

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Farr 40 East Coats Championship

USA Circuit Championship Event # 3

Farr 40 Class / Storm Trysail Club

Annapolis Maryland, USA

May 24 - 27, 2012



1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 (except neither 5.01.1 (a, b, c, f) nor 4.26.4(g) shall apply for this event). In the event of conflict, designer and manufacturers original standards shall prevail.
- 1.3 Remove the second sentence of RRS 30.2 and replace with the following: "If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c)". This changes RRS 30.2.
- 1.4 Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following:
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding mark or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.5 When leaving the dock, boats shall carry a minimum of 1.5 liters of drinkable liquid, up to a maximum of 4 liters, per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 51, except when consumed by a crew member.
- 1.6 In RRS 61.1(a), after the second sentence, add the following words: "The red flag shall have the minimum dimensions of 45cm x 45 cm and shall be displayed vertically from the backstay." This changes RRS 61.1.
- 1.7 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 1.8 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NON-COMPETING CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Will be Geoff Staggs.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the gazebo at the Bert Jabin Yacht Yard
- 3.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF 72 before and during each race. Failure of such communication to be given or received, or the order in which OCS calls are broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress, except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. This changes RRS 62.1.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before they will take effect and shall be approved by the Class representative. Other changes will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day they take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff at Bert Jabin Yacht Yard
- 5.2 The Warning Signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

6. RACING AREA

Races will be held in the Chesapeake Bay off Annapolis.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	First Warning Signal
24 - 27 May	1130 hrs

- 7.2 It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practicable, not to exceed three (3) races on any day, up to a maximum of 10 races for the event. No Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal the Course Number, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to Mark 1.
Course 2: Start - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)
Course 3: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)
Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)
Course 5: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)
Course 6: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)
- 8.2 (a) Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.
(b) In the event Mark 1a is not in place the boats shall round Mark 1 to port
- 8.3 (a) In the event that a Gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing Leeward mark to port.
(b) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
(c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.4 Except for when there is a change of course:
(a) the finish for course 2, 4 and 6 will be to leeward of the Gate; and
(b) the Finish for course 3 and 5 will be to windward of Mark 1.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1,1a, port gate and starboard gate will be orange inflatable buoys
- 9.2 The starting mark, when used, and finishing mark, when used, will be a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 As provided in instruction 12, new marks 1, 1a and gate marks will be the same as the original marks.

10. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin End Boat. In the event that the Pin End Boat is not on station, it will be replaced by a starting mark.

11. FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin End Boat. In the event that the Pin End Boat is not on station, it will be replaced by a finishing mark.
- 11.2 The finishing line may be a shorter length than the starting line.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

When changing the course, the original inflatable buoys will be moved, although they may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. If a change of course is signaled for a windward leg, Mark 1a (the "offset") will also be placed in position and shall be rounded to port. (See also 8.2 (b))

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit shall be 120 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished that race plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is ninety (90) minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of that day.
- 14.2 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room.
- 14.3 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee in consultation with the Class representative, and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 14.6 The Protest time limit for sailor classification is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of Day 1.

15. FLAGS AND DECALS ON BOATS

- 15.1 All materials will be provided to each boat at registration. Signage should be displayed from no later than the close of Registration on 23 May, 2012 until 1800 hours on 27 May, 2012 as noted below.
- 15.2 Backstay flag: It is strongly urged that boats fly the special Farr 40 flag on the backstay at a height of 2m from the working deck from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the boat finishes the last race of the day.

16. PROTEST COMMITTEE OBSERVATION

Members of the Protest Committee will normally observe the racing. If a Protest Committee member witnesses what he or she believes to be an infringement of a Rule of Part 2, Rule 42, or Rule 31, this may be signaled with one long sound signal from a Protest Committee boat.

17. SCORING - Refer NOR 12

18. REGISTRATION - Refer NOR 5

19. MEASUREMENT - Refer NOR 7

20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Refer NOR 17

21. PRIZES - Refer NOR 14

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Refer NOR 19

23. SUPPORT BOATS - Refer NOR 16