

2017 ODOM NCR

Sailing Instructions

Rules: This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix E of the RRS and these Sailing Instructions.

Team Racing is prohibited. In particular, sacrificing position to disadvantage an opponent is strictly forbidden.

Schedule of Events: Check-in will be at the Race Site on Friday afternoon, September 15th. Entrants are encouraged to participate in practice racing throughout the afternoon.

Friday 2:00-5:00	Practice Racing & Open Sailing
Saturday 09:30	Skipper's Meeting
10:00	Seeding race
10:30	First race start
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 4:30	Racing
Sunday 09:30	Skipper's Meeting
10:00	First race start. No race to start after 2:45
3:30	Awards presentation

Racing Format: Single Fleet or Heat-Managed System. If conditions warrant, the RD may elect to switch between Single Fleet racing and Heat-Managed racing. See Appendix 1.

Courses - Courses to be sailed will be designated orally by the RD. Any unusual configuration or special instructions will be given prior to the starting sequence of that race.

Number of Races - A minimum of 5 races will constitute a complete regatta.

Control Areas - Control Areas will be designated if deemed necessary by the RD. The dock has limited capacity and may provide a competitive advantage (better visibility) and therefore may be designated "off limits" at the discretion of the RD based upon course layout. Shore launching is easy.

Starts - The AMYA two-minute sequence will be used to govern the starts. The RD will call out the sail number of any boat that started early. Failure to call an early starter does not excuse that skipper from starting properly. It is solely a skipper's responsibility for making a proper start whether or not he heard the hail. The Round-an-End Rule, (RRS 30.1), will be in effect for all starts. No "Dip Starts".

Holds - 5 minute holds will be allowed with no more than 2 stacking up at any one time. Each skipper is allowed one 5 minute hold per day. Holds are not shareable between skippers. The RD may initiate additional holds at his discretion.

Safety – Transmitters with telescoping antennas must have adequate protection on the tip.

Scoring - Low Point Scoring (A4.1 and A4.2), as modified by Appendix .1, will be used for this regatta. For each day there will be one throw out for every 7 races sailed.

Redress –To claim 'redress' for an incident, the skipper of the disadvantaged boat (1) must hail protest as per the RRS, and, (2) must notify the RD immediately of intent to request redress. If granted, redress shall be scored as the competitor's average score, before throw outs, for the day of the incident.

Protests - If a skipper feels that he has been fouled by another competitor and wishes to take action, he must follow the procedure in the RRS. A skipper acknowledging a foul should immediately begin to get clear and take action to make his penalty turn and loudly hail the completion of the penalty turn. RRS 61.2 is modified in that the protest need not be in writing.

Penalties - One turn, as described by the RRS (1 tack and 1 jibe) must be taken for breaking a rule of part 2 or for touching a mark. Some marks may be touchable, at the discretion of the RD and will be noted as such. Penalty turns are to be taken as soon as possible, not at the skipper's convenience!

NOTE: The Race Committee requests that skippers attempt to resolve their protests on the water.

Finishing - RD Discretion: If a boat or boats significantly lag the balance of the boats that have finished a heat, the RD may assign finishing positions to these boats. Further, a disabled boat that is still under control and could finish eventually, may, at the discretion of the RD, be assigned a finishing position.

Legal Equipment – In order to promote a fair regatta, the RD, at its discretion, may inspect and measure any boat at any time during the regatta.

Role of the RD – The RD has final authority for calling starts, finishes and fouls if a boat touches a mark of the course. Otherwise, only if called upon, and having witnessed a situation, will the RD attempt to resolve on-the-water questions and protests raised by competitors; the RD and Race Committee members do not serve as umpires.

The Race Director may make any necessary changes to these Sailing Instructions in order to maintain a fair and competitive regatta.