



2019 U.S. Team Racing Championship Qualifier

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by: The rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules for handling boats (Addendum C, herein) which shall also apply to any practice sailing, Appendix U, and Appendix D.
- 1.2 The CFJ Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 RRS D2.3: Add "(h) fails to comply with any 'Prohibited Items or Actions' in Addendum C"
- 1.4 RRS D5.3 and 5.4: Replace "race committee" with "protest committee" in both rules.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the boatyard at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC).
- 2.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a pole located near the sailing patio at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC)

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the SI made ashore will be posted no later than 30 minutes before the first warning signal on the day they will take effect, except that any changes made under SI 6 will be effective immediately and may be posted at any time.
- 3.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), any change to the SI made afloat will be signaled by the display of flag L with one sound signal. The race committee or umpires may communicate these changes either verbally or in writing.

4 SCHEDULE

	Saturday, 6/15/19
Check-In	<u>0830-0915</u>
Competitors' Briefing	<u>0915</u>
First Warning	<u>1000</u>
Awards Presentation	<u>After Racing</u>

5 REGATTA FORMAT

- 5.1 The intended format is a single stage, consisting of one or more round robins.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the harbor north of the NHYC main dock.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The default course is a starboard digital N. The alternate course is a port box. If the alternate course is to be sailed, the RC will announce it before the start of a race.
- 7.2 Courses may not be shortened. This changes RRS 32 and race signal "Shorten Course."
- 7.3 The RC may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark or the finishing line, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration. There will be no visual or audible signals for a course change. This changes RRS 33 and race signal "Changing the Next Leg."

8 MARKS

The starting and finishing *marks* will be orange inflatable spheres. All rounding *marks* will be green inflatable cubes.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using Appendix U. This changes RRS 26.
- 9.2 Flag 'X', if displayed, will be displayed no longer than one minute after the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 9.2 The starting order is listed in Addendum A, herein, or as announced by the RC signal boat.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat on one end and the course side of nearby by starting *mark*.
- 9.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat and the course side of the nearby finishing *mark*.

11 ABANDONMENT

Abandonment will be signaled orally by the RC and/or umpires. This changes RRS 32.1 and race signal "Abandonment Signals." Abandoned races may be re-sailed and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical.

12 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 12.1 The protest committee will be comprised of umpires appointed by the chief umpire or race lead umpire as appropriate.
- 12.2 Any format change by the RC, in consultation with the Chief Umpire and in compliance with the SI, or any race committee decisions regarding abandonment under RRS 32, shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress.

13 DAMAGE

- 13.1 An initial damage deposit of \$500 shall be paid at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident. The OA may require the damage deposit to be restored to its original amount before a team will be permitted to continue racing.
- 13.2 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be reported to the OA immediately.
- 13.3 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the OA immediately upon returning a boat. Compliance with this instruction is required regardless of whether a score change for a breakdown or redress for damage is being requested.

13.5 DAMAGE PENALTIES

When three race umpires decide that one or more boats has broken RRS 14 in an incident where there is damage, they may impose race-win penalties as prescribed in Addendum D without a hearing, but shall not add points to a boat's score. The boat(s) shall be informed as soon as practical and only at that time may she request a hearing, in which case the umpires shall report the incident to the protest committee who shall proceed in accordance with D3.1(d). Any penalties imposed after a hearing may be more than the penalties imposed by the umpires. This changes RRS D3.1(d)(1) and D3.1(d)(3).

14 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside of the race area and to leeward of all race boats from the first warning until the final race each day.

15 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 15.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.
- 15.2 Competitors are expected to comply fully with RRS 2 at all times. Abuse or intimidation of other competitors, race officials, or officials of the host club will not be tolerated. All such incidents whether or not they include umpire initiated penalties, shall be reported to the Chief Umpire. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee and may be considered gross misconduct (a gross breach of sportsmanship).
- 15.3 No competitor shall consume alcoholic beverages on race days either on or off the water until they have finished their final race each day.
- 15.4 While afloat, smoking or urinating into the harbor is strictly prohibited.
- 15.5 The penalty for breaking any part of SI 16 is at the discretion of the protest committee and may include race wins, the withdrawal of any prize, the withholding of deposits, or the protest committee may decide to call a hearing under RRS 69.

16 PRIZES

The winner of the regatta will receive an invitation to the 2019 US Team Racing Championship.

Addendum A: Boat Assignments and Race Pairings

Addendum B: {RESERVED}

Addendum C: Rules for Handling Boats

Addendum D: Penalties for damage resulting from contact between boats racing

ADDENDUM C

Rules for Handling Boats

1 GENERAL

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

2 PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS - Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the permission of the RC.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Changing the number of mainsheet purchases.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.9 Use of any tape that leaves a residue/ use of duct tape.

3 PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS – the following are permitted:

- 3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
 - (a) tell tale material
 - (b) watch, timers, and hand held compass
 - (c) red flags
 - (d) PFD's
- 3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:
 - (a) make signals as per Appendix D2.2
 - (b) personal safety
- 3.3 Adjust the jib halyard

4 MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS –

- 4.1 At the end of each sailing day the following are required:
 - (a) Sails neatly rolled and bagged
 - (b) remove all trash
- 4.2 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

ADDENDUM D

Penalties for damage resulting from contact between boats racing

The umpires may impose a penalty for breaking RRS 14 without a protest hearing, unless a boat involved in the incident boat requests a hearing, in which case the umpires shall report the incident to the Protest Committee. If it has good reasons to do so, the Protest Committee may impose a greater penalty than what the umpires determined was appropriate. This addendum explains how damage will be assessed and prescribes the appropriate penalty level. There are a number of things we are trying to achieve with damage penalties:

- Minimize damage to keep costs down and avoid delays while boats are repaired.
- Ensure that penalties fit the breach and are consistent.

Damage Levels

Level	Extent	Effect
Level A Minor Damage	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.
Level B Damage	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat.	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.
Level C Major Damage	The normal operation of the boat is compromised and its structural integrity may be impaired.	The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.

Penalties

Race-win penalties may be imposed by umpires after a race to boats that break RRS 14. Any penalties are deducted from one boat's or both boats' team's total race wins for the round-robin or knock-out stage in which the damage occurred. In the event that both boats are given the same penalty in a race during a knock-out stage, the penalties are offsetting and will be disregarded for scoring purposes.

Race-Win Penalties: to be applied without a hearing

Damage Level	Round-Robin	Knock Out Match
Level A	No penalty	No penalty
Level B	1/2 race win	3/4 race win
Level C	1 race win	1 race win

Deductions from Damage Deposits

Any deductions from damage deposits are a matter for the Organizing Authority and are not related to and do not affect any race win penalties imposed by the Umpires or Protest Committee.