



2018 SUNFISH YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
July 30 – August 1, 2018
LAKE BLUFF YACHT CLUB
Waukegan, IL USA

Organizing Authority: Lake Bluff Yacht Club
 Endorsed by International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to **RRS 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, Appendix L (Code Flag A)** and added **RRS 61.4, 82** and **Appendix R** will apply. These prescriptions are provided in full in **Attachment 4** to the Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.3 **RRS G1.1 (b)** is deleted.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Administration Tent.
- 2.2 All questions for the Race Committee (RC) or Jury shall be made in writing and will be answered in writing and posted on the official notice board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Race will be posted before 1800 or the protest time limit (whichever is later) on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Administration tent.
- 4.2 When flag **AP** is displayed ashore, **'1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'** in **Race Signal AP in the RRS.**

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Monday July 30	1400 Hrs.	Practice Race
Tuesday July 31	0930 Hrs.	Skippers' Meeting
	1030 Hrs.	First Warning
Wednesday August 1	1000 Hrs.	First Warning
	1800 Hrs.	Awards Ceremony

- 5.2 A maximum of eight (8) races are planned.
- 5.3 On Wednesday, August 1, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Sunfish class flag, red logo on white field.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in the waters of Lake Michigan and as directly east of Waukegan Public Beach as conditions, in the judgment of the RC, will allow. **(See Attachment 1.)**

8 CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT

- 8.1 Upon arrival at the starting area for their first time each day, or after going ashore and returning to the race area, each boat shall check in by passing astern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack, hailing their sail number until acknowledged.
- 8.2 A boat that retires from a race or intends to not start a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachments 2 and 3 show the courses, including the Course Designation, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Course Designation, the approximate compass bearing and distance for the first leg from the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed on a white board at the stern of the RC signal boat.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange inflatable tetrahedron buoys.
- 10.2 Mark 1a will be a red buoy.
- 10.3 Change marks will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 10.4 Starting marks will be the RC signal boat and a red buoy.
- 10.5 The finish marks will be the RC signal boat and a red buoy.

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12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started in accordance with **RRS 26**.
- 12.2 The RC may make an attention signal (multiple short air horn blasts) before the warning signal.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of a red buoy at the port end of the line.
- 12.4 There may be a mid-line buoy in the vicinity of the starting line. If so, it is not a mark of the course and will not be grounds for redress.
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her start signal will be scored **DNS**. This changes **RRS A4.1**.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 A change of the course will be signaled in accordance with **RRS 33**. The new mark will be a **Yellow** inflatable mark. Any mark rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated, without further signals or change marks, to maintain the original course configuration. If a subsequent change of course is required in the same race, the change mark will be replaced with the original mark.

- 13.2 If **Mark 1** is changed after the start of a race there will be no offset mark (Mark 1a) for the rest of that race.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of a red inflatable buoy on the port end of the line.
- 14.2 As soon as practical after finishing, boats shall sail clear of the finish area and remain to the starboard side of the RC signal boat, well outside the racecourse, and clear of the starboard layline.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 **Appendix P** will apply.
- 15.2 Penalties for breaking a **RRS** other than those of **Part 2, RRS 31** or **RRS 42** will be determined by the Jury. Penalties may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.3 If a judge believes that there has been a breach of a **RRS of Part 2** (When Boats Meet) or **RRS 31** (Touching a Mark), the judge may make two sound signals but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under **RRS 44.2**, the judge may protest one or more boats.
- 15.4 If a judge witnesses an incident in which a boat protests another boat (hails "protest" at the first reasonable opportunity) as a result of the incident, and no boat takes a penalty, the judge may signal to impose a penalty by displaying a red flag with one long sound signal and hailing the sail number(s) of the boat(s) penalized. A boat so penalized by a judge shall take a penalty per **RRS 44.2**.
- 15.5 A boat involved in an incident where a judge signals under **SI 15.4** is not entitled to a hearing. This changes **RRS 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65** and **66**.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Time limits are as follows:
Mark 1 time limit – 20 minutes
Race time limit – 60 minutes
- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned and will not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1(a)**.
- 16.3 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored DNF. This changes **RRS 35, A4, and A5**.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Protests must be submitted to the Jury official stationed near the official notice board.
- 17.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt.
- 17.4 A list of boats that, under **SI 15.1**, have been penalized for breaking **RRS 42** will be posted no later than 1 hour after the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.5 Breaches of **SI 8, 19, 22, 24, 26** and **28** will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes **RRS 60.1(a)**.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 For the Championship Series, one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series
- 18.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- 18.3 When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes the **preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40**.

