

FIRECRACKER REGATTA

Organizing Authority (OA): Savannah Yacht Club July 22,23, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the rule is subject to a discretionary penalty which can be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any changes to the SIs made on shore will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the RC Signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the porch of the Dock House.

3.2 On the water, the race committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate over VHF 71

4. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SYC Mast on the Bluff of the Wilmington River.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 22, 2023

10:00 Coffee, juice

10:30-11:30 Check in

11:30 Competitors Meeting

12:00 Harbor Start

1:00 First Warning Signal

5:30 Dinner SYC Sail Loft

Sunday, July 23, 2023

9:00 Coffee, juice

10:00 Harbor Start

11:00 First Warning Signal

2:00 No warning signal will be made after this time

After racing Awards and Wings at SYC Sail Loft

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Melges 15: White flag with Melges Class Logo

7.2 Sunfish Adult and Junior: Sunfish Class Flag

7.3 Opti: Green Flag

8. LAUNCHES

Gated launch times by class will be posted on the Official Notice Board and announced at the Competitors Meeting.

9. RACING AREA

NOR shows the location of the host club and the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers.

10. COURSES

10.1 The course will be displayed by course letter and/or number on the course board on the signal boat.

10.2 The courses are described in SI Attachment 1.

11. MARKS

11.1 Windward mark for Melges 15, Sunfish Adult and Sunfish Junior will be a green tetrahedron.

11.2 The start mark will be a race committee boat displaying an orange flag on a staff. 11.3 The finish mark will be an orange ball.

11.4 The windward Mark for the Opti fleet will be a yellow tetrahedron.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 The race Committee will make several sound signals shortly before any warning signal that is not at a scheduled time or is not preceded by the lowering of another signal.

12.3 Before the Warning Signal for the first race of each day, all competitors intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number. A boat that competes but fails to check in may at the discretion of the race committee receive a 20% scoring penalty. This modifies Rule 63.1 and A5.

12.4 The starting line is between staff displaying orange flags on RC Signal Vessel at the port end of the line.

12.5 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.6 A boat that does not meet the definition of start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This is added to RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

After the start a change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Boat and the orange finishing ball.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS Appendix V shall apply.

15.2 Appendix P shall apply with "Two-Turns" replaced by "One-Turn"

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 A boat that does not meet the definition of start within five (5) minutes after

her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This is added to RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

16.2 The finishing window is 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the finishing window but not worse than DNF. This is added to RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10. 16.4.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Protest forms will be available at the Dock House near the official notice board.

16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC Signal vessel docks or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17. SCORING

17.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.

17.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3 One race in a fleet is required to be completed to constitute a series for that fleet.

18. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Official at the first reasonable opportunity or a SYC Staff Member promptly after returning to shore. A boat that withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race

shall inform a Race Official as soon as possible.

18.2 The PFD must be worn at all times while on the water except while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

19. Any official or support vessel may assist any competitors in the case of an emergency. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS 19.1 [DP] [NP] Coach vessels shall remain a minimum of 100 yards from the course area except when asked to assist by a race official. All coach and support vessels are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be ready to assist with safety when requested.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash and empty water bottles may be placed aboard support or race official vessels.

21. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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