

AMYA Region 6N Championship Regatta
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
September 11 - 13, 2015
Bowman Bay, Anacortes, WA
Sponsored by Deception Pass MYC

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the RULES as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS) as changed by Appendix E of the RRS – Radio Sailing Racing Rules, the Notice of Race (NoR) issued for the event, these Sailing Instructions (SI), the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and the respective International One Metre Class Rules.
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) Appendix E6.6(f) is deleted and replaced with 'an entanglement or grounding because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear'.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be announced near the launching area. Every effort will be made to repeat as needed to ensure everyone is aware of changes.

3. Schedule of Races

	Sept. 11/15	Sept. 12/15	Sept. 13/15
Registration/Practice	11AM at Pier	9:00 AM at Pier	NA
Skippers Meeting	NA	9:45 AM	9:45 AM
First Race/Heat	NA	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Last Race/Heat	NA	4:00 PM	4:00 PM

4. Scoring system

- 4.1 The RRS A4 Low Point System, as modified by the Heat Management System, HMS2014 and these SI's will apply.
- 4.2 With the exception of SCP and ZFP, the scoring abbreviations in RRS A11 will apply. This changes A 11.
- 4.3 For single heat events RRS A4.2 as modified by these sailing instructions shall apply.
- 4.4 For events with more than one heat, the HMS2014 shall apply.
- 4.5 In HMS Multi-heat races, either four or six boat promotion shall apply as announced at the Skippers Meeting and as updated on the Official Notice board.
- 4.6 There will be no maximum number of races. This changes RRS J2.1(9). Six (6) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 4.7 For events with more than one heat, fleet selection for the first race shall be carried out in accordance with HMS 2.1. Seeding shall be based on the AMYA Ranking System; non-ranked entrants shall be seeded in accordance with their most recent known performances.
- 4.8 Withdrawn Boats: Withdrawn boats shall obtain permission from the PRO before returning to race.
- 4.9 Excluded Scores (Discards): Will be in accordance with HMS2013
- 4.10 Breaking of Ties
When boats are tied at the finishing line, RRS A7 will apply. When a tie for finishing place between two or more boats is to be broken, other than at the finishing line, it shall be decided in favour of the boat with the most first places, and when the tie remains, the most second places and so on. When the tie remains, it shall be decided in favour of the best score in the last race in which there was no tie and should the tie still remain, by the toss of a coin or the drawing of lots. This changes RRS A8, which will not apply.

5. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Changes in the S.I.'s for a National Championship Regatta must be approved by the IOM Class Secretary or by an Event Officer, who has been appointed specifically for the event.
- 5.2 Any change to the S.I.'s will be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall be implemented only between races/heats. Two sound signals followed by a verbal announcement shall be made by the Race Officer (PRO) to call attention to the change.

6. Courses

- 6.1 Course descriptions will be announced prior to the start of the start countdown sequence. This changes RRS E3.3 and E3.8(c).
- 6.2 RRS J2.1(4), J2.1(5) and J2.1(6) are deleted. A description of the marks, including starting and finishing marks stating the order and side on which each is to be left shall be announced prior to the start of the start countdown sequence.
- 6.3 Courses can be changed only between heats or races. Any change to the course will be announced and before the next heat a sound signal and a verbal warning will be made to signal the change. During a heat, the PRO may shorten the course to the prearranged option. Shortening of the course will be signaled by two sound signals followed by the hail "shortened course" by the PRO on the leg before the leading boat starts the leg in which she will finish because of shortening. This changes RRS E3.8(c)

7. Launching and Control Area

Skippers are to launch and retrieve their boats from the designated launch area. This changes RRS E3.2. The control area will be designated by the PRO. This changes RRS E3.1. Details of the launch and control areas will be clearly marked and announced during the skippers meeting. This changes RRS E3.4.

8. Launch and Retrieval

- 8.1 A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held on the bank, taken ashore and re-launched at any time during the heat however they shall not be released after the first boat has finished.
- 8.2 A boat that has gone ashore or aground outside the Launching Area, or becomes entangled with another boat or a mark, may be freed and re-launched with help from a rescue boat. This changes RRS E4.2(b)
- 8.3 Only an authorized boat crew, under the direction of the PRO, is to operate the rescue boat.

9. Starting Procedure

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS E3.4 with the warning signal made two (2) minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be as announced prior to the start of the start countdown sequence.
- 9.2 Following one general recall, RRS 30.1 shall apply to the restart of that heat.
- 9.3 Following a second general recall for that same heat, RRS 30.3 shall apply to all subsequent restarts of that heat.

10. Protests

- 10.1 Protests will be accepted in accordance with RRS E6 except that RRS E6.5 (Time Limit) is amended by the inclusion of the following:
- 10.2 A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee no later than two minutes after the last boat finishes and prior to the preparatory signal for the next race, whichever is the lesser. This changes RRS E6.5.
- 10.3 Hearing of Protests. Protests and requests for redress will be held at a time and place determined by the race committee except where HMS applies, when protests and requests for redress will be heard in accordance with HMS 1.4.
- 10.4 The race committee may use IRSA SYRPH, a System for Reducing Protest Hearings. This will apply after the heat and before the related protest hearing that may result from this procedure.
- 10.5 The protest committee will consist of three persons, which may include competitors, competent persons and Regional, National or International Judges. If a *party* to a hearing objects to a competitor being a member of a protest committee, because he is an *interested party*, he may object under rule RRS 63.5.

11. Identification on Sails

Sail numbering shall be in accordance with IOM Class Rules with RRS E.8, In addition, boats measured prior to 1 Jan 2013 and whose sail numbering was compliant with RRS 2009 - 2012 will be considered valid for this event. This changes RRS E.8.

12. RACE OBSERVANCE

12.1 The Race Committee may appoint Race Observers, who may be competitors. The IRBOS system, as specified below, will be used. Any competitor asked to be an observer shall so do. Only in the event of requiring repairs to his/her boat will the competitor be excused for that heat.

13. Conduct

13.1 The AMYA recognizes that major events offer considerable publicity opportunities to the Association and the sport generally. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny and in the event of any behaviour that is in breach of Principles of Sportsmanship and Fair Play, or which may bring the sport into disrepute may result in a protest hearing under RRS 2. Or for extreme breaches, in accordance with RRS 69.1 or:

13.2 The PRO may offer a competitor a two turns on the spot penalty to avoid a protest hearing as in SI 13.1 however the PRO is not obliged to make this offer nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing shall proceed.

13.3 Penalties available to the Protest Committee include exclusion from the race in question, the series, or other action within the Committee's jurisdiction. The Race Officer and all race officials have been directed to record any incidents that will be dealt with to the full extent available to the Committee.

14. Smoking

14.1 Smoking is prohibited within the control area and the sailing area of the pier.

Observance

Observers may be used at this event. The RO and Race Committee should always be considered as Observers. The following is a quick summary of IRBOS - INFRINGEMENT REPORT BY OBSERVER SYSTEM to use as guidance for Observers.

1. Race observers will record all incidents involving contact between boats or between boats and a mark. They will also listen for hails of protest and note the sail number(s) of the boat(s) so hailing.
2. Race observers will report all unresolved incidents, and any failure to sail the course as required by RRS 28 to the race committee at the end of the heat.
3. If an observer sees an incident he/she will promptly hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) involved stating that the boats(s) have just been seen either:
 - a) In contact with a mark or
 - b) In contact with another boat(s).
4. Any boat breaking a rule of the RRS in an incident called by the observer shall be obliged to take a single penalty turn as described in RRS R 44 or face a subsequent protest committee hearing.