



Sailing Instructions

Union Sailing Club
Firecracker/Sparkler
July 6th 2008



1) Rules

- i) This regatta governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.

2) Notices To Competitors

- i) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at race check-in area.

3) Changes to Sailing Instructions

- i) Changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 11:00pm on the day of the regatta.

4) Signals Made Ashore

- i) No signals will be made ashore. All signals will be made from the committee boat.

5) Schedule

- i) Registration 7:30 to 9:00 am
- ii) Skippers Meeting 10:00am
- iii) 1st Warning Signal 11:25am
- iv) The warning signal for succeeding races will be as soon practical. The warning signal for the last race of the day will be no later than 5:30pm

6) Fleets and Class Flags

- i) Fleets will consist of no less than 5 boats. Class flags for the various fleets will be determined at the skippers meeting.

7) Handicapping

- i) The Portsmouth Rating System will be used to handicap all boats (except one design fleets).

8) Starts

- i) Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.
- ii) The starting line will be between the RC flag on the RC boat and an orange pin.
- iii) Boats have 5 minutes to start after their class start time. Boats that do not start in this time period will not race and will be scored DNS.
- iv) Boats that are not in their starting sequence shall keep clear of the start/finish line.

9) Finishes

- i) The finish line will be between the RC flag on the committee boat and the orange pin (finishing mark)
- ii) Boats that have finished shall clear the line as soon as is practical

10) Scoring

- i) The Low Point system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used to score the regatta. No scores will be excluded.
- ii) 1 race shall constitute a regatta
- iii) OCS Number of starters plus 1
- iv) DNF Number of finishers plus 1
- v) DNC DNS RAF and DSQ number of racers in the series plus 1

11) Courses and Marks

- i) The course will be displayed on a white dry erase board on board the committee boat. The course will be designated by indicating the order in which marks are to be rounded beginning with the first mark and ending with an F for finish.
- ii) The Start/Finish line may be used as a mark of the course, indicated by the letter G. This mark is a gate and boats will sail between the committee boat and the starting mark.
- iii) All marks will be rounded to port.
- iv) Courses may be shortened at any mark rounding in accordance with Rule 32. Signal Flag S will be displayed.
- v) Race marks are white 30-gallon drums. Each mark is numbered (1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9). Race Committee may also set windward and leeward marks. These marks will be orange pins with flags. Race Committee will display a 'W' for windward and or 'L' leeward on the course board.

12) Penalty System

- i) Two turns penalty shall apply (Rule 44.2)

13) Time Limit

- (1) The time limit for each race will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35 of the RRS.

14) Protests

- i) Boats that wish to protest, must notify Race Committee of the intention to protest as soon as practical.
- ii) Protest forms are available from the Race Committee
- iii) Written protests must be delivered to Race Committee no later than 30 minutes after the committee boat docks.
- iv) Hearings will be scheduled as soon as practical at a mutually agreed upon time and place.
- v) Arbitration will be available to all parties involved in a protest. Protests may be resolved by arbitration if the penalized boat accepts a 20% scoring penalty.
- vi) A full protest committee will hear unresolved arbitrations.
- vii) Appeals of protest committees will be made in accordance with S.A.I.L. procedures.

15) Safety

- i) All boats are required to check in with Race Committee prior to the first race of the day. Check in on starboard tack when the committee boat is displaying the Code L flag.
- ii) A boat that retires from racing shall notify race committee as soon as possible.
- iii) All boats shall comply with Colorado, Longmont and Union Sailing Club safety requirements.
- iv) All boats will carry PFD's for each person on board.