

# 2025 SCYA Midwinter Regatta

**Class:**

**DragonFlite 95**

**El Dorado Park Long Beach, CA**

## **Sailing Instructions**

**Last Updated on 12-11-2024**

### **1. RULES**

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in World Sailing (formerly ISAF)The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028) (RRS), as modified by Appendix E – Radio Sailing Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the DF95 Class Rules, The Notice of Race (NOR) issued for this event, and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- b. These Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.

### **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- a. Notices to competitors will be given verbally to all competitors during the regatta.

### **3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday Feb 16th**

<b>10:00</b>	<b>Check in</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting</b>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Racing begins</b>
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Last Race at PROs discretion</b>

**After racing awards presented as provided by SCYA**

#### **4. SCORING SYSTEM**

- a. The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A4 of the RRS will be used, with the following change:
  - i. There will be one discard for each 5 races completed. This changes RRS A2.
- b. Breaking of Ties.
  - i. When boats are tied at the finishing line, RRS A7 will apply.
  - ii. If there is a tie for the Series, RRS A8 will apply.

#### **5. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Any change to the sailing instructions will be given verbally to all skippers
- b. The RD can call a Skippers' Meeting between any races to announce any changes to these Sailing Instructions.

#### **6. COURSE AND MARKS**

- a. During the skipper's meeting, the launching area, control area and course marks will be identified.
- b. The course to sail for each race will be verbally announced by the Race Director.
- c. The start-finish line will not be restricted during the race.
- d. Holding or removing a boat from the water during the start sequence or race.
  - i. Any boat removed from the water during the start sequence or during the race shall be re-launched at a point no further forward than at the point it at which it was removed.
  - ii. When boats are released during a race or during the final minute of the starting sequence, boats may not be pushed, or any other form of propulsion used to get them underway.

#### **7. LAUNCHING AND CONTROL AREA**

- a. The Control Area will be designated by the RD. This changes RRS 3.1.

#### **8. LAUNCH, RESCUE, AND RETRIEVAL**

- a. A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held at the shore, taken ashore, and re-launched at any time during the race. However, they shall not be released to start after the first boat has finished.
- b. Only authorized boat crew under the direction of the RD is permitted to operate the rescue boat.
- c. The order of rescue of boats, or the delay in rescuing/freeing of boats, shall not be grounds for redress.

#### **9. STARTING PRODEDURE**

- a. Races will be started in accordance with RRS E3.4 with a warning signal made two (2) minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be as described at the Skipper's Meeting. The audio countdown timer will be located near the start line. Boats are racing during the final minute of the countdown.

- b. Unless a hold is requested, the start countdown will begin no sooner than 2 minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race.
- c. Competitors may not stand between the starting judge and the start-finish line.
- d. The "I" flag rule (RRS 30.1) is not in effect for this regatta.
- e. Prior to the preparatory signal, a skipper may ask the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for 5 minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown. Holds for tuning or adjusting sails are not permitted under this rule. When any such delay is granted, it will be announced, and the starting countdown will not commence until the expiration of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the delay or by agreement of all skippers and the RD. Only one delay will be made per race. Competitors may only request one hold per day.
- f. The starting line is between the marks designated at the Skipper's Meeting.
- g. If the starter declares a general recall, he will hail this and immediately begin a new starting sequence.

## **10. TIME LIMITS**

- a. The time limit for each race shall be 45 minutes after the start for the first boat to finish. All boats must finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish. All boats that have not finished after the time limit expires shall be finished on the course in their current position. However, when it is possible to determine finish positions, the Starting/Finishing Judge, at his/her discretion, may request that any boat be sailed off the course so as to allow the next race to commence. Such boat(s) will be given credit for its appropriate finish position.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- a. The finish line will be between the marks designated at the Skipper's Meeting. The finish line will be the course edge of the buoys as the boats approach the finish.
- b. After finishing, all boats must stay clear of the boats still racing and finishing, taking into account both their physical location and the wind shadow they might cast. Boats violating this rule may be assigned a four (4) point penalty at the discretion of the Race Director. Be especially careful if sailing to the starting area while boats are still racing and maybe sailing to the finish.

## **12. PROTESTS**

- a. A boat intending to protest another boat shall twice hail, "Protesting boat's sail number, protests, the offending boat's sail number" saying each digit as per RRS E2.1. Non-compliant hails will not be considered valid hails. This shall be done as soon as reasonable. If the sail number of the offending boat is not immediately visible, a description of the offending boat (such as "Green boat to windward of three, two, two") shall be substituted in the hail for the offending boat's sail number with the correct hail being given as soon as possible.
- b. Protests will be accepted in accordance with RRS E6, except that RRS E6.5 (Time Limit) is amended by the inclusion of the following: A boat intending to protest shall

inform the finish judge no later than two (2) minutes after the last boat finishes. This changes RRS E6.5.

- c. The Race Director may protest a boat racing.
- d. Mark Observers may be used (See RRS E5.1 and Section 14 below). Observers will only call contact between boats. Failure of the Observer to make a hail, or a skipper to hear such a hail, will not be grounds for a request for a redress hearing. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Observers will not discuss any incident or express an opinion regarding an incident with competitors. They will not determine fault or assign penalties.
- e. Skippers are encouraged to resolve an incident amongst themselves without third party resolution.
- f. A boat that is awarded a penalty by the Race Director or accepts a penalty as a result of a protest hail, may exonerate the penalty by taking a full 360-degree turn, including one tack and one jibe (in either order but immediately connected), as soon as reasonably possible, keeping clear of all other boats while doing so. A penalty awarded while racing, including during the start sequence, must be exonerated as soon as reasonably possible.
- g. A Protest Committee, consisting of three people, led by the Race Director or his or her designee, will hear any protest which is not accepted and exonerated on the water. If any committee member is directly involved in the protested situation an alternative member will be selected by the Race Director.
- h. A boat, after a protest hearing, that is judged to have committed an infraction of the rules or to have fouled another boat will be awarded a DSQ.
- i. DSQ's shall not be used as a throw-out.
- j. Protest hearings will take place either immediately after completion of the race in question or at a scheduled break, at the Race Director's discretion.
- k. RRS 61.2 is modified in that the protest need not be in writing.

### **13. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- a. A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and these Sailing Instructions.
- b. Sail numbers will be required only on the main sail for this regatta. This changes Rule 77.

### **14. RACE OBSERVANCE**

- a. The Race Committee may appoint Race Observers, who may be competitors. The IRBOS - Infringement Report by Observer System will be used. Observers will record all incidents of contact between boats, between boats and a mark and boats missing a mark. They shall promptly hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) involved in contact or touching a mark, but not a boat missing a mark. Any boat breaking a rule of the RRS in an incident called by an observer shall be obligated to take a penalty turn as described in the RRS R44 or face a subsequent protest hearing. The race observers will report all unresolved incidents and failure to sail the course as required by RRS 28 to the finish judge at the end of the heat.

## **15. SMOKING**

- a. Smoking is prohibited within the control area.

## **16. CONDUCT**

- a. This event is being held in a public park and as such competitor language and behavior can negatively impact our sport as well as the host clubs' future use of the facility. Therefore, competitors' language and actions will be under scrutiny. In the event of any behavior that is in breach of Principles of Sportsmanship and Fair Play, or which may bring the sport or sponsoring organizations into disrepute, may result in a protest hearing under RRS 2, or for extreme breaches, in accordance with RRS 69.1.

## **17. AWARDS**

- a. SCYA will provide and award trophies.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk as per RRS 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.