

# 2017 COW IOM Regatta

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and as modified by Appendix E, the current applicable Heat Management System (HMS), the Notice of Race (NOR), these Sailing Instructions (SI), the 2016 International One Metre Class Rules, Appendix E, IRSA Addendum Q, 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 Race Organizer's Seattle Model Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

1.5 English is the official language.

1.6 These Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.7 RRS E 1.1 (Definitions): the following is changed to: "A boat is *disabled* while she is unable to continue competitively in the heat".

1.8 RRS 62.1 & E6.6 (Redress) the following is added: "In order to qualify for a redress hearing:  
 ——— i. if the incident occurred on a leg of the course, the boat requesting redress must retire on the leg of the course upon which the incident occurred;  
 ——— ii. or if the incident occurred at the start or within the 4 boat length circle surrounding a mark of the course, the boat requesting redress must retire before entering the 4 boat length circle surrounding the next mark of the course.  
 ——— iii. for the purpose of this rule only, a mark and its offset mark are considered a single mark."

1.9 RRS E4.3(b) (Taking a penalty) is changed to read as follows: "if the boat gained a significant advantage in the heat or race by her breach of a rule despite taking a one turn penalty, her penalty shall be additional turns as required to negate the significant advantage gained."

1.10 Add to RRS E8 (Identification on sails): (g) A boat chartered or loaned for an event may carry national letters and/or a sail number in contravention of RRS E8. Where there is a conflict between sail numbers, the procedures of RRS E8 the NOR shall apply.

1.11 Add to RRS 60.2 (Right to protest): "(d) A Race Committee may protest a competitor who refuses to act diligently as an assigned observer. Penalty may include exclusion from the competitor's next scheduled heat resulting in a DNS for that heat."

1.12 Boats breaking SI 9.2 (Launch Area), SI 9.4 (Finish Line), or SI 10.1 (Practice Area), or SI 10.2 (Non-competitors on the course), may be penalized by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5. Boats will be penalized according to SI 1.13.

1.13 Add to RRS E7 (Penalties): E7(c) require her to take one penalty turn after the starting signal and prior to crossing the starting line for her next race.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 The Official Notice Board will be situated near the scoring area.

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## 3. CONDUCT

3.1 ~~Major~~ **All** 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.

Any behaviour that breeches good manners or sportsmanship or that brings our sport into disrepute may result in a penalty hearing in accordance with RRS 69 (Allegations of gross misconduct) or breach of SI 3.1.

Penalties can include penalty turns (done immediately to avoid a protest hearing), exclusion from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the Committee's jurisdiction.

## 4. SPECIAL VENUE RULES

**4.1 Competitors are reminded to share the walkway with other park visitors.**

## 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~~ **and will be penalized according to SI 1.13.**

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 Organizer.

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 E3.8.c**

## 9. CONTROL AREA AND LAUNCHING AUTHORIZATION

The rules in this section are designed to prevent potential conflicts between boats still racing and boats scheduled for the next heat. They are to be implemented at the discretion of the Race Organizer.

9.1 The **Control Area** is to be specified by the Race Organizer. 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).

~~9.2 The **Launch Area** will be specified by the Race Organizer. Boats may not enter the **Launch Area** until authorized by the Race Committee. 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).~~

~~9.3 Boats entering the **Launch Area** without Race Committee authorization will be penalized by the Race Committee as specified in SI 1.12. The penalty will be one penalty turn to be taken immediately after the starting signal for that boat's next heat.~~

9.4 Boats, having finished the race and completely crossed the **Finish Line**, may not cross back over the **Finish Line** or its extensions and sail back to the starting area without permission by the Finish Judge. ~~Boats violating this without Race Committee authorization will be penalized by the Race Committee as specified in SI 1.12. The penalty may be a warning or will be one penalty turn to be taken immediately after the starting signal for that boat's next heat.~~

## 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 **inside the walkway**.

~~10.2 A non-racing competitor shall not sail within 16 metres (50 feet) 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 this Sailing Instruction the Race Committee may either issue a warning or a penalty as specified in SI 1.12.

## 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. It is the competitor's responsibility to start in their assigned heat (see SI 5.1). Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will not be grounds for redress.

## 12. RACING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

### Friday, April 28, 2016:

2:00 – 8:00PM      Check-In/[COW Gathering](#) Social: at the home of Bob & Jackie Wells; 5425 Parkwood Lane; Mercer Island, WA 98040. Bob's mobile phone is 206-915-2442.

Yacht Measurement: Jerry Brower and assistants at the Wells home.

6:00PM              Skipper's Meeting: We do this Friday at the Wells home so as not to limit sailing time Saturday.

6:15PM              After the skippers meeting hang around for dinner included in your entry.

### Saturday, April 23, 2016:

8:30 – 9:15AM      Late Registration/Check-In: At the discretion of Regatta Chairman if under the fleet limit. We suggest that you notify the race committee in advance if you need to do this.

9:50AM	Warning for First Start
12:00 –1:00PM	Lunch Break is pending racing progress. We plan to break for 20 minutes for race officers.
4:30PM	Racing Ends for day: Estimated time listed, but last race is at PRO discretion.
6:00PM	No Host Dinner: TBD.

### **Sunday, April 24, 2016:**

9:50AM	Warning for First Start
12:00 –1:00PM	Lunch Break is pending racing progress. We plan to break for 20 minutes for race officers.
3:00PM	Racing Ends: Estimated time listed, but last race is at PRO discretion.
3:30PM	Results & Awards: A brief casual ceremony at the conclusion of racing.

## **13. PROTESTS**

13.1 Protest forms shall be available from the Race Committee.

13.2 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.

13.3 Decisions of the jury shall be final.

~~13.4 The protest committee may be in doubt about the meaning of measurement rules. The 'authority responsible' mentioned in RRS 64.3(b) shall be the IOMICA Technical Sub-Committee, its official delegate at the event, or an official measurer of the USA IOM NCA. Competitors and protest committees should follow the procedures of RRS 64.3(b) and (c) carefully for any protest hearing involving measurement rules.~~

13.5 Race officials and Observers may be called as witnesses.

## **14. MEASUREMENT**

14.1 The Race Committee may at any time request the event Senior Equipment Inspector 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 Senior Equipment Inspector.

## **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.

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