



Fresno Yacht Club  
Since 1946

Ultimate 20 One Design  
2024 North American Championships  
Huntington Lake California  
July 22 – 25, 2024

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021-2024), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the Ultimate 20 one-design class, except as may be changed herein, the Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. Changes have been made by these Sailing Instructions to the following RRS sections: RRS 29.1 is changed per SI 12, RRS 40 is changed per SI 3.2, RRS Appendix A2 is changed per SI 15.1.
- 1.3. Outboards, spare gasoline or corrective weights are not required but may be carried at the skippers discretion. This modifies the U20 Class Rules ARTICLE OD-VIII: OTHER REQUIRED EQUIPMENT WHILE RACING section A.

**2. SAFETY:**

- 2.1. Each participant is solely responsible for his/her personal safety. However, in circumstances it considers hazardous the Race Committee (RC) and FYC Race Officials may exercise authority to require a boat to accept help.
- 2.2. US Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation is required by the U.S. Forest Service and MUST be worn at all times while racing. A “wet suit” is not adequate flotation. This is a change to RRS 40.
- 2.3. A painter or throw line of adequate length to facilitate towing shall be carried at all.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS:**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the registration tent, adjacent to the launch ramp, prior to 10:30 AM on the day they will take effect.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 68, including courtesy broadcasts.
- 3.3. [DP] [NP] Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the race committee concerning safety, notice of OCS starting and general information to assist in the management of the event. No other electronic communication device shall be used to obtain information to benefit or influence their racing. Communication in any form is permitted to request or provide assistance in an emergency or to inform the race committee that a boat is retiring.

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULE:**

- 4.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted prior to 10:30 AM each scheduled race day.
- 4.2. Any change to the schedule shall be posted by 6 PM the day prior to the change taking effect.
- 4.3. On the water changes are allowed per RRS 90.2 (c).

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sunday 7/21/2024	Registration/Measurement	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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Monday 7/22/2024	Registration/Measurement for late arrivals upon request	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
	Competitors meeting	10:00 a.m.
	First race of the day	Warning 10:55 Start 11:00
	Subsequent races	Minimum of 15 minutes after last boat finishes previous race
	Post race debrief & refreshments	30 minutes after last boat finishes for the day
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Tuesday 7/23/2024	First Race of the day	Warning 10:55 Start 11:00
	Subsequent races	Minumum of 15 minutes after last boat finishes the previous race
	Post race debrief & refreshments	30 minutes after last boat finishes final race for the day
	Regatta Dinner	Cocktails 6:00 Dinner at 6:30
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Wednesday 7/24/2024	First Race of the day	Warning 10:55 Start 11:00
	Subsequent races	Minimum of 15 minutes after last boat finishes the previous race. No race starts after 2:30 PM
	Awards presentation	As soon as possible after last finish/protest hearings

Eight Races are scheduled (3 Monday, 3 Tuesday & 2 Wednesday). The RC reserves the right to amend the number of races on any particular day.

6. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 6.1. Ultimate 20s must comply with Class Rules and inspections must be completed prior to launch. [https://irp.cdn-website.com/06e06258/files/uploaded/u20\\_class\\_rules.pdf](https://irp.cdn-website.com/06e06258/files/uploaded/u20_class_rules.pdf)  
Spot checks of equipment may be requested by race management and/or race officials at the completion of any race without the filing of official protests. Violations of class rules will be subjected to a discretionary penalty to be determined by class officials and race officials.

## 7. COURSES:

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed are described on the Fresno Yacht Club Huntington Lake Race Course Chart" supplied with the registration packet upon check-in.
- 7.2. The course to be sailed will be represented by a number. The number will be displayed upon a board located adjacent to the signal flag mast on shore. The course number board is approximately 4 feet high with a florescent green numeral.

## 8. MARKS:

- 8.1. Marks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & Z are Yellow buoys. S & X are Red buoys. F is a Red ball.

## 9. THE START:

- 9.1. The Race Committee will be on shore (west of the beach area).
- 9.2. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.3. Warning signal flag will be displayed at competitors meeting.
- 9.4. A boat starting more than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without hearing. This changes rule RRS Appendix A5.
- 9.5. The Start Line will be between an inner red buoy "S" approximately 125 feet off shore and an outer red buoy "X" approximately 500 feet from the inner buoy.
- 9.6. The start/finish line is not restricted during racing.

## 10. RECALLS:

- 10.1. When individual recalls are signaled, the Race Committee (at its discretion) may attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats with megaphones and over VHF. Failure of the race committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its sail number will not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly.
- 10.2. When a general recall has been signaled, the RC will attempt to start the class 5 minutes after the recalled start.

## 11. THE FINISH:

- 11.1. The FINISH LINE will be the part of the start line defined by the start line buoy closest to shore and the "F" buoy which will be approximately one third the length of the start line. The "F" Buoy will be a small round orange buoy. The finish line is NOT restricted.
- 11.2. At the RC's discretion, a boat may be finished on course a min. of 15 minutes after the first boat finishes.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM & PROTESTS:

- 12.1. Competitors are encouraged to settle rules infractions on the water and avoid protests.
- 12.2. When a boat has broken 1 or more rules of PART 2 in an incident while racing it may take a one turn penalty. This is a change to Rule 44.1 Taking a Penalty.
- 12.3. In addition to RRS 61, protest forms shall be lodged with the Race Committee at the registration tent not later than 30 minutes after the last boat finished the last race of the day. Protests will be heard at the registration tent immediately following the deadline for filing. Sail numbers of boats involved will be posted at the tent. Failure on the part of any involved party, or their representative, to make an effort to attend the hearing may justify the Protest Committee to decide the outcome without a full hearing.
- 12.4. The RC may opt for a mediation process instead of a protest hearing.

## 13. SCORING:

- 13.1. One race must be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding its worst score if five (5) or more races are completed. This is a change to Appendix A of the Racing Rules.

## 14. NOTIFICATIONS:

- 14.1. Boats that withdraw or do not finish shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. In the event the race committee has left their station, please notify the staff at the registration tent.
- 14.2. The committee may, at their discretion, make courtesy announcements on VHF channel 68, including recalls and announcements of impending starts

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 – Decision to Race – ***The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.*** The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, or any other organization or official) are not responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.