

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2012 EC-12 National Championship Regatta



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by Appendix E, modified AMYA HMS 2007 and the Class Rules of the EC-12 Class.

2 COURSES and MARKS

- 2.1 The Course and start/finish lines will be announced by the Race Director (RD) prior to each heat, modifying Rule 27.1.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 With the exception of the start and finish marks, the RD will identify the course marks that may be touched without penalty, modifying Rule 31.
- 2.4 When a boat is wrongfully compelled by another boat to break rule 31, she shall be exonerated if the other boat acknowledges breaking a rule of part 2 by taking a penalty or retiring immediately. This modifies rules 31 and 64.1.

3 STARTING

- 3.1 Audible starting signals will apply using the AMYA starting tape or a copy thereof, modifying Rules 26 and E3.5.
- 3.2 Any boat being touched after the one-minute preparatory signal shall be held until after the starting signal. Boats may not be pushed when launching after the starting signal.
- 3.3 A boat with any part of her hull or equipment on the course side of the starting line (OCS) during the one minute period prior to the starting signal shall be sailed to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting (i.e. No dip-starts), modifying Rule 30 and Appendix E3.6.
- 3.4 In addition to the voice hails required by Rule E3.8, individual recalls may be signaled by displaying Code Flag "X", modifying Rules E1.2 and E3.8.
- 3.5 Only the RD can call a hold to racing. The RD must be made aware of any hold request before the preparatory one-minute signal. If approved, the hold will be monitored by the RD with a return to racing within five minutes. Only one such hold per heat will be considered.

4 FINISHING

- 4.1 A boat touching a finishing mark will not be scored until she has returned to the course side of the line and finished correctly after taking her penalty turn (Rules 31, 44.1 & 44.2)
- 4.2 Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.
- 4.3 A single boat still sailing the course after all other boats have finished may be hailed and scored last, provided she started correctly.
- 4.4 All 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 given a penalty of four points by the RD without a hearing, modifying Rules 63.1 & 64.1(d).

5 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 5.1 TWO penalty turns (Rule 44.1) will normally apply, modifying Rule E4.4. The RD may reduce the penalty to one turn when conditions warrant. One-Turn penalty will apply for breaking Rule 31 (Touching a mark).

6 PROTESTS

- 6.1 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 all boats and complete TWO penalty turns (or one penalty turn when it applies) as soon after the incident as possible (this modifies Rule E4.4). Boats failure to PROMPTLY sail clear and complete penalty turn, or turns, may result in an additional penalty. (This modifies Rule 44.2)
- 6.2 Boats wishing to lodge a protest shall inform the RD within 2 minutes of 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).

7 REDRESS

- 7.1 A boat may request redress for (Rule 62.1), as amended by Appendix E 5.5(a), while having right-of-way.
- 7.2 A boat awarded redress shall be given an average of her previous (or nearest) five scores not to include the heat that redress was awarded, modifying Rule 64.2.
- 7.3 Redress may be awarded by the Race Committee orally following an incident, without a hearing, modifying Rule 63.1. If an interested party disagrees with the Race Committee's call, that skipper may request a Redress Hearing after finishing the heat, modifying Rule 63.1.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 The regatta will be scored under the EORS or Promotion Relegation method using the Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A and AMYA HMS 2007.
- 8.2 At the end of the regatta one worst score per each 8 races completed shall be excluded, modifying Rule A2.
- 8.3 All heats not finished while racing or having been assessed a penalty, such as DNF, DNS or DSQ, will be scored the number of boats in the Heat assigned +1. A Disqualification for Gross Misconduct or Rule 2 violation cannot be excluded.

Abbreviations:

DNF (Did not finish)

RAF (Retired after finishing)

OCS (Did not start, on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal)

DNS (Did not start, other than DNC and OCS)

DNC (Did not start, did not come to the starting area)

DSQ (Disqualification)

DNE (Disqualification other than DGM, Not excludable under rule 90.3)

DGM (Disqualification for gross misconduct not excludable under rule 90.3)

RDG (Redress given)

9 BALLAST

- 9.1 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 and with batteries of the same size and weight.