



# **Puerto Rico IOM National Championship Regatta Sailing Instructions**

## **1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE:**

1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current applicable Heat Management System (HMS), the Notice of Race (NOR), these Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The PUR national authority is the Puerto Rico Model Yachting Association (PRMYA).

1.3 The PUR IOM National Class Association is the national class authority.

1.4 The PUR IOM NCA is the organizing authority.

1.5. No US Sailing Prescriptions apply except Appendix R and prescriptions to rules 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1.

1.6. Add E7 (c) - If any competitor is determined to be in violation of RRS 2 - FAIR SAILING, the PRO (Principal Race Officer) may, at his discretion, without a hearing, disqualify the competitor from one or more races with DNE penalties, changing RRS 63.1 and A5.

1.7. Boats entering the Launch Area without race committee authorization will be penalized without a hearing, changing RRS 63.1.

1.8. Boats shall sail on the racecourse only when scheduled to race. When this instruction is broken, she shall be penalized without a hearing, changing RRS 63.1.

1.9. Penalties for breaches of SI 1.7 and SI 1.8 shall be one or more One-Turn Penalties taken after her starting signal and before she crosses the starting line. This changes E7(b).

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 The Official Notice Board will be situated near the scoring area or online at [www.iomusa.org](http://www.iomusa.org).

2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board

### **3. CONDUCT**

3.1 Major regattas offer significant public exposure to our sport. Inappropriate competitor behaviour can reflect negatively that exposure. All participants are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny, not only by the public, but also by the race officials. Kindly behave with dignity and respect for each other, the hosts and race committee and above all, any spectators.

### **4. SPECIAL VENUE RULES**

4.1. Number of boats shouldn't exceed more than 14 boats per heat.

### **5. SCORING SYSTEM**

5.1 Boats finishing in an incorrect heat will not be allowed to sail in their assigned heat for that race and will be scored DNS for their correct heat.

5.2 The current applicable Heat Management System will be utilized.

### **6. CHANGES TO THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 Any change of the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board or verbally communicated to all competitors and shall be implemented only between races. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to change.

### **7. COURSE**

7.1 The sailing area shall be specified by the Race Director.

7.2 The course will be displayed on the course board as required by RRS E3.3. Description of the marks, including starting and finishing marks stating the order and side on which each is to be left shall be posted on the course board.

### **8. CHANGES TO THE COURSE**

8.1 The course may be changed only between heats or races. Any change to the course shall be posted on the course board prior to the start of the next heat or race and shall be preceded by a sound signal and a verbal warning.

8.2 During a heat, shortening of the course to a pre-arranged option shown on the course board shall be signalled by two sound signals followed by verbal confirmation on the leg before the leading boat starts the leg in which she will finish because of shortening. This changes Appendix E8(c).

## 9. CONTROL AREA AND LAUNCHING AUTHORIZATION

9.1 The **Control Area** is to be specified by the Race Organizer. Any changes shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall be implemented only between heats. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).

## 10. TRANSMITTERS AND PRACTICE AREA

10.1 Unless the Race Committee prohibits their use, competitors not racing may use their transmitters at any time for the purpose of tuning or practice sailing. Competitors may launch and practice sail their boats at any time only downwind of the most leeward mark of the course.

10.2 A non-racing competitor shall not sail within 16 metres (50 feet) of either a racing competitor or any mark of the racing course.

10.3 The Race Committee may announce changes to the permitted practice areas. Any changes shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall be implemented only between heats. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).

10.4 When the Race Committee finds that a competitor has broken this Sailing Instruction the Race Committee may either issue a warning or a penalty as specified in SI 1.9.

## 11. START

11.1 The official notice of heat composition shall be posted on the **Heat Board** near the control area. Competitors will also be advised by a hail of the upcoming race and heat number. It is the competitor's responsibility to start in their assigned heat (see SI 5.1). Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will not be grounds for redress.

11.2 Races will be started per E3.2(a).

11.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of a starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting sequence will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes A5.1 and A5.2.

## 12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 The Race Time Limit is **30** minutes.

12.2 The Time Out Limit (time after the first boat finishes) is **5** minutes.

12.2.1 If more than four boats are still racing when the Time Out Limit expires, the Time Out Limit shall be extended until only four boats remain.

12.2.2 If four or fewer boats are still racing when the Time Out Limit expires, they shall be scored according to their position in the race when the Time Out Limit expired.

### **13. PROTESTS**

13.1 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing, changing RRS 61.2. They shall be made orally to a member of the race committee within 5 minutes of when the last boat finishes the race/heat in which the incident occurred.

13.2 Protests and requests for redress will be heard immediately following the heat in which the incident occurred OR after the last race of the day using the guidance in Attachment A for expedited hearings.

13.3 Parties to a protest shall be called orally by hailing that the protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witness. No other notice of the hearing will be given. This changes RRS 63.2.

13.4 Decisions of the jury shall be final.

13.5 The protest committee may be in doubt about the meaning of measurement rules. The 'authority responsible' mentioned in RRS 64.3(b) shall be the IOMICA Technical Sub-Committee, its official delegate at the event, or an official measurer of the USA IOM NCA. Competitors and protest committees should follow the procedures of RRS 64.3(b) and (c) carefully for any protest hearing involving measurement rules.

13.6 Race officials and Observers may be called as witnesses.

### **14. MEASUREMENT**

14.1 Boats will be measured on Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am until 11:20am. Once measured and checked in, competitors will be free to use the practice area noted at the site. Course marks may or may not be set up for practice and are weather dependent.

14.2 The Race Committee may at any time request the event Technical Committee Chairman to confirm that a boat complies with the Class Rules in which case it shall inform the competitor who shall present his boat to the Technical Committee.

### **15. COMPETITORS AS OBSERVERS**

15.1 The Race Committee may or may not appoint competitors as observers. All competitors will serve as observers when assigned.

15.2 A competitor assigned to be an observer may request to be excused from this duty by appealing to the Race Committee for health or safety reasons or for immediately required boat repairs. The excused competitor must secure another competitor to serve as an observer in his place and notify the Race Committee.

15.3 A competitor appointed as an observer who fails to undertake this assignment diligently may be protested by the Race Committee.

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### **Attachment A – Guidance for Expedited Hearings**

- Each party will have approximately 1 minute to state their case.
- The judge may question the parties and call witnesses. The parties may not call witnesses but may have the witness available for the judge. This changes RRS 63.6.
- The parties will be excused while the judge determines the facts and bases the decisions on those facts.
- The judge will call back the parties and give them the judge's decision.
- The judge will inform the race committee of all decisions and will determine the penalty for a disqualified boat, which may be either a penalty as calculated as per rule 44.3(c) or as stated in RRS A5.2 or E7.