



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2008 USODA TEAM TRIALS

May 1-4, 2008

Annapolis, MD, USA

Organizing Authority (OA)

Annapolis Yacht Club in conjunction with the USODA

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS)*.
- 1.2. RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. A boat is therefore required to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area, and shall continue to display it until she has reported her intention to protest.
- 1.3. RRS 61 is changed to require a competitor to inform the measurement boat of its intention to protest, including sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.
- 1.4. SI Addendum P, "Special Procedures for Breaking Rule 42", will apply. This changes the notice of race.
- 1.5. RRS 63.7 is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between the sailing instructions and the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall apply."

2. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2.1. The race committee will divide the fleet into divisions and each boat will be assigned to a division.
- 2.2. The division of the boats will be determined by race committee at random. After division assignments are completed the race committee will provide each boat with a colored streamer corresponding to the color of the division to which she is assigned. Division assignments will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3. While on the water, each boat shall at all times display the colored streamer corresponding to her division assignment attached securely to the sprit loop at the top of the sail, and shall not change the size of her streamer.
- 2.4. For the purposes of the sailing instructions, a "race" is a race between two divisions, and a "set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions compete. For example, if there are four (4) divisions, a "set" would be two (2) scored races in which all divisions have competed in one race.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the water side of the AYC Junior Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0830 on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND LAUNCHING

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the AYC main clubhouse.
- 5.2. When code flag "AP" is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signal "AP."
- 5.3. Launching will be done by division. When one or more division flags are displayed at the entrance to the launching ramp with one sound signal, boats in those divisions may launch and proceed directly to the racing area. Boats whose flag is not flown, shall not launch and shall stay away from the launching area.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Time	What
Thurs/May 1 through Sunday/May 4:	
0830	Coaches and Parents Meeting
0845	Skippers Meeting
1000	First warning signal of the day
Sunday/May 4:	
1400	No warning signal for the first start of a new "set" after this time
After Racing	Awards ceremony with light snack

- 6.1. Fifteen races are scheduled.
- 6.2. The race committee will run as many races as practical each day. Races not completed are added to the following day schedule. Races not completed on Sunday will not be sailed.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Severn River.

8. THE COURSE

SI Addendum 1 illustrates the course, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length and exact configuration will be based on sailing conditions.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting marks shall be the race committee boats at each end of the starting line.
- 9.2. Original rounding marks will be orange cylinders.
- 9.3. Change marks will lime green cylinders.
- 9.4. The finishing marks will be a race committee finish boat at each end of the finish line.

10. RESTRICTED AREAS (see also SI 20 and SI Addendum 1)

- 10.1. The racing area is the space encompassing the course and the starting area. It extends 100 yards beyond any racing boat and marks 1, 2, 3a/3b. Except as permitted by SI 20, only competing boats and official boats (designated as such by the race committee) may enter the racing area while boats are racing.
- 10.2. The waiting area is the area to leeward of the racing area below the starting line. Its windward edge will be marked by at least 2 yellow cylinders and its extensions.
- 10.3. The corridor is a lane between the finish line and the starting line. It will be bounded to windward by the measurement boat anchored near the finishing line, and to leeward by port-hand yellow cylinder marking the waiting area.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting rotation will be as follows:

Race/Set Number	First Start	Second Start
1, 7, 13	Blue, Yellow	Red, White
2, 8, 14	Blue, Red	Yellow, White
3, 9, 15	Red, Yellow	White, Blue
4, 10	Red, White	Blue, Yellow
5, 11	Yellow, White	Blue, Red
6, 12	White, Blue	Red, Yellow

- 11.2. Class flags will be the division flags.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between the staff of an orange flag displayed by a race committee boat at each end of the starting line.
- 11.4. At least one minute prior to the warning signal of a race, the race committee will hoist its orange starting line flags with a sound signal. All boats not in the next start shall proceed immediately to the waiting area and remain there until the race committee flies code flag "F" (red diamond on a white field) or lowers the orange starting line flags.
- 11.5. Shortly after the first start has been made, the race committee will display code flag "F", indicating that boats in the next start may leave the waiting area.
- 11.6. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This instruction changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the staffs on an orange flag displayed by a race committee finish boat at each end of the finish line.

13. RETURN TO THE STARTING AREA

- 13.1. The first ten boats to cross the finish line of each race shall report immediately after finishing to the measurement boat anchored to starboard of the finishing line and displaying the USODA "M" (measurement boat) flag. They shall stay in the vicinity until measured or released by verbal instructions from the measurement boat. No adjustments to the rigging of the boat may be made between the times the boat finishes and this measurement. Boats in doubt as to whether they finished in the top ten (10) finishers should report to the measurement boat. After being measured or released, boats shall promptly return to the leeward side of the waiting area via the corridor shown in SI Addendum 1.
- 13.2. All other boats that have finished shall immediately sail to windward of the race committee finish boats, leave the measurement boat to starboard, and promptly return directly to the leeward side of the starting area via the corridor shown in SI Addendum 1.