20 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the measurer or his designate before the first race or by the RC (the Principal Race Officer or his designate) thereafter. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the International Sunfish Class Association rules (effective January 1, 2015). On the water, a boat can be instructed by the measurer or his designate to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

23 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 23.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
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| Race Committee Vessels: | Blue US Sailing flags or a plain, white flag |
| Judge Vessels: | White flag with a J |
- 23.2 Failure of an official boat to display the designated flag shall not be grounds for redress. This amends **RRS 62.1(a)**.

24 SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
- 24.2 Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing.
- 24.3 Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio tuned to the RC VHF Channel. The RC VHF channel number will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.
- 24.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and outside the laylines from the marks defining the course.
- 24.5 Support boats shall remain 50 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. After the starting signal, they may only proceed to the windward mark up the left side of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. Support boats may proceed to the finish line waiting area (SI 24.6) by proceeding up the starboard side of the race course from the leeward mark.
- 24.6 At the finish line, they must remain 100 meters to windward of the extensions of the finish line, well outside the starboard layline. At no time, while boats are finishing, shall support boats be directly above the finish line.
- 24.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the Jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their Coach boat.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed on any support or official boat.

26 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept at the regatta site.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

28 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Top 5 finishers.
- Top junior finisher.

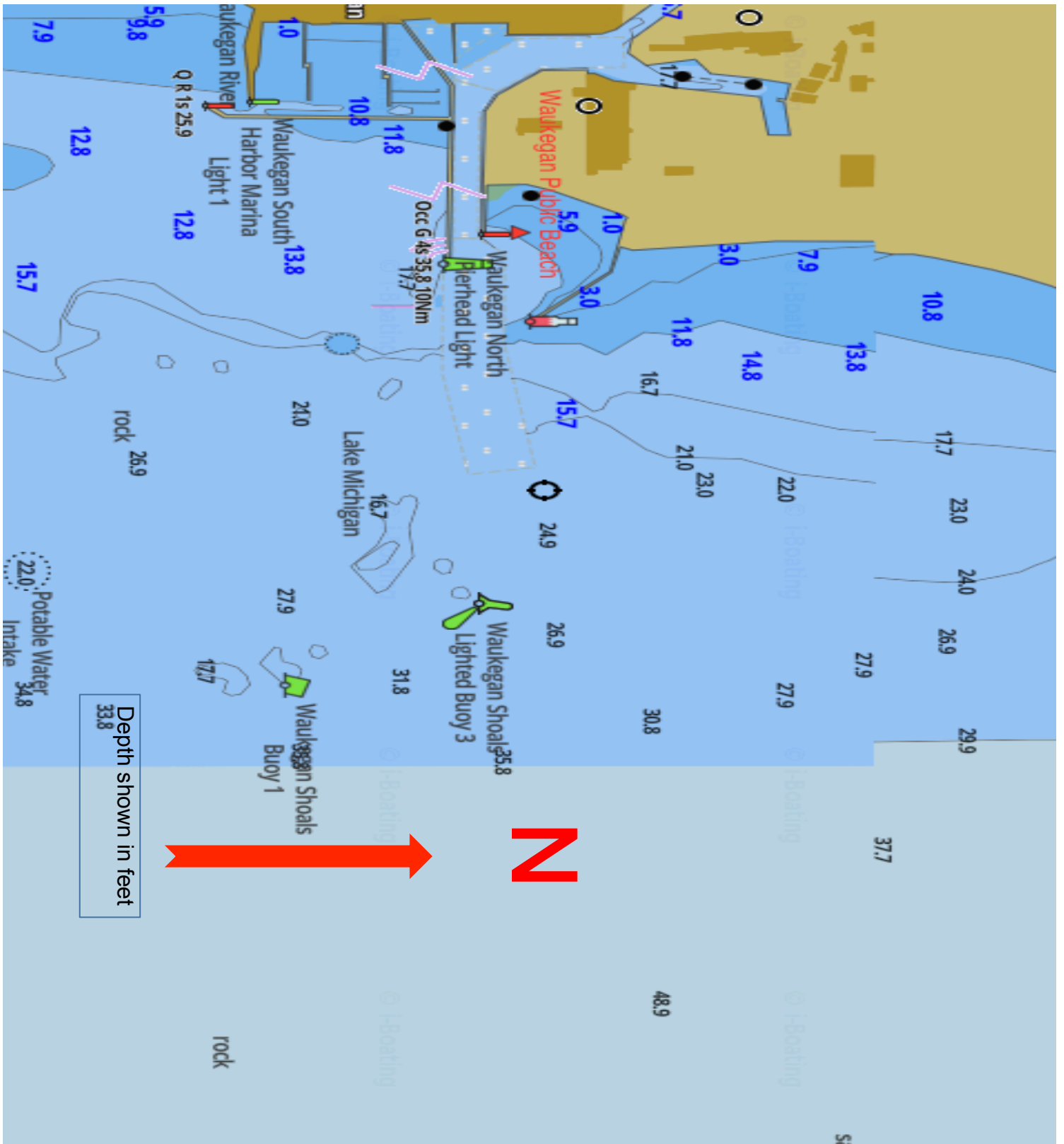
29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 4**, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Lake Bluff Yacht Club and/or personnel supporting this regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30 REQUESTS FROM OFFICIALS

