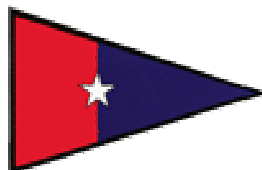


**AMERICAN Y-FLYER YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
2012 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP
3, 4 March 2012
COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES – The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012*, prescriptions of the US Sailing Association and the American Y-Flyer Yacht Racing Association (AYFYRA) By-Laws except as modified in the Notice of Regatta and this Sailing Instruction (SI).

2.0 ENTRY - Competitors declared eligible by the CYFYRA or the AYFYRA may enter boats by completing registration with the organizing authority, local AYFYRA Fleet 16 and Columbia Sailing Club (CSC).

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS – Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in the lobby of the CSC Clubhouse. The Protest Notice Board will be a part of the ONB.

4.0 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS –

4.1 Any change in the SI will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the Competitors Meeting, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.2 Oral changes to the SI will be given on the water from the RC signal boat when the "L" flag ("come with hail") is hoisted with one sound before the next warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The "L" flag will be lowered when all checked in competitors have been hailed. This may be done while reporting to the RC for the start (SI 11.2 Reporting to the RC).

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE -

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CSC yardarm.

5.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES –

6.1 Races will be sailed with no scores excluded (no throw outs). This changes RRS A2. No more than 3 races will be sailed without a shore break.

6.2 Schedule:

Sat., 3 March 0900 Competitors Meeting at the CSC Clubhouse porch.
1000 First race warning of the day followed by more races.
Note: An appropriate lunch break is planned. Follow RC signals.

Sun., 4 March 0855 First race warning of the day.
1200 No starting sequence after this time except for recalls or short postponements.

7.0 CLASS FLAG - A black Y on a **lime green background**.

8.0 RACING AREA - The racing area will be on Lake Murray approximately 1 mile southwest of CSC and west of the Lake Murray Dam Intake Towers.

9.0 COURSES – RC will attempt to set a course length based on wind conditions that will result in a race time for the first boat to finish in ~45 minutes. Courses (SI 21.0) will be displayed at the RC Signal Boat stern.

10.0 MARKS –

10.1 The course marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.

10.2 The starting and finishing line pin mark will be a large red ball.

10.3 New turning marks, as provided in RRS 33, Changing the Next Leg of the Course, will be yellow cylinders.

11.0 THE START –

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the starting line pin described in SI10.2.

11.2 **Reporting to the RC – Before each race** when code flag “L” is displayed on the signal boat all competitors **shall** sail past the RC signal boat on starboard, hail your sail number, and receive acknowledgment to be “ranked as a starter” (RAS). Competitors failing to properly report to the RC will be scored “did not start” (DNS).

11.3 A boat attempting to start more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.2.

11.4 **Recalls** - Following an individual recall, the RC will attempt to announce the sail numbers of all boats on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal or have violated RRS 30.1 “I” Flag Rule. Such announcement is a courtesy and the failure of the RC to make the announcement, the order of the boats in the hail, or failure of a boat to hear or understand the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

12.0 THE FINISH –

12.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat on the starboard end and the finish line pin described in SI 10.2.

12.2 If the course is shortened, the finish line will be between code flag “S” and the nearest rounding mark of the course (RRS 32.2 (a)).

12.3 If the RC intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute at the RC Signal Boat stern while boats are finishing (Appendix L, 12.3).

13.0 TIME LIMIT –

13.1 The racing shall be limited to 1 1/2 hours for the first boat of either fleet to finish.

13.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

13.3 If a boat(s) in or near last place in a race are unduly delaying the start of another race, the RC may terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished in the opinion of the RC based on their position at the time the race is terminated.

14. PROTESTS -

14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the CSC clubhouse and lodged with the Protest Committee's representative located at the ONB within the Protest Time Limit which will begin when the RC Signal Boat docks and will end 30 minutes later. The RC Signal Boat will make a sound signal upon docking. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of posting as soon as possible in the CSC Clubhouse Protest Room.

14.2 Protest notices will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5(b). The time limitations of RRS 62 and 66 are changed so that the time limit for both is the Protest Time Limit of 30 minutes or whichever is later. RRS 67 will be in effect as it applies to RRS 42.

15.0 SCORING - Scoring shall be in accordance with the intent of Appendix A of the AYPYRA By-Laws. This changes related sections of RRS Appendix A.