14. ON-WATER PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 14.1. On-water protest committee boats will fly code flag "J".
- 14.2. In addition to enforcing RRS 42, the protest committee will be watching to see if boats break a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) or RRS 31 (Touching a Mark). When the protest committee sees a boat break such a rule, it may make one sound signal but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1, the protest committee may protest one or more boats.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat in a race to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This instruction changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protests shall be delivered to the designated protest committee representative in the "Judges' Area" at the AYC Junior Clubhouse no later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will post the time of docking on the official notice board as soon as practical.
- 16.2. The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.

- 16.3. Hearings will be held at the AYC Junior Clubhouse. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This changes RRS 63.3(a). Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Judges' Area.
- 16.4. A list of boats penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted as soon as practical after racing.
- 16.5. Requests for redress relating to possible scoring errors or starting penalties will initially be reviewed by the race committee before being scheduled for hearing by the protest committee. This instruction changes RRS 63.1.
- 16.6. A breach of SI 2.3, 5.3, 11.4, 13, 16.10, 18, 20, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.7. The penalty for the first time a boat breaks any of SI 2.3, 5.3, 11.4, 13, 16.10, 18.1, 18.2, 18.4, 20.3(a), 21, or for failing an on-water measurement inspection for the first time, shall be a ten (10) point scoring penalty. The penalty for subsequent occurrences will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than or greater than DSQ.
- 16.8. On the last day of the regatta a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision before that day, or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.
- 16.9. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.
- 16.10. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete and sign the acknowledgment log at the protest committee desk near the Judges' Area.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. A set is completed when all divisions have completed a scored race.
- 17.3. One completed set shall constitute a regatta.
- 17.4. A boat's scores from races in an incomplete set(s) shall not be counted. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.5. When fewer than six (6) sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to ten (10) sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more sets have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 17.6. RRS 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2 are changed so that the scores are based on the combined number of boats registered in the two largest divisions.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. All sailors shall check-out and check-in with the race committee representative at the entrance to the launching ramp.
- 18.2. A competitor retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat or safety boat before leaving the course, or notify the race committee immediately upon returning to shore.
- 18.3. Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times while on the water except briefly while adding or removing clothing. The penalty for breaking this instruction shall be DSQ.
- 18.4. Each boat must have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

- 19.1. Boats are allowed only one hull, dagger-board, rudder (including tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. Substitution of damaged equipment must be approved by the race committee as soon as practical.
- 19.2. Measurement may be made of boats at anytime during the regatta by the measurement boat or at the direction of the race committee. See also SI 13.

20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOAT REGULATIONS (see also SI 10 and SI Addendum 1)

20.1. General coach and support boat requirements

- (a) Coach boats must fly a flag with a number provided by the race committee at all times while on the water. Coach boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race committee channel when possible, particularly in windy or threatening weather.
- (b) Support boats must fly a flag with a number provided by the race committee at all times while on the water.
- (c) Coach and support boats shall follow the instructions of race committee, safety, protest committee, and race management boats.
- (d) No coach or support boat shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers.

20.2. Restrictions

- (a) All coach and support boats shall stay clear of the racing area at all times while boats are racing, except where permitted in this instruction.
- (b) All coach and support boats shall further stay more than 100 yards away from any racing boat and move slowly and with minimal wake.
- (c) When the race committee hoists its orange starting line flags, all coach and support boats in the starting area shall proceed immediately to the waiting area and shall remain there until race committee lowers the orange starting line flags with a sound signal, except that, after the first start of a set of races, coach and support boats may exit the waiting area to port only (passing marks 3a/3b to starboard). Once the orange starting line flags are lowered after the second race of a set has started, coach and support boats may proceed to the weather mark up either side of the racing area.
- (d) Coach boats (not support boats) may enter the corridor as boats are finishing and briefly talk to sailors provided they stay well clear of any racing sailing boat.

20.3. Penalties

- (a) Competitors shall not be affiliated with any coach or support boat that breaks SI 20.
- (b) Coaches or support boats that break SI 20 may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including exclusion from the venue.

21. ENVIRONMENT

Discharge of trash into the water by competitors, support boats, race committee or protest committee is prohibited.

