

Crawfish Cup Regatta

May 24 & 25, 2014

These Sailing Instructions are designed to comply with ISAF - Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013 - 2016, Appendix E - Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. Races are governed by the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by Appendix E, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the Victoria Class effective 2012, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments to these Sailing Instructions.
2. The Notice of Race is considered part of these Sailing Instructions.
3. Race schedule: Sat. 10:15 – Sun. 09:30.
4. The course:
 - a) The course will have a starting line in the middle, windward, leeward, windward, and leeward legs, then finishing line in the middle.
 - b) The course as well as the starting and finishing line will be as described, unless changed by the Race Director (RD) or designate during the event. Any changes will be displayed on the course board.
 - c) The starting and finishing lines shall be tangential to, and on the course side of, the starting and finishing marks. (RRS E4.8)
 - d) The marks will be described at skippers meeting.
 - e) The second windward mark will be used as separators to separate the fleet before turning downwind.
 - f) The leeward marks form a gate. Boats have to pass in between the two marks, however either mark can be rounded.
 - g) In the event the RD or designate elects to shorten the course, it will be announced prior to the first boat rounding either the windward or leeward mark before finishing.
 - h) Touching the marks will be at the discretion of the Race Director and will be announced prior to the start of the event.
5. The AMYA two-minute starting tape/cd shall be used to signal the starting sequence.
6. A minimum of 8 races must be completed to constitute an event.
7. A race shall not start after 1630 on Saturday May 24th, and no later than 1400 on Sunday May 25th.
8. No dip-starts allowed.
9. The event will be scored using the low point system. Appendix A2 of the RRS, will be used with the following exceptions:

- a) Throw/out / Discard Races will be as follows:
 - 1 race after 4 races sailed
 - 2 races after 8 races sailed
 - 3 races after 16 races sailed
 - 4 races after 24 races sailed
 - b) Boats will be randomly selected for the first heat races. These scores will count towards the Regatta series of scores.
 - c) HMS will be used to separate the fleet into two heats.
10. RRS E1 is replaced by: 'Boat' means a boat that is radio-controlled by a competitor who is not on board. For 'race' used as a noun outside of this appendix read 'heat' except in A1.3, A1.5, A1.7, A2.1, A2.2, A2.3, A4 & A5. Within this appendix, a race consists of one or more heats, and is completed when the last heat in the race is finished. 'Event' means one or more races. 'Series' means the number of races actually completed within the times specified in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions for one complete event or a number of linked events.
 11. RRS E6.2 is replaced with: "Rule 61.1a) is changed to: 'A boat intending to protest another boat because of an incident that occurs in the racing area shall twice hail "Protest" and the other boat's sail number [as soon as reasonably possible]." (Addition to Appendix E in brackets).
 12. The race committee may amend these Sailing Instructions both orally and in writing. Boats on shore as well as boats on the water may be informed orally of changes to the Sailing Instructions, provided that all boats affected are notified. (RRS 86 applies).
 - a) Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be consistent with the RRS 86 (Instructions shall not alter Definitions, Parts 1, 2, 7, etc.) and RRS 88.2 c (Changes in the Sailing Instructions shall be communicated to each boat before her warning signal).
 - b) Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice/course board.
 13. There will be a 20 minute time limit for each heat. Any boat that has not finished the heat will be scored as DNF.
 14. Prior to the preparatory signal, a boat may ask the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for 5 minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown only if they sailed in the previous heat. A boat may be granted only one such 5-minute 'hold' per day. No two boats may ask for a 5-minute hold consecutively and no competitor may call a 5-minute hold for another competitor.
 15. The Race Director may file a protest. (RRS 60.2 a).
 - a) The Race Director will have the authority to monitor the conduct of the competitors during the Regatta and if he/she so directs, offensive behavior will be grounds for scoring the competitor a DNF for the heat, or to eliminate the competitor from further racing. If so, no appeal will be allowed on this decision.
 16. The RD will assign one competitor as the spokesperson for the rest of the competitors.
 17. The RD will assign three competitors plus an alternate, to be part of the protest committee.
 18. Protests:
 - a) Protests to be minimized in compliance with E.5.3 (a) or E.6.4.

- b) Protests will be heard after the heat in which the incident happened.
- c) Parties to a protest will be granted up to 5 minutes immediately after their heat to record relevant facts.
- d) RRS 61.2 is modified in that the protest need not be in writing.
- e) Decisions made by the protest jury are final with no right of appeal. RRS 70.4 a) applies.

19. Awards: An award ceremony will be held lakeside directly after the last race is complete and the scores are tabulated. Prizes will be awarded to the Top (5) Skippers in the Regatta