15.1 Each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all regatta races. No race score will be excluded.

15.2 No limit on number of races completed. In the event of situations which prevent racing, only one completed race is required to constitute the regatta.

15.3 This regatta will have two scoring fleets - Gold and Blue. All competitors will be a part of the Gold Fleet. Both fleets will start at the same time and sail the same race course. The Blue Fleet will compete against all competitors in the regatta but be scored against only other Blue Fleet competitors. Gold or Blue Fleet competition is the choice of the competitor, shall be designated at registration, and shall not be changed after registration closes except as stated in paragraph 18.0 below. Any skipper who has ever finished in the top 10 positions as a skipper at any AYPYRA Senior National Championship Regatta, or has ever won the National Challenger Fleet, or has ever won the Mid Winter Regatta Blue Fleet, shall not participate in the Blue Fleet competition.

15.4 Scoring shall be as follows:

RAS - Rank As Starter. All competitors who shall have checked in with RC Signal Boat before each race are RAS.

Starter – All competitors who start properly.

Finisher - All competitors (Gold and Blue Fleets) who are finished by the RC. Scored as $\frac{3}{4}$ point for first place and point score = finish order of crossing the finish line for all other race finish positions.

TLE – Time Limit Expired. All competitors who start properly but fail to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish in either fleet, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, shall be scored TLE without a hearing. Score = Number of Starters.

DNF - Did Not Finish. A competitor who starts properly but does not finish the race. Scored = Number of Starters

RAF – Retire After Finish. A competitor who requests to retire in lieu of finishing. Scored = Number of Starters

DNS - Did Not Start. A competitor who does not properly check in with the RC on the water before the race or one who ranks as a starter but does not properly start the race. Scored = RAS

OCS – On the Course Side. On the course side of the starting line at the start of the race and not returning to pre race side of the starting line to start properly. Scored = RAS

DSQ - Disqualified by the Protest Committee for infringement of a racing rule. Scored = RAS + 1

DNC - Did Not Compete. Competitor did not RAS. Scored = Regatta registrants.

Breaking of Ties – Ties for a series shall be broken in accordance with Racing Rules of Sailing, RRS, Appendix A Paragraph 8. If a tie still exists, duplicate prizes shall be awarded (RRS, Ap. A, A7).

16.0 SAFETY -

16.1 Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and, by participation, agrees to sail and utilize CSC's facilities at his or her own risk. Neither CSC nor persons assisting with the conduct of races shall be responsible for damage or injury suffered during races or related activities.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the RC before leaving the course area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore via radio contact from the CSC clubhouse.

17.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – Boats may be hauled out and launched throughout the regatta.

18.0 Prizes – Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through third in the regatta for the Gold Fleet and first through second in the Blue Fleet. If a Blue Fleet competitor qualifies for a Gold Fleet prize, he/she shall not also receive a Blue Fleet prize. Lesser finishing Blue Fleet competitors shall then be advanced accordingly. Additional awards may be presented.

19.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY – 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 material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

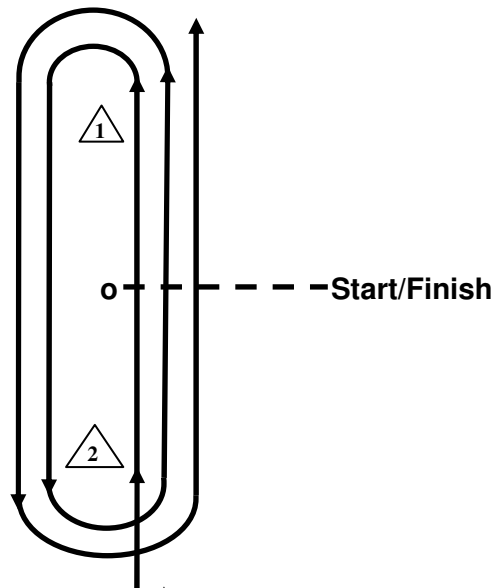
20.0 PRECEDENCE – In the event of a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall have precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

21.0 COURSE DIAGRAMS:

“WL 1”: Start – 1 - 2 – Finish

“WL 2”: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 - Finish

“WL 3”: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 - Finish



“T 1”: Start – 1 - 2 – 3 - Finish

“T 2”: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish

