



# 2014 INTERNATIONAL NAPLES SABOT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

## Organizing Authority:

International Naples Sabot Association (INSA) and the Balboa Bay Fleet

## Host:

Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC)

August 4-7, 2014

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the INSA Class *Rules*, including the Championship Guidelines.
- 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 rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.4 Breaches of instructions which are annotated [NP] will not be grounds for a *protest* by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). If the jury concludes that a boat has broken one of these rules, or rule 55, it may impose a penalty other than disqualification. In these cases, the discretionary penalty, if less than disqualification, will be represented by the scoring abbreviation "DPI". The penalty imposed by the jury in such case constitutes the "other penalty" in the first sentence of rule 64.1.
- 1.5 Other changes to *rules* may appear in the relevant sailing instructions (SI).

### 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.

### 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the top of the main dock gangway.

### 4 FORMAT OF RACES

- 4.1 The regatta will consist of a Qualification, Flight Selection and Championship Series.
- 4.2 Qualification Series
  - 4.2.1 For the Qualifying Series Boats will be assigned to flights (Yellow, Blue, Red, Green, etc.) of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. The target flight size is 18 boats. Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the OA. Those assignments will be posted Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - 4.2.2 Pre-Qualified entrants plus the top finishers of this series, sufficient to total 120 boats, plus ties for 120th place will advance to the Flight Selection Series.
  - 4.2.3 While *racing*, each boat shall display a colored ribbon, corresponding to the flight to which she has been assigned and attached to her clew. Ribbons will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA).

#### **4.3 Flight Selection Series**

- 4.3.1 For the Flight Selection Series, boats will be assigned to flights (Yellow, Blue, Red, Green, etc.) of, as nearly as possible, equal size. Boats that have qualified for the Flight Selection Series from their ranking in Qualification Series will be assigned to flights based on their ranking from that series. Initial assignments of pre-qualified boats will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the OA. The target flight size is 17 boats. Those assignments will be posted Tuesday, August 5th.
- 4.3.2 While *racing*, each boat shall display a colored ribbon, corresponding to the flight to which she has been assigned and attached to her clew. Ribbons will be provided by the OA.

#### **4.4 Championship Series**

The Championship Series shall consist of the four equal fleets as determined by the Flight Selection Series. However, ties at each fleet cut-off point shall not be broken which may result in a smaller number of competitors in the Iron fleet than the other fleets. The four fleets in order of top finishers shall be Gold, Silver, Bronze and Iron.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

	Date	Competitors' & Coaches Mtg	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning	No. of Races Scheduled
Qualification Series	Monday, Aug. 4	10am	11am	6
Flight Selection Series	Tuesday, Aug 5	10am	11am	6
Championship Series	Wednesday, Aug 6	10am	11am	4
Championship Series	Thursday, Aug 7	10am	11am	2

### **6 COURSES**

- 6.1 Addendum A herein shows the course diagrams. The course number will be displayed from the race committee signal boat on a magnetic white board located on the port side of the race committee vessel.
- 6.2 [NP] A moored vessel is an *obstruction*. A boat shall not touch a moored boat or its mooring ball or its mooring lines in any way.

### **7 MARKS**

- 7.1 All turning *marks* will be yellow inflatable cones.
- 7.2 The starting *marks* will be race committee boats displaying orange flags.
- 7.3 The finish *mark* will be an orange inflatable cylinder.
- 7.4 Orange round buoys shall designate the coach box boundaries.

### **8 START**

- 8.1 All races will be started using RRS Appendix S, a US Sailing prescription.
- 8.2 The order of starts for each series is described in Addendum B.
- 8.3 The start line will be a straight line between a staff with an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and a staff with an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end of the line.
- 8.4 If flag U has been displayed with the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this *rule* and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed, or *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. This changes rule 26. The scoring abbreviation UFP shall be used for recording this circumstance. This changes rules A5 and A11.
- 8.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

## **9 FINISH**

- 9.1 The finish line will be a straight line between a staff with an orange flag and the nearby finishing *mark*.
- 9.2 [NP] After finishing, a boat, unless communicating her intention to file a *protest* with the race committee or needing an equipment check, shall proceed to the Coaches' Box, see Addendum A.

## **10 TIME LIMIT**

- 10.1 The time limit for the first boat in each flight to finish will be forty five (45) minutes.
- 10.2 Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat in her flight finishes will be scored points equal to the number of finishers in the race plus two (2). The scoring abbreviation TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be used for recording this circumstance. This changes rules 35, A4.1, A4.2, A5 and A11.

