



USA 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 USA national authority is the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA).

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

1.4 The Corpus Christi Yacht Club 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.

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

1.8. Boats shall sail on the racecourse only when scheduled to race. When this instruction is broken, she may be penalized without a hearing by the PRO, 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, to be determined by the PRO, taken after the starting signal of her next heat, and before she crosses the starting line. This changes E7(b).

2.0 In order to qualify for redress, a boat must:

- a. have been fouled by a "give way" boat who consequently performed a 360 degree penalty turn and acknowledged having fouled the ROW boat
- b. be unable to continue racing competitively
- c. retire prior to reaching the end of the leg of the racecourse after which the incident occurred.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 The Official Notice Board will be situated near the scoring area or online at 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. All courses are Dry Launch & Recovery.

The concrete sea wall may be incrustated with oyster type shells, care should be taken when launching & recovery of their boats. PVC carrier(s) will be available at the launch and recovery areas to assist in boat launch and recovery.

If any skipper needs assistance in getting their boat launched or recovered contact a member of the Race Committee, they will appoint an able-bodied person to assist.

Porta Potty's are provided near the Tent area for your use.

Skippers & Staff are required to clean up as you go and use the provided trash containers.

4.2. This is a saltwater Regatta; the originators have provided a fresh water wash down area adjacent to the rest rooms.

Skippers are encouraged to use this facility and are required to make sure that the hose is:

- 1.) Turned off after use
- 2.) the hose is coiled and out of the walking area.

4.3. CCYC has made their facilities available to all Entries. CCYC does not accept cash for food or beverage services. All skippers are to register at the front desk and provide a valid credit card, you will be issued a temporary guest membership Card with your unique number, provide that card to your servers when ordering food & beverages, your credit card will be charged daily for any usage.

Any actions or language that is deemed as inappropriate will result in (those) individual(s) being asked to leave the Clubs facility and future admittance will be prohibited. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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 PRO. 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 50 feet (~15 boat lengths) 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 10.1 or 10.2, 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.

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

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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 shall be made orally to a member of the race committee within 5 minutes of the last boat finishing 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 if the protest outcome will not change promotion/relegation.

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.

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13.6 Race officials and Observers may be called as witnesses.

14. MEASUREMENT

14.1. Measurement days and hours are scheduled to be Tuesday-Wednesday March 29th & 30th in the upstairs "Lani" starting at 08:30 - 12:30 & from 13:00-17:30. For late arrival special time will be on Thursday 31 March starting at 08:00 until 09:45

There will be a signup sheet(s) posted on the entry door. Put your Sail Number first and name second on that list. You will then be call in the order listed on the form.

If you have set an appointment, please proceed to Station #1 to begin the measurement process.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN CALLED INTO THE MEASUREMENT AREA, YOUR NOT TO BE IN THE ROOM.

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 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.