



2017 Fall Gold Cup September 9-10, 2017 CFJ SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Newport Harbor Yacht Club



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.4 [NP] At no time while ashore shall a boat's mainsail be hoisted.
- 1.5 Other changes to *rules* may appear in the relevant sailing instructions (SI).
- 1.6 Local tide charts may be accessed online from NOAA here: <http://goo.gl/OJ2cLI>

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be on the official notice board located on the Flag Deck window.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the top of the launch ramp.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 Flag "L" over a numeral pennant displayed ashore will signal the most recent amendment.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Ashore: The race committee (RC) 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.
- 4.2 Afloat: The RC will signal any change in the sailing instructions made afloat by the display of the 3rd substitute flag accompanied with two sound signals. The RC may communicate these changes either verbally or in writing.

5 SAFETY AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 [NP] RRS 40 and preamble to Part 4 is changed to require competitors to wear US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III or V Personal floatation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. no inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing.
- 5.2 [NP] Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail past the RC signal boat on starboard tack, announce her sail number, and obtain the recognition of her sail number by the RC. A boat that fails to do so may be subject to protest.
- 5.3 [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall 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.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Balboa Pier, Pacific Ocean. The RC reserves the right to relocate the racing area as weather conditions dictate.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The first warning signal will be given at 1200 for all days of racing.
- 7.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled, this is a limiting maximum.
- 7.3 The RC will make no warning signal after 1600 on the last day of racing.

8 CLASS FLAG

The class flag is a white field with a blue CFJ insignia.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Addendum A includes the course descriptions.
- 9.2 Except at a gate, a boat shall leave each rounding mark to port.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course description.
- 9.4 The letter "G" displayed with any course description means that a gate will replace Mark 2 or 3.

10 MARKS

Table 2 in Addendum A describes the marks of the course and replacement marks.

11 START/FINISH

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The start/ finish line will be a straight line between the course side of a staff with an orange flag on the race committee signal and the course side of the nearby start/finish mark.
- 11.3 An RC boat displaying a black flag or a U flag positioned near mark O will attempt to notify boats that were either UFD or BFD and will display their recall numbers. Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately. However, if there are additional races scheduled for that day, boats having been disqualified in the race may stand by in an area outside the race course for a subsequent race.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the position of the next mark, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing 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 to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race to finish will be sixty (60) minutes.
- 13.2 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 RC may terminate the race and score the boat points equal to the number of boats finishing plus two (2). This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protests must be submitted in writing, on forms available at the Protest Desk, located in the Race Office of NYHC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 Protests must be delivered within forty five (45) minutes of the RC signal boat docking time. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the RC and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.3 The protest committee 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 fifteen (15) minutes after the close of protest time. This posting will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 14.4 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(a).

- 14.5 It is the sole responsibility of each boat involved to be ready and have witnesses available when the hearing is called.
- 14.6 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD 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 sixty (60) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.
- 14.7 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; b) within the protest time limit, or thirty (30) minutes after the decision is announced, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

15 SUPPORT BOATS

[NP] 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 RC signals a postponement, or abandonment. Any penalty associated with this SI shall apply to the support boat in question, and other penalties may apply to the competitor(s) associated with the support boat in question. This SI shall not apply to any support boat (or her associated competitors) that the RC has directed to help a boat or competitor that is in danger while racing.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Three (3) completed races shall constitute a series.
- 16.2 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.

17 TROPHIES

- 17.1 Take home prizes will be awarded in all classes to the top five (5) boats as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

18 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, RC, PC, 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.

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