



2026 AMYA R8 IOM CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

February 20th – 22nd, 2026
Hosted by the San Diego Argonauts

1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028 RRS), Appendix E for RC Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Class Rules of the USA IOM Class, and these Sailing Instructions.

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 San Diego Argonauts (AMYA #8) is the organizing authority.

1.5 CHANGE TO RULE 90.3(e)

Replace “24 hours” with “10 minutes”.

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Course Board and the San Diego Argonauts website.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10:30am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 3:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time. All competitors will be notified before they take effect. This changes Rule 90.2(c).

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 The race committee will determine the number of races for each day after considering weather, course and equipment conditions.

5. RACING FORMAT

5.1 The current applicable Heat Management System (HMS) will be utilized.

6. COURSE BOARD

6.1 A Course Board will be located in the Control Area adjacent to the Start/Finish portion of the race course. (Rule E3.3). The Course Board will display any changes to the Sailing Instructions and boat assignments for upcoming heats. It is the responsibility of all competitors to regularly check the Board to ensure they are competing in their assigned heat.

6.2 The Course to be sailed will be posted on the Course Board prior to the Warning Signal for each heat.

6.3 The course may be changed only between heats. Any change to the course will be posted on the course board prior to the start of the next heat and will be announced by a sound signal and verbal warning.

7. THE START

7.1 The AMYA two-minute starting sequence will be used. The “Preparatory” signal is defined as when the auditory sequence begins. The “Warning” signal is defined as when the two-minute countdown begins. This changes Rule E3.4(a).

7.2 The Starting Line will consist of an imaginary line tangent to the course side of the flotation rings of the two identified starting marks. This changes Rule E3.4(b).

7.3 All boats whose Warning Signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area.

7.4 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes Rule A5.2.

7.5 If any part of a boat’s hull or equipment is On the Course Side (OCS) of the starting line after the preparatory signal, the PRO will attempt to hail that boat. Failure by any member of the race committee to make a hail or a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for a Protest or a request for redress. This changes Rule 61.4(b)(1).

7.6 Control Area: While racing, competitors may control their boats from any convenient location along the shore adjacent to the race course provided they do not interfere with activities of the race committee and stay in sufficiently close proximity to hear hails from other racing skippers and the PRO. This changes Rule E3.1.

7.7 Practice Area: While competitors are racing, a non-racing competitor may launch and practice sail their boat only in a practice area designated by the PRO. A non-racing competitor shall not sail within fifty (50) feet of either a racing competitor or any mark of the race course.

8. HOLDS

8.1 Competitors are expected to maintain their boats in race-ready condition throughout the event. It is the responsibility of each competitor to know when they will be sailing and have their boat rigged and tuned for current conditions and equipped with sufficient batteries.

8.1.1 A boat sailing in consecutive heats may request a Hold to repair a technical problem or breakdown.

8.1.2 The request for a Hold must be made to the PRO Prior to the Warning signal for the next heat.

8.1.3 When a Hold is granted, it will be announced and the Warning Signal will not be sounded until the expiration of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the Hold.

8.1.4 Each boat will be granted no more than one (1) such Hold per racing day.

8.1.5 Competitors may make tuning or other adjustments to their boats during the Hold period.

9. TIME LIMITS

9.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes, the race may be abandoned at the PRO’s discretion.

9.2 If no boat has finished within 30 minutes, the race may be abandoned at the PRO’s discretion.

9.3 The PRO’s watch is official for purposes of signals and time limits.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the two identified finishing marks.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 A boat breaking a Rule in RRS Part 2 shall take a one-turn penalty as set forth in Rule 44.1 as modified by Rule E4.3.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 A competitor protesting another boat pursuant to Rule 60.1 while sailing shall hail the other boat as set forth in Rules E2.1 and E6.3.

12.2 Competitors lodging a protest shall notify the PRO immediately upon finishing or retiring, but no later than the next Warning Signal. This changes Rules 60.3, E6.4 and E6.5.

12.3 Protests will be heard immediately following the heat in which the incident occurred and before the next heat begins. (Rule 63.1(a)(1)).

12.4 As provided by Rule 70.3(b), in a regatta sailed under the Heat Management System (HMS), there shall be no right to appeal a decision of the Protest Committee.

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point Scoring System described in RRS Appendix A shall be used.

13.2 Discards: Each boat's highest score for one (1) race will be discarded after the completion of four (4) races; two (2) races will be discarded after the completion of eight (8) races; three (3) races will be discarded after the completion of sixteen (16) races; and one (1) additional race will be discarded after the completion of each set of eight (8) races thereafter. (HMS 2022 V1 1.6)

14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

14.1 A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

4.2 If any measured equipment is found to have been modified subsequent to its measurement, the boat will be scored DNS for all races occurring prior to the discovery of the modification.

15. AWARDS

Awards will be presented immediately following the final race on Sunday.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, "Decision to Race." All those entering or taking part in this regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. AMYA, the San Diego Argonauts, Regatta Staff and any other parties involved in the organization of this event disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water as a consequence of entering or participating in this regatta.