

AC Race Week 2014 Sailing Instructions

1) RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. If there is a conflict between the NOR (Notice of Race) and the SI's (Sailing Instructions) the SI's will take precedence.
- 1.2 Any questions in regard to these Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing. The question and answer will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 1.3 For the J-24 fleet no member of the crew shall station any part of his/her torso outside the upper lifeline other than temporarily, notwithstanding the provisions of RRS 49. (This changes RRS 49.2)
- 1.4 For the Melges-24 fleet no member of the crew shall station any part of his/her torso outside the upper lifeline even if the boat does not conform with the provisions of RRS 49 (This changes RRS 49.2 and Melges-24 Class Rules C 7.2(a) 2,3,4,5,6).

2) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the regatta notice board located at the official race committee desk located on the dock in Farley Marina.

3) CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except for any changes in the schedule of races which will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4) SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official race committee flag pole located on the roof of the main marina entrance to Farley Marina..
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes in the Race Signals "AP".'
- 4.3 When flag "L" is displayed ashore, to alert sailors that important message or notices are posted.

5) SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 One race may constitute the series. Five (5) races are planned.

Saturday, July, 19 first warning 1100

Sunday, July, 20 first warning 1000

Multiple races planned daily

6) CLASS FLAGS

Class Flag

Signal boat displays

CIRCLE 1

Melges-24
PHRF Spinnaker

"1"
"2"

Class Flag # "1"
Class Flag # "2"

CIRCLE 2

PHRF Non-Spinnaker A
PHRF Non-Spinnaker B
J- 24

"1"
"2"
"3"

Class Flag # "1"
Class Flag # "2 "
Class Flag # "3"

CIRCLE 3

Laser Full, Radial, & 4.7

"1"

Class Flag # "1"

7) RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Melges-24 & PHRF Spinnaker will race on Circle "1"
- 7.2 PHRF Non-spinnaker "A" & "B" and J 24 will race on Circle "2"
- 7.3 Exhibit "1" shows location of racing areas.
- 7.4 Course for Lasers will be North of AC buoy "1"

8) THE COURSES – ALL CLASSES

- 8.1 Courses to be used for each race shall be selected by the race committee from those outlined on the course diagrams.
- 8.2 Courses for PHRF Spinnaker, M24 and J-24 will be windward-leeward and designated by "W#" where the # indicates the number of legs to be sailed.
- 8.3 Courses for PHRF Non-Spinnaker will be a triangle then windward-leeward and designated by "TW#" where the # indicates the number of windward-leeward legs to be sailed. (See course diagram)
- 8.4 Courses for Laser fleet will be windward-leeward "W"# where the # indicates the # of legs.
- 8.5 The course designation will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before or with the warning signal.
- 8.6 The approximate compass bearing & distance to the first windward mark of the course will be displayed from the race committee signal boat.
- 8.7 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start in a scheduled race shall notify race committee on station or on the designated VHF channel.

9) MARKS

- 9.1 Inflatable marks will be used on all courses.
- 9.2 Change marks will be different from the original marks.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable marks.

10) START

- 10.1 Before the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hail her class and sail number.
- 10.2 Order of start May be as listed below but is subject to change of order

Circle "1"

- 1) Melges-24.....Class Flag # "1"
- 2) PHRF Spinnaker.....Class Flag # "2"

Circle "2"

- 1) PHRF Non-spinnaker A.....Class Flag # "1"
- 2) PHRF Non-Spinnaker B Class Flag # "2"
- 3) J 24.....Class Flag # "3"

Circle "3"

- 1) Laser Full, Radial, & Laser 4.7.....Class Flag # "1"

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- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end of the line and a buoy on the port end.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" This changes RRS A4.2.
- 10.6 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each premature starter over their respective fleet VHF channel or loud hailer. Failure to make such an announcement, nor the timing or order of any announcement, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11) PENALTIES

11.1 For all fleets RRS 44.1 is changed so that "Two-turn Penalty" is replaced by "One-turn Penalty" (This changes RRS 44.1)

12) TIME LIMITS

12.1 If a boat does not reach the first mark within one hour or the first boat to finish does not finish within two hours, the race shall be abandoned.

12.2 If a yacht is extensively delaying the completion of a race, the race committee may assign an appropriate position for that race. (This changes RRS 35 & A3)

13) PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are available at the protest desk at the official race committee desk. These shall be delivered to the jury desk within the protest time limit which is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day on each of the respective courses.

13.2 Protest hearing alternative:

For a protest involving infringement of a rule of Part 2, a protested boat may before the hearing starts, accept a penalty as in RRS 44.3c rather than proceeding with the protest hearing.

13.3 A boat intending to protest or seek redress is requested to notify and receive acknowledgement from the race committee at the finish line after finishing.

13.4 Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but not later than 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearing. Hearings will be held at the marina in a protest room.

13.5 On the last day of the regatta requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be:

a. Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.

b. No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule RRS 62.2 & RRS 66.

14) SCORING

14.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS A) will apply except that each boat's total score will be the sum of her score for all races. There will be no throw outs this changes (RRS A 2).

15) SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by national, state or local regulations and their class rules.

16) RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 The following channels shall be used for radio communication:

Circle "1" channel 71

Circle "2" channel 72

Circle "3" channel 73

16.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

17) CREW REPLACEMENT

17.1 Any crew substitutions must be requested in writing prior to 900 hrs on the date of the race and approved by the jury.

18) DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH

18.1 Boats observed discharging waste or trash over the side may be protested by the race committee.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for materials damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.