

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2009 EC-12 National Championship Regatta



1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by Appendix E and these sailing instructions.
2. The regatta will be scored using the EORS or Promotion Relegation system with the Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A. If at least 8 races are sailed, a boat's worst score will be excluded. For every increment of 8 additional races sailed, one additional worst score will be excluded from her overall score.
3. The course and start/finish lines will be selected and set by the Race Director (RD) and will be announced prior to each heat (this modifies Rule 27.1).
4. Audible starting signals shall apply by using the AMYA 2-minute starting tape or a copy thereof (Rules 26 and E3.5). Any boat being touched once the one-minute signal has sounded must be held until after the starting bell. Boats may not be pushed when launching during this time period.
5. The RD may use an offset mark at the Starboard end of the start line to represent a committee boat. Boats shall not sail between the two marks so designated.
6. A boat with any part of her hull or equipment on the course side of the starting line during the one minute period before the starting signal shall be sailed to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting, i.e. no dip starts (Rules 29.1 & 30.1). In addition to the voice hails required by Rule E3.8, individual recalls may be signaled by displaying the Code Flag "X" (this modifies Rules E1.2 and E3.8).
7. With the exception of the start and finish marks, the RD will identify the course marks that may be touched without penalty.
8. A boat hitting a finishing mark will not be scored until the boat has returned to the course side of the line and finished correctly after taking her penalty turn (Rules 31, 44.1 & 44.2).
9. Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.
10. Boats shall keep clear of the finish line after finishing (Rule 23.1). A boat who has finished and interferes with a boat still racing may be assessed a penalty of four points by the RD without a hearing (this modifies Rules 63.1 and 64.1(d)).
11. A single boat remaining on the course may be called and scored last by the RD, provided she started correctly.
12. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31. Rule 44.1(b) is unchanged. (this modifies Rule E4.4).
13. A skipper protesting another boat shall twice hail, "Protest" and the other boat's sail number (Rule 61.1a). Make sure the protested boat knows that she is being protested. The protested boat shall reply that she either accepts the protest or intends to go to a hearing. Boats wishing to exonerate themselves shall sail clear of other boats and complete a One-Turn Penalty as soon after the incident as possible.
14. Boats wishing to lodge a protest shall inform the RD immediately after the end of the relevant heat (Rule 61.3). Protests not settled on the water shall be heard immediately after the heat in which the incident occurred. Skippers involved in a protest will be granted up to 5 minutes immediately after the heat to prepare for the hearing (Rule 63.2).
15. A boat may request redress for entanglement or damage sustained while having right-of-way. A boat awarded redress shall be given an average of her previous (or nearest) five scores, modifying Rule 64.2.
16. A boat that has sustained damage, while having right-of-way, shall be given a maximum of 15 minutes to effect repairs unless she has been disqualified under Rule 14.
17. There will be NO skipper-requested 5-minute holds.
18. Ballast shall not be shifted, shipped, or unshipped during the regatta, modifying Rule 51. This rule does not apply to changing of batteries as long as they are replaced in the same location from which they were removed.