/C Signal Boat and the starting *mark* approximately to port.
- 7.3 The finish line will be a straight line between the course side of a staff with an orange flag and the nearby finish *mark* approximately to port.

8 TIME LIMIT

- 8.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish will be forty five (45) minutes.
- 8.2 Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be scored points equal to the number of finishers in the race plus one. The scoring abbreviation TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be used for recording this circumstance. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A11.

9 PROTESTS

- 9.1 RRS 61.1 is changed by adding this sentence: "When a boat intends to protest she shall notify the R/C at the finish line."
- 9.2 All protests shall be submitted in writing. Forms are available at the Protest Desk located in the Trophy Room at NYHC. Protest forms shall be delivered to the Protest Desk no later than thirty (30) minutes after the last place finisher in class' last race of the day. That time will be posted on the notice board and at the protest desk.
- 9.3 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the protest committee. The hearing schedule will be posted on the notice board and at the protest desk 10 minutes after the close of protest time. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 9.4 Only the Skipper may represent his or her boat in a hearing. No coach or other party may represent a boat or file a protest on her behalf. This changes RRS 63.
- 9.5 It is the responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 9.6 If the race committee post 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 hour after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.
- 9.7 RRS 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than thirty (30) minutes after being informed of the decision."

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race is asked to notify an RC boat before leaving the race area. If that is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a Regatta Representative.

11 EQUIPMENT CHECK

Following their finishes, the first five (5) 'SABOT A' boats in each race shall proceed directly to the R/C boat displaying the code flag "F" (Red Diamond on a white field) for inspection of INSA required equipment.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13 TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday, March 11.

14 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 (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, 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.