

# Sailing Instructions

August 2 – 3, 2024



The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 Any change to the sailing instructions 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Prior to August 2nd, all notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on Regatta Network. On and after August 2nd, the race committee will post any changes to the sailing instructions or schedule changes to Regatta Network and on the onsite notice board located outside the downstairs Race Office ("Race Room Notice Board"). Competitors will be notified via the email provided in Regatta Network if any sailing instruction or schedule changes have been posted.

2.2 The race committee intends to communicate on the water with competitors on VHF Channel 68.

2.3 For an on the water change to the sailing instructions: "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel. (This changes RRS Race Signals).

## 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the upper deck.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Friday, August 2nd: The Race Committee intends to set up a practice start line in the Berkeley Circle between 1300 – 1500 and will be communicating on VHF 68. A competitor's briefing will be held downstairs on Friday at 1700.

4.2 A total of six (6) races are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.

4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.

4.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

4.5 On the final race day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

4.6 [DP] Boats shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal of each day. Do not attempt to check in by VHF radio.

## 5. COURSES

5.1 Courses are described below and are illustrated in ADDENDUM #1 – COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS.

### 5.2 COURSE DESIGNATIONS

COURSE #2 – Start, Windward (W + o to port), Downwind finish.

COURSE #3 – Start, Windward (W+ o to port), Leeward, Windward finish.

COURSE #4 – Start, Windward (W + o to port), Leeward, Windward (1 + o to port), Downwind finish.

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## 6. MARKS

- 6.1 Windward mark “W” and “o” will be orange inflatable marks or balls.
- 6.3 Leeward gate marks “Ls” and “Lp” will be yellow inflatable marks. When a leeward gate is employed, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 6.4 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark.
- 6.4 New marks as provided in 10.1 and 10.2 will be red inflatable marks.
- 6.5 Start/Finish mark(s) will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron or orange ball.

## 7. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: -A 200’ circle around Southampton shoal platform.

## 8. THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. The warning signal will be the Melges 24 logo on a white background.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Vessel or the course side of the start mark.
- 8.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

## 9. RECALLS

If any part of a boat’s hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her bow number, sail number, or name of the vessel on VHF channel 68. Failure to make a broadcast, or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress.

## 10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.
- 10.3 The race committee may, without signal, adjust a finish line mark while boats are on the first half of the leg. This changes RRS 33.

## 11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

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## 12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 Time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark W within 25 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35. A4 and A5.

## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located downstairs. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. Protest committee requests that you write legibly and include your cell phone number and email address.
- 13.2 The protest filing time limit and time limit to accept a post-race scoring penalty according to Appendix V is 30 minutes after the signal boat has docked. The time limit will be posted on the Race Room Notice Board.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.5 **[NP]** Boats intending to file a protest shall inform the Signal Boat, including protestee sail or bow number, promptly upon finishing the race.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 **[DP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Any boat leaving the race area or returning to the race area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact

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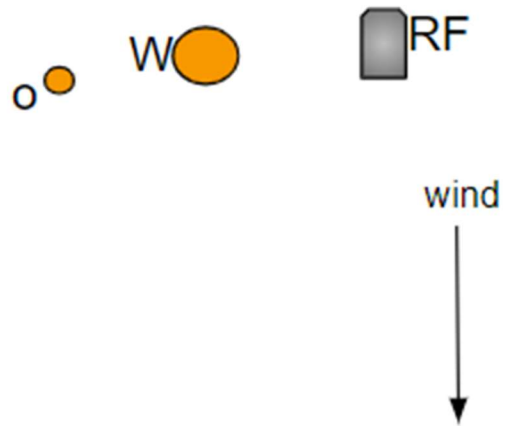
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## ADDENDUM #1 – COURSES ILLUSTRATION

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
2	Start - W - o - Downwind Finish
3	Start - W - o - Ls/Lp - Windward Finish
4	Start - W - Ls/Lp - W - o - Downwind Finish



Mark	Description
W	Windward mark - Orange
o	Offset mark- Orange
Ls	Gate, rounded to starboard
Lp	Gate, rounded to port
P	Orange ball or inflatable
RF	Finish Rib (Course 3 only)

