

# DragonFlite 95 Region 8 Travel Series

May 3-4 2025

Bridgeway Lakes Community Park - West Sacramento, CA

Co-hosted by

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## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), as modified by Appendix E – Radio Sailing Rules, the DF95 Class Rules Version 1.4, and by the Sailing Instructions.
- b. These Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.

### 2. Notice to Competitors

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the start-finish line.

### 3. Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	0800-0900	Check in and measurement
	0930	Skippers Meeting
	1000	First warning signal, next races follow immediately
	~1200	Lunch – Hot Dogs and water provided
	1300	Racing resumes
	1430	15-minute break
	1600	No warning signal after this time
	1800	Dinner????
Sunday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Skippers Meeting
	1000	First warning signal, next races follow immediately
	~1200	Lunch – Hot Dogs and water provided

1300	Racing resumes
1500	No warning signal after this time
1600	Trophies

#### **4. SCORING SYSTEM**

- a. The *Low Point Scoring System* in Appendix A4 of the RRS will be used, with the following exception: For each 5 races completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded. This changes RSS A2
- b. Breaking of Ties. When boats are tied at the finishing line, RRS A7 will apply.
- c. When the overall score results in a tie, RRS A8 will apply.

#### **5. Changes in the Sailing Instructions**

- a. Any change to the time of the first race of the day will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.
- b. The Race Director may call a Skipper's Meeting at any time during the racing day to make any announcement which may change these Sailing Instructions

#### **6. Course and Marks**

- a. During the skipper's meeting, the launching area, control area and course marks will be identified.
- b. The course to sail for each race will be verbally announced by the Race Director. A board may be used to diagram out the course.
- c. The start-finish line will not be restricted during the race.
- d. Holding or removing a boat from the water during the start sequence or race.
  - i. Any boat removed from the water during the start sequence or during the race shall be re-launched at a point no further forward than at the point at which it was removed.
  - ii. When boats are re-launched or released during a race or during the final minute of the starting sequence, boats may not be pushed or any other form of propulsion used to get them underway.

#### **7. Launch and Retrieval**

- a. A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held at the dock, taken ashore and re-launched at any time during the heat.
- b. Only authorized boat crew under the direction of the Race Director, is permitted to operate the rescue boat.
- c. The order of rescue of boats or the delay in rescuing/freeing of boats shall not be grounds for redress.

#### **8. TWEAT (Odd/Even) System**

- a. The TWEAT system will be used if more than 20 registrations have been used.
- b. The first race's heats will be determined by random draw. The following splits will be determined by a boat's finishing order in its previous race. If the boat finished in an odd position (1, 3, 5, ...), it will be in heat 1. The even position finishers will be in heat 2.
- c. If the even heat can not be completed, the completed odd heat will be discarded.
- d. As soon as possible after heat 2 is completed, the Race Director (or his deputy) will

announce the sail numbers of the boats to compete in the next race heat 1. The boats not called will race in heat 2.

- e. If you are not in the current heat, keep your boat out of the water or far away from the racing boats.

## **9. Starting Procedure**

- a. Races will be started in accordance with RRS E3.4 with a warning signal made two (2) minutes before the starting signal. If using the TWEAT system, it will be two (2) minutes after the announcement of which boats will be sailing.
- b. The starting line will be as described on the course board. The audio countdown timer will be located on a table located on an extension of the start-finish line.
- c. Boats are racing during the final minute of the countdown.
- d. Competitors may not stand between the starting judge and the start-finish line.
- e. The start line will be on the course edge of the starting buoys.
- f. The "I" flag rule (RRS 30.1) will be in effect for the entire regatta. After the preparatory signal (1 minute), any boat that crosses the start-finish line or is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions, must round one of the start buoys before starting between the start buoys. This precludes dip-starts.
- g. Prior to the preparatory signal, a skipper may ask the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for 5 minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown. Holds for tuning or adjusting sails are not permitted under this rule. When any such delay is granted, it will be announced and the starting countdown will not commence until the expiration of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the delay or a release by the requesting skipper. Only one delay will be made per race. Competitors may only request one hold per day.
- h. If the starter declares a general recall, he will hail this and immediately begin a new starting sequence.