Team Leaders, coaches, support personnel and competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.

Attachment 1
Racing Area – Lake Michigan



Attachment 2 Windward-Leeward

Course W2 Two (2) Laps

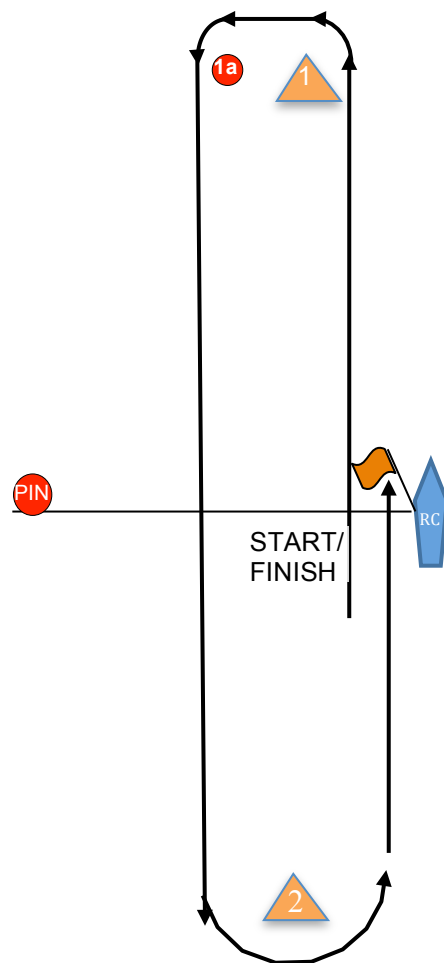
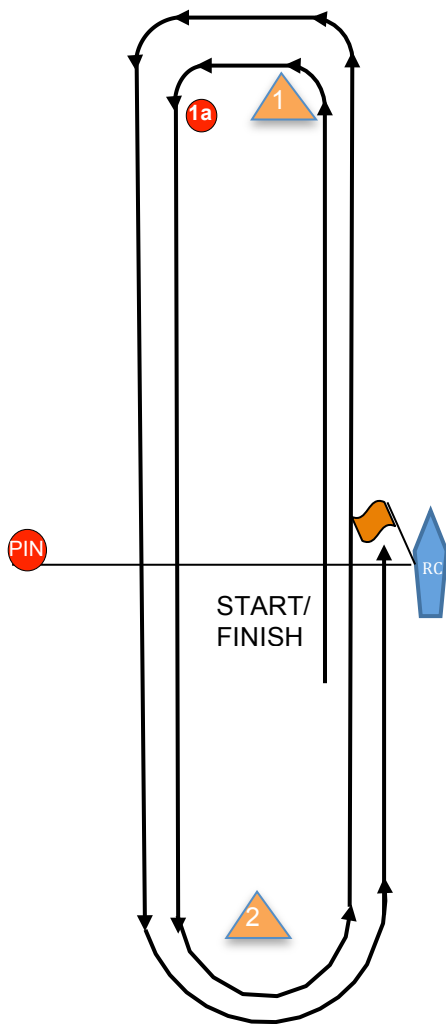
Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish

Course W3 Three (3) Laps

Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 -- 1 - 1a - 2 Finish

Course W One (1) Lap

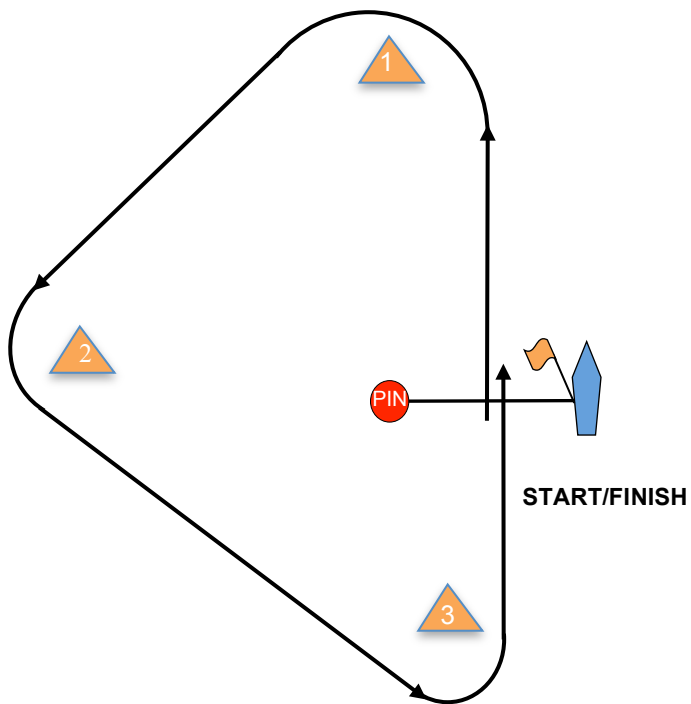
Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish



