



Roton Point Fall Multihull Regatta, September 20-21, 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in 2005-2008 USSAILING *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the current USSAILING Regulations, and applicable class rules.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these sailing instructions, the sailing instructions will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS' MEETINGS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the RPSA 'hotel' building.
- 2.2 There will be a skippers' meeting at 0930 on Saturday and 0900 on Sunday.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted (with Flag L displayed ashore) no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled first warning signal each day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RPSA flagpole adjacent to the launching area.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag N is displayed ashore, all remaining races for the day are cancelled.
- 4.4 Flag N will be displayed ashore when the Race Committee ("RC") has landed at the dock at the conclusion of racing for the day, and will be lowered at the end of the protest time limit (per section 16). The flag will be accompanied by a single sound when raised and when lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The racing schedule will be described at the initial skippers' meeting.
- 5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 on Saturday and 1030 on Sunday.
- 5.3 On Sunday no original warning signal for the first division starting will be made after 1500.
- 5.4 When flag N is displayed on the water, return to the RC signal boat for further instruction.
- 5.5 When flag N and flag H are simultaneously displayed on the water, immediately return to the beach.
- 5.6 When flag N (or N over H) are displayed on the water, it does NOT indicate that any remaining races are canceled for the day. Refer to section 4.

6 DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

- 6.1 Each class will be assigned to a starting 'division' at the skippers' meeting. Division assignments will also be posted on the official notice board immediately following the skippers' meeting.
- 6.2 All boats in a Division will start together.
- 6.3 Boats will be scored against others in the same class.
- 6.4 Boats in the Open Class will be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system.
- 6.5 At least three boats are required to constitute a class.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flags will be numeral pennants as follows:
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| Division 1 | Numeral pennant one |
| Division 2 | Numeral pennant two |
| Division 3 (if needed) | Numeral pennant three |
| Cruising Class | Numeral pennant five |

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in Long Island Sound southwest of the mouth of Five Mile River.
8.2 High tide will occur in the racing area at 15:26 on Saturday and 16:28 on Sunday.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course configuration will be a windward/leeward triangle with the start/finish RC signal boat positioned upwind of the C (leeward) mark. However, not all courses will use the B (reaching) mark.
9.2 The RC will display the division number and course number vertically on a board before commencing the start sequence for each race.
9.3 All marks are to be left to port, except gates.
9.4 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
9.5 The RC will endeavor to locate mark B, if used, at either the windward or leeward end of the course approximately 90 to 105 degrees abeam of either the windward or leeward mark.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks B, C, and gates will be orange cylinders.
10.2 Mark A will be a yellow tetrahedron.
10.3 The pin end of the starting and finishing lines will be an orange ball.
10.4 The starboard end of the starting and finishing lines will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat.
10.5 A RC boat signaling a change of course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.
10.6 If a barging buoy is used at the RC signal boat, neither the buoy nor its line shall rank as part of the boat, and neither will rank as an obstruction.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for each subsequent division will be made with or after the preceding start.
11.2 The RC will make a series of short attention signals shortly before each initial warning signal.
11.3 The starting line will be as described in section 10.
11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area – see instruction 17.5 for penalty.
11.5 A boat not starting within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes Rule A4.1.
11.6 The RC will hail the numbers of OCS boats. Neither the failure of a boat to hear such a hail nor the timing or order of hails will be grounds for redress.
11.7 Start line obstruction: The start line shall rank as an obstruction for divisions previously started while other divisions are starting and in sequence until after the last division has successfully started. See instruction 17.6 for penalty.
11.8 In the event of a General Recall, the recalled Division shall start after all the other Divisions have started and the pennants flown on RC signal boat shall reflect starting order.

12 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC will move the current mark. The change will be signaled (by a Race Committee boat displaying the C flag and the compass bearing to the new mark) before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.
12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard. This changes Rule 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be as described in section 10.
- 13.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, a RC boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes race signal S.
- 13.3 Finish Line Obstruction: The finish line shall rank as an obstruction when a blue flag or shape is displayed on the RC signal boat at the finish line. Boats may not pass through this line unless finishing. See instruction 17.6 for penalty.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rule 44.2 is changed for all classes to one 360 degree turn that includes one tack and one gybe.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 There is no time limit for races.
- 15.2 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The method and order of finishes shall be determined by the RC. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at the notice board. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has landed at the dock (or after flag N is displayed ashore). Refer to section 4 for signals. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the RC and Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the upstairs meeting room in the 'hotel' building in the approximate order of receipt beginning as soon as practical.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 All boat weight, crew weight, and equipment violations will be scored DNE. Whenever possible, competitors should be warned of potential equipment violations on the beach before racing when observed by other competitors, the protest committee, or regatta officials.
- 17.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made, that are observed by the RC to be in the starting area within the one-minute signal of other classes, shall be scored as DNS without a hearing.
- 17.6 DNF will be awarded to boats sailing through a start/finish line obstruction.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC or Beach Captain as soon as possible.
- 18.2 In the interest of safety of all competitors, a representative from each boat will be required to sign in before launching on the form in the possession of the Beach Captain at the launching area.
- 18.3 All boats are requested to check in on the water by hailing their sail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the first race each day.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 19.2 Substitution of sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk – See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

24 SPECIAL NOTES

24.1 RC support boats shall rank as an obstruction.

24.2 No questions will be answered by the RC on the water.

24.3 Any boat receiving ‘hands on’ assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored DNF. The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

24.4 The RC may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

APPENDIX A

No.	Course	Finish	Race Committee Options
1	(S) A C A (F)	Downwind	1G
2	(S) A C A C A (F)	Downwind	2G
3	(S) A C A B C (F)	Upwind	
4	(S) A B C A C (F)	Upwind	
5	(S) A C (F)	Upwind	5G
6	(S) A C A C (F)	Upwind	6G
7	(S) A C A B C A C (F)	Upwind	

S = start, A = weather mark, B = reaching mark, C = leeward mark, G = gate, F = finish