## **10. Time Limits**

- a. The time limit for each race shall be 15 minutes after the finish of the first boat.
  - i. All boats that have not finished after the time limit expires shall be finished on the course.
  - ii. However, when it is possible to determine finish positions, the Starting/Finishing Judge, at his/her discretion, may request that any boat be sailed off of the course so as to allow the next race to commence. Such boat(s) will be given credit for its appropriate finish position.

## **11. The Finish**

- a. The finish line will be between the marks designated on the course board.
- b. The finish line will be the course edge of the buoys as the boats approach the finish.
- c. After finishing, all boats must stay clear of the boats still racing and finishing, taking into account both their physical location and the wind shadow they might cast.
  - i. Boats violating this rule may be assigned a four (4) point penalty at the discretion of the Race Director.
  - ii. Be especially careful if sailing to the dock while boats are still racing and

may be sailing to the finish.

## **12. Protests**

- a. A boat intending to protest another boat shall twice hail, "*Protesting boat's sail number, protests, the offending boat's sail number*" saying each digit as per RRS E2.1. Non-compliant hails will not be considered valid hails. This shall be done as soon as reasonable. If the sail number of the offending boat is not immediately visible, a description of the offending boat (such as "Green boat to windward of three, two, two") shall be substituted in the hail for the offending boat's sail number with the correct hail being given as soon as possible.
- b. Protests will be accepted in accordance with RRS E6, except that RRS E6.5 (Time Limit) is amended by the inclusion of the following: A boat intending to protest shall inform the finish judge no later than two (2) minutes after the last boat finishes. This changes RRS E6.5.
- c. The Race Director may protest a boat racing.
- d. Mark Observers may be used (See RRS E5.1). Observers will only call contact or failure to round on the correct side of a mark. Failure of the Observer to make a hail, or a skipper to hear such a hail, will not be grounds for a request for a redress hearing. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Observers will not discuss any incident or express an opinion regarding an incident until after the race. They will not determine fault or assign penalties.
- e. Skippers are encouraged to resolve an incident amongst themselves without third party resolution.
- f. A Protest Committee, consisting of three people, led by the Race Director or his or her designee, will hear any protest which is not accepted and exonerated on the water. If any committee member is directly involved in the protested situation an alternative member will be selected by the Race Director.
- g. A boat, after a protest hearing, that is judged to have committed an infraction of the rules or to have fouled another boat will be awarded a DSQ.
- h. DSQ's shall be non-discardable.
- i. Protest hearings will take place either immediately after completion of the race in question or at a scheduled break, at the Race Director's discretion.
- j. RRS 61.2 is modified in that the protest need not be in writing.

## **13. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

- a. A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and these Sailing Instructions.

## **14. Race Observance**

- a. The Race Committee may appoint Race Observers, who may be competitors. The IRBOS - Infringement Report by Observer System will be used. Observers will record all incidents of contact between boats, between boats and a mark and missed marks.
- b. They shall promptly hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) involved. Any boat breaking a rule of the RRS in an incident called by an observer shall be obligated to take a penalty turn as described in the RRS R44 or face a subsequent protest hearing. The race observers will report all unresolved incidents and failure to sail

the course as required by RRS 28 to the finish judge at the end of the heat.

**15. Smoking**

- a. Smoking is prohibited within the park.

**16. Conduct**

- a. This event is being held in a public park and as such competitor language and behavior can negatively impact our sport as well as the host clubs' future use of the facility.
- b. Therefore, competitors' language and actions will be under scrutiny. In the event of any behavior that is in breach of Principles of Sportsmanship and Fair Play, or which may bring the sport or sponsoring organizations into disrepute, may result in a protest hearing under RRS 2, or for extreme breaches, in accordance with RRS 69.1.

**17. Awards**

- a. AMYA Red chevrons will be awarded for 1st through 3rd places

**18. Disclaimer of Liability**

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk as per RRS 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.