Attachment 3 Triangle

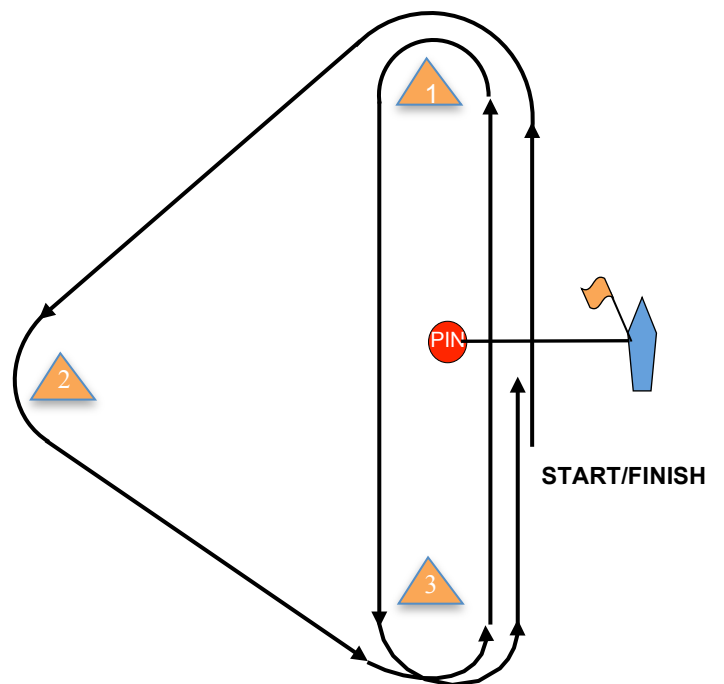
Course T Triangle

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



Course TW Triangle Windward- Leeward

Start - 1 - 2 - 3-1-3- Finish



Attachment 4: 2017-2020 US Sailing Prescriptions

RRS 60.3 After RRS60.3 add

US Sailing prescribes that RRS 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

RRS 67 After RRS 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the RRS is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the RRS shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

RRS 70.5(a) After RRS 70.5(a) add

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the ‘No Appeal’ link for more information or to obtain approval.

RRS 76.1 After RRS 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Appendix L Add Instruction 5.6

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This is a US Sailing prescription.

Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘No more racing today.’

RRS 61.4 Add RRS 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

RRS 82 Add RRS 82

82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an ‘indemnification’ or ‘hold harmless’ agreement.) Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the ‘Indemnification’ link for more information.

Attachment 4: (Continued)

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APPENDIX R

PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

See **RRS70** and **71**. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by World Sailing for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under **RRS71**. An association appeals committee may act as permitted by **RRS71.2** and shall act as required by **RRS71.3**, subject to further appeal as provided in **RRSR7.1(a)**.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the appeals system and their answers, including advice on how to prepare an appeal, can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to appeals.ussailing.org and click the 'Appeals FAQ' link.

R1 WHERE TO SEND AN APPEAL OR REQUEST

R1.1 Send appeals, requests and the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form (see **RRSR2.2**) by email to the US Sailing Race Administration Director at submitappeal@ussailing.org. For more information about submitting appeal documents, call US Sailing at 1 (800) US SAIL 1.

R1.2 Except as provided in **RRSR1.4**, the director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee, an appeal under **RRS70.1(b)** or a request by a protest committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the association appeals committee for the place in which the event was held. However, such an appeal or request arising from an event conducted under the procedural **RRS** of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association or the Interscholastic Sailing Association will be forwarded to the association appeals committee for the ICSA and ISSA.

R1.3 The director will forward an appeal of a decision of an association appeals committee, a request by an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and a request for an interpretation of **RRS** to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R1.4 The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under **RRS 69.1**, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing national championship, and a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R2 TO APPEAL OR MAKE A REQUEST R2.1 To appeal,

- (a) no later than 15 days after receiving the written decision being appealed or a protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the decision to US Sailing. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect;
- (b) when the hearing required by **RRS 63.1** has not been held within 30 days after a protest or request for redress was delivered, the appellant shall, within a further 15 days, send an appeal with a copy of the protest or request and any relevant correspondence. The appeals committee to which the appeal is forwarded shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so; or
- (c) when the protest committee fails to comply with **RRS 65**, the appellant shall, within a reasonable time after the hearing, send an appeal with a copy of the protest or request and any relevant correspondence.

If a copy of the *protest* or request is not available, the appellant shall instead send a statement of its substance.

R2.2 The appellant shall also send, with the appeal or as soon as possible thereafter, the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form. To obtain the form, go to appeals.ussailing.org and click the 'Information Form' link. The form requests all of the following documents and information available:

- (a) the written *protest(s)* or request(s) for redress;
- (b) if the appeal is from a decision of an association appeals committee, the written decision of the protest committee and the appeal to the association appeals committee;
- (c) a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that
 - shows(1) the positions of all boats involved at relevant times, and their tracks;
 - (2) the course to the next *mark* and its required side; (3) the speed and direction of the wind;
 - (4) any relevant *mark, obstruction* or *zone*; and
 - (5) if relevant, the depth of the water and the speed and direction of any current;
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them;
- (e) the names, postal addresses and email addresses of the parties to the hearing, the chairman of the protest committee and, if relevant, the chairman of the association appeals committee; and
- (f) any other relevant documents.