## **11 PROTESTS**

- 11.1 Add as rule 61.15: "A boat intending to *protest* or request redress based on an incident in the *racing* area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to *protest* or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee."
- 11.2 All *protests* shall be submitted in writing. Forms are available at the Protest Desk located in the Trophy Room at NIHYC. *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. This is the time limit required to be stated in the first part of rule 61.3.
- 11.3 *Protests* will be heard as soon as possible, in the order determined by the protest committee. The hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board and at the Protest Desk ten (10) minutes after the close of protest time. This posting will constitute the notification required by rule 63.2.
- 11.4 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 rule 63.3.
- 11.5 It is the responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 11.6 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, BFP or UFP 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 second sentence of rule 62.2.
- 11.7 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of *racing* for a series, a *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than thirty (30) minutes after being informed of the decision."

## **12 [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 12.1 A boat that retires from a race is asked to notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area. If that is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative.
- 12.2 Competitors are advised that the race course will be in the path of continuous harbor dredging operations. If the race committee perceives that there is an imminent safety risk, multiple sound signals will be made and all sailors not *racing* shall immediately seek safe water until the race committee signals that all is clear. During this time coaches may leave the Coaches' Box to assist sailors clearing the race course.

## **13 EQUIPMENT CHECK**

- 13.1 [NP] Following their finishes, the first five (5) boats in each race shall proceed directly to the race committee boat displaying the code flag "F" (Red Diamond on a white field) for inspection of INSA required equipment.
- 13.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class *rules* and sailing instructions. While not *racing*, a boat may be directed by the race committee or measurement inspector to proceed to a designated area for inspection

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1 The Qualification Series, Flight Selection and Championship Series will each be scored separately.
- 14.2 No scores will be carried forward from the Qualification Series to the Flight Selection series or from the Flight Selection Series to the Championship Series, except to calculate the winner of the Hal Brown Memorial Trophy.

14.3 If weather or other conditions make it unreasonable to complete the Qualification or Flight Selection Series on their scheduled days, the race committee may shorten or eliminate those series and continue with the following series.

#### 14.4 Qualification and Flight Selection Series

14.4.1 A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than number of boats at her start. The changes rule A4.2. A boat penalized under rule 30.2 shall be scored in accordance with rule 44.3 (c), except that it will be calculated to the nearest 20% of the number of boats in her start.

14.4.2 Three (3) completed races will constitute a series.

14.4.3 When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

#### 14.5 Championship Series

14.5.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.5.2 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

### 15 TROPHIES

15.1 Trophies for the Flight Selection Series will be awarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of *racing* on Tuesday 8/5 at NHYC. Trophies will be awarded to the top ten (10) finishers in the Flight Selection Series.

15.2 Trophies for the Championship Series will be awarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of *racing* Thursday 8/7 at NHYC.

15.3 Trophies will be awarded to the top ten (10) finishers in the Gold Fleet of the Championship Series and the top five (5) finishers in the Silver, Bronze and Iron Fleet.

15.4 The following Perpetual Trophies will also be awarded:

Naples Sabot Junior Champion

1<sup>st</sup> in Gold Fleet

Coronado Chamber of Commerce Perpetual

1<sup>st</sup> in the last Gold Fleet race

Commodore's Cup

1<sup>st</sup> in Silver Fleet

Joe Wells Perpetual

Top female competitor in the Championship Series

Hal Brown Memorial

Lowest combined score in the Flight Selection and Championship Series

Jessica Uniack Sportsmanship Trophy

Competitor nominated achievement to the person who demonstrates the highest level of sportsmanship throughout the week

Peggy Lenhart Perpetual

The skipper who has improved the most from the previous year's Championship

### 16 [NP] SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

16.1 Support boats are not allowed. A support boat is defined as any vessel in which an *interested party* (parties) resides while on the water and who has direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors. Any competitor associated with a support boat is subject to *protest*.

16.2 Coach Boats: A coach boat is defined as a vessel in which a coach reside while on the water and that has direct ties to a competitor or group of competitors.

16.3 All registered coaches will be given an ID bracelet at check-in which will allow them on the "Competitor/ Coach only" portion of the NHYC Main Dock.

- 16.4 Registered coaches will be assigned to a coach boat provided by the OA. A coach boat will contain a representative from two (2) or more Clubs, however no more than three (3) coaches shall be in one boat.
- 16.5 Only coach boats registered with the OA will be allowed in the Coaches' Box. (See Addendum A).
- 16.6 All coaches shall carry a working VHF radio and shall monitor channel 63. All coaches must wear their own PFD while on the water.
- 16.7 All coach boats shall stay more than fifty (50) yards away from any boat that is *racing*. All coach boats shall remain outside the course boundaries. No coaches shall have any communication with a competitor on the water other than in the designated Coaching Box. See Addendum A.
- 16.8 A list of coach boats who may have violated the SI will be posted by the close of *protest* time. All coaches associated with a boat on the list shall present themselves to the *protest* committee for action under this SI.

## **17 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 rule 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.