22. PRIZES

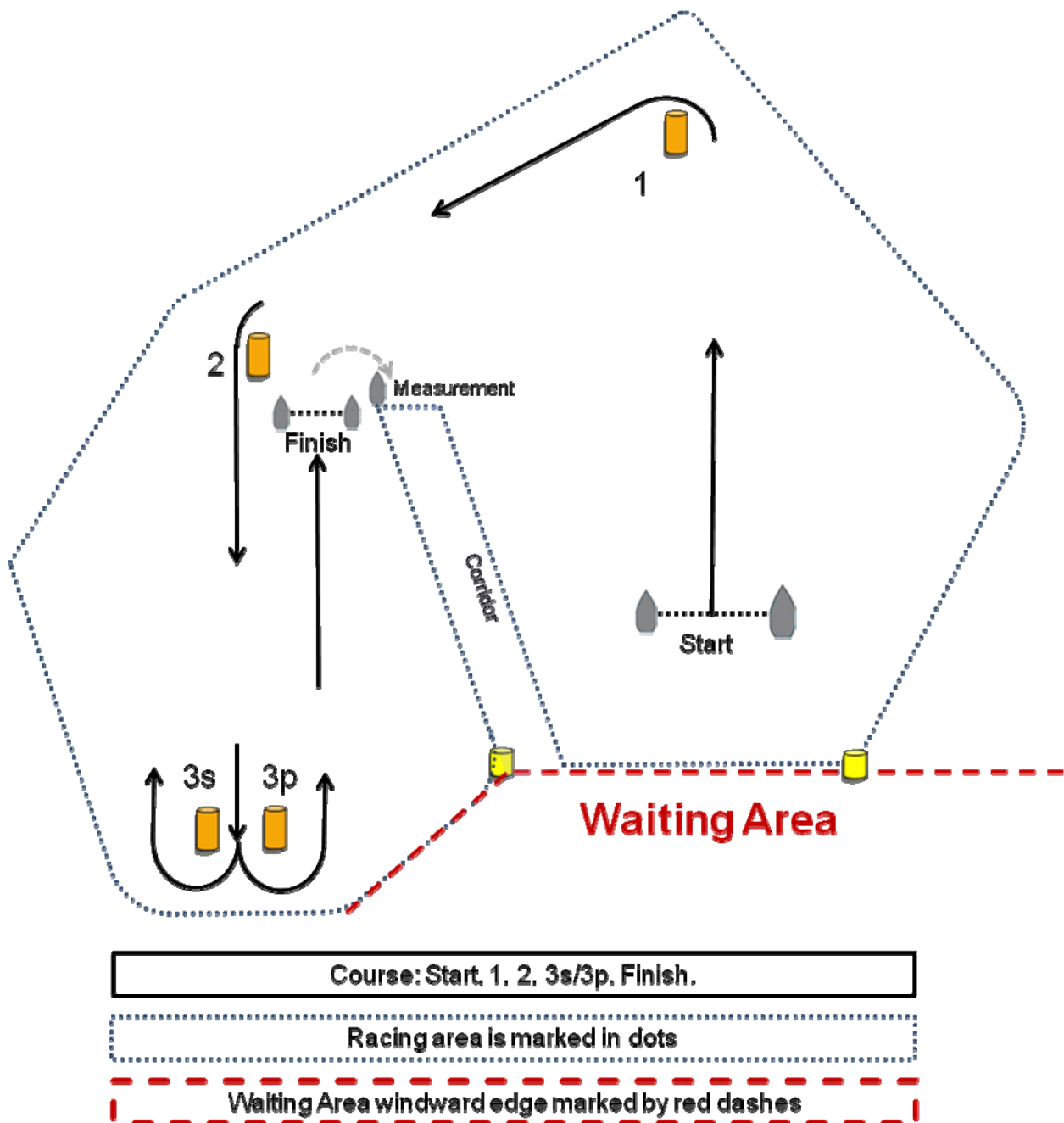
Prizes will be awarded according to the notice of race. Subsequent prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

23.2. The organizing authority and all parties involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, inconvenience or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by the sailing instructions.

SI ADDENDUM 1 - Race Course and Restricted Areas (see also SI 10, 11, 12, and 20)



SI ADDENDUM P, Special Procedures for Breaking Rule 42

P1 SIGNALLING A PENALTY

A member of the protest committee or its designated observer who sees a boat breaking RRS 42 may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer racing. A boat so penalized will not be penalized a second time under RRS 42 for the same incident. This changes RRS 63.1.

P2 PENALTIES

P2.1 First Penalty

When a boat is first penalized under instruction P1 her penalty will be:

- (a) if her penalty is signaled prior to finishing: a two-turns penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing.
- (b) if her penalty is signaled after she finishes: ten (10) points added to her score for that race.

P2.2 Second Penalty

When a boat is penalized a second time during the regatta, her penalty will be to promptly retire from the race. If she fails to take it she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded.

P2.3 Third and Subsequent Penalties

When a boat is penalized a third or subsequent time during the regatta, she shall promptly retire from the race. If she does so her penalty will be disqualification without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. If she fails to do so her penalty will be disqualification without a hearing from all races in the regatta, with no score excluded, and the protest committee will consider calling a hearing under RRS 69.1(a).

P3 POSTPONEMENT, GENERAL RECALL OR ABANDONMENT

If a boat has been penalized under instruction P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled, but it is still counted to determine the number of times she has been penalized during the regatta.

P4 REDRESS LIMITATION

A boat will not be given redress for an action by a member of the protest committee or its designated observer under instruction P1 unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a class RRS. This changes RRS 62.1(a).