R2.3 To request confirmation or correction of its decision, a protest committee or association appeals committee shall, no later than 15 days after making its decision, send to US Sailing a copy of its decision, the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form, and all relevant documents and comments (see **RRS R2.2**).

R2.4 To request an interpretation of the *rules*, a club or other organization affiliated to US Sailing shall send its request to US Sailing. The request shall include assumed facts and be endorsed by an officer of the club or organization. A US Sailing committee is considered to be an organization affiliated to US Sailing.

R3 FEES

R3.1 If the appeal or request is being made to an association appeals committee (see **RRS R1.2**), US Sailing charges no fee for forwarding that appeal or request. However, an association appeals committee may charge a fee, in which case the association appeals committee will send a notice to the appellant (or, for a request, to the protest committee) stating the fee, to whom the fee is payable, and the address to which the fee must be sent.

R3.2 If the appeal is being made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee (see **RRS R1.3** and **R1.4**) by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, US Sailing charges a fee of \$25. The fee is \$75 for all others.

R3.3 A fee of \$25 is charged for a request for an interpretation of the *rules*, but there is no fee for such a request from a US Sailing committee. There is no fee for a request from an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision. There is no fee for an appeal under **RRS 70.1(b)**.

R3.4 If a fee is required for an appeal or request, it must be received before the appeal or request will be considered. For appeals and requests made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, the fee can be paid by check to 'US Sailing' or electronically as described in the Appeals FAQ.

R4 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE DECISION IS BEING APPEALED

Upon receipt of an appeal, the appeals committee shall send a copy of the appeal to the committee whose decision is being appealed, asking it for any documents required by **RRS R2.2** not supplied by the appellant.

R5 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES R5.1 Protest Committee

A protest committee whose decision is being appealed shall supply the documents requested under **RRS R4** and any facts or other

information requested under **RRS R5.4**. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, it shall conduct a hearing, or reopen the hearing, of the *protest* or request for redress, or conduct a hearing to consider redress.

R5.2 Association Appeals Committee

- (a) The association appeals committee shall send to all *parties* to the hearing, and to the committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant

documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.

(b) The association appeals committee shall send its decision in writing to all *parties* to the hearing and the protest committee.

(c) An association appeals committee shall consider an appeal it has refused to decide if directed to do so by the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R5.3 US Sailing Appeals Committee

The US Sailing Appeals Committee shall send to all *parties* to the hearing, to the protest committee and to the association appeals committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.

R5.4 Inadequate Facts; Reopening

An appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information in writing, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts in writing, and the protest committee shall promptly do so.

R6 COMMENTS

The *parties* to the hearing, the protest committee and, if relevant, the association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal or request, on any of the documents listed in **RRS R2.2**, and on any clarifications received under **RRS R7.2(d)**. Comments shall be sent in writing to the appeals committee no later than 15 days after the *party* or committee receives the document. The appeals committee need not consider comments sent after that time or comments on comments.

R7 PROVISIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF RRS 70 AND 71

R7.1 Right to Appeal or Request Confirmation or Correction

(a) A *party* to a hearing may appeal an association appeals committee's decision.

(b) An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rule(R2.3)).

R7.2 Other Provisions

(a) No member of the association appeals committee shall take part in the discussion or decision on an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

(b) An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other boats.

(c) The US Sailing Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide.

(d) An appeals committee may seek clarifications of **RRS** governing the event from organizations that are not *parties* to the hearing.

R7.3 Withdrawing an Appeal

With the consent of the appeals committee, an appellant may withdraw an appeal before it is decided.

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

An expedited appeals system, which can only be used at US Sailing Protected Competitions (see US Sailing Regulation 12.03), can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to appeals.ussailing.org and click the 'Expedited Appeals' link.