

Small Boat Midwinters

Date(s): Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6

Sailing Instructions (SI) including Amendment 1



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1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board and the Regatta Bulletin Board located outside the race office.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it shall take effect. Any change to the schedule of races or fleet course area assignment will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole on the upstairs deck of the clubhouse.

3.2 When flag “AP“ is displayed ashore, the warning signal on the water for the Inside Course will be made not less than 30 Minutes after “AP” is lowered. The warning signal on the water for the Southampton Course will be made no less than 60 minutes after “AP” is lowered.

4.0 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

4.1 Class Flags and First Race starting Order for the Southampton Course will be defined at the Skipper’s Meeting. This information will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board and on the Regatta Website immediately after the Skipper’s Meeting.

4.2 Class Flags and Starting Order for the Inside Course will be posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board and on the Regatta Website prior to 0930 on each race day.

4.3 Class flags will either be a class insignia or letter flag, as described in the Class Flags and Starting Order.

5 THE COURSES

5.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course with a numeral pennant.

5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.3 Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. At a gate mark, in the event of a missing mark, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.

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5.4 The schedule on each day of racing is as follows:

Inside Breakwater Course

Competitor's briefing: None

4-5 races

First Warning: 1100

No warning after ~~1400~~ 1430

Southampton Course

Competitor's briefing: 1030 Upstairs dining room

3-4 races

First Warning: 1200

No warning after 1500

6 MARKS

6.1 **Inside Breakwater course** will use Orange balls. **Southampton Course** will use a combination of Yellow and Red temporary inflatables as well as Orange balls.

7 THE START

7.1 RRS 26 is changed as follows:

When	Meaning	Visual Signal	Sound Signal
3 Minutes to start	Warning Signal	Class Flag	One Signal
2 Minutes to start	Preparatory Signal	Preparatory Flag (P, I, Z, Z with I or U)	One Signal
1 Minute to start	1 Minute to Start	Preparatory Flag removed	One Long Signal
Start	Starting Signal	Class Flag removed	One Signal

7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark. See Attachment A.

7.3 A boat whose warning signal has not been made are requested to avoid the start area during the start sequence for other classes.

7.4 Prior to the first race of the day, each boat shall pass by the stern of the committee boat to hail her sail number for recognition.

7.5 Boats starting more than 5 minutes after their class starts will be scored DNS without a hearing.

8 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

8.1 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.

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8.2 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.

9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. The race committee vessel may be the same as the starting signal boat or a separate finish boat.

10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 The time limit for each fleet race is 45 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her fleet shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, ~~A5.1 and A5.2.~~ and A5.3.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 After rounding the first mark, a boat shall not cross a line between the anchored race committee boat and a nearby anchored start/finish mark unless she is finishing. Such a line is designated as an obstruction.

11.2 The following known hazards in the vicinity of RYC are designated as obstructions:

- Between Day Mark #8 ("pin end of Beercan line") and the Potrero Reach Breakwater.
- 70' from the West and East of Ferry Point (if hazard marks missing, maintain a range between G7 (Killer Green) and G5.
- A 200' circle around Southampton shoal platform.
- 500 feet in all directions from Chevron Long Wharf
- 30' circle around the marks indicating the sunken motor boat in Keller Cove

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office.

12.2 For each Course Area, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat reaches the dock.

12.3 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. Unless otherwise posted, hearings will be held in the club library.

12.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).