



2020 RS21 North American Championship

June 19-21, 2020

Lakewood Yacht Club

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Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation (OA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing *RRS*
- 1.2. Races shall be umpired in accordance with **Attachment 1** of these SI's.
- 1.3. The RS21 Class Association rules will apply.
<https://rs21fleet1.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/RS21-Class-Rules-Provisional-V3-1.pdf>
- 1.4. Any Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines in effect will be strictly followed.
- 1.5. Supplied charter RS21s must adhere to Class Rule C.1.2 regarding supplied equipment, Lakewood Yacht Club Charter Agreement, and specific systems operation per RS21 Fleet Manager.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located by the RS21 dock.

3. SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 18

1200 - 1600 Boat Assignments and Registrant Check In followed by open practice on Clear Lake

Friday, June 19

1000 Skippers Briefing

10:30 Harbor Start

11:00 First Warning Signal

Lunch Served onshore during off-rotation

Post race Drinks and snacks post race

Saturday, June 20

1000 Skippers Briefing

10:30 Harbor Start

11:00 First Warning Signal

Lunch Served onshore during off-rotation

Post race Competitor Dinner

Sunday, June 21

1000 Skippers Briefing

10:30 Harbor Start

11:00 First Warning Signal

Lunch Served onshore during off-rotation

No start after 1430

1600 Awards after racing

4. FORMAT

- 4.1. All competitors will be divided into divisions of nearly equal number with a rotation schedule described below.
- 4.2. The regatta will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Championship Series with Gold and Silver fleets.
- 4.3. Qualifying Series:
- 4.4. Division assignments for the first day will be the decision of the OA. The OA's decision on division assignments will be final and cannot be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.5. Division assignments for the first day will be posted by 2100 hrs on June 17.
- 4.6. Divisions will be reassigned for the second day, except if on the first day fewer than two races are completed by all fleets. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets.
- 4.7. Division assignments for the second day will be based on the results of the preceding day's standings seeded A-B-B-A-A-B-B, etc.
- 4.8. Division assignments for the second day will be posted by 2100 hrs on June 19.
- 4.9. Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 hrs that day regardless of protests or requests of redress not yet decided.
- 4.10. Championship Series:
- 4.11. Competitors will be assigned to Gold and Silver Division for the Championship Series for the final day of racing by their results in the Qualifying Series.
- 4.12. Gold and Silver Divisions will be of equal number if there are an even number of competitors. The Gold fleet will be one greater in number if there are an odd number of competitors.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The fleet will rotate in "Sets" of races with each division completing an equal number of races before rotating boats between divisions. The intention is for a "Set" to consist of three (3) races; this number may be modified by the RC on the water by VHF announcement.
- 5.2. There will be two days of racing in the Qualifying Series. The Championship Series will take place on the last day of the regatta.
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11:00.
- 5.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at LYC Clubhouse flagpole.
- 7.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the race signal AP.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the RS21 flag.

9. RACING AREA
All races will be held on Clear Lake.
10. THE COURSES
The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the race course.
11. MARKS
Mark 1 will be an orange Mark set Bot ; marks 2S/2P, starting and finishing marks will be yellow Mark set Bots.
12. THE START
 - 12.1. Races will be started by using Appendix U
 - 12.2. A boat that does not start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
 - 12.3. 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.
13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
14. THE FINISH
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES
 - 15.1. Time limit is 40 minutes and target time is 20 minutes.
 - 15.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
 - 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 5 min 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.
16. PENALTY SYSTEM
 - 16.1. Races shall be umpired in accordance with Attachment 1 of these SI's.
 - 16.2. RRS Rule 44 is modified to say that any contact could result in both boats being immediately disqualified for that race, potentially for the day and/or potentially for the entire event. [DP]
17. REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND BREAKDOWNS
 - 17.1. Request for redress will be verbal hearing. This will be done as soon as possible after a race or set of races.
 - 17.2. Breakdowns will be signaled by a yellow streamer flown from the starboard shroud. The OA will supply the yellow streamer.
18. SCORING
 - 18.1. The Qualifying series scoring system is as follows:
 - (a) Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a Qualifying series.

- (b) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's Qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When Seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's Qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.2. The Championship series scoring system is as follows:

- (a) All scores will carry over from the Qualifying Series..
- (b) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. Teams may exchange crew members on shore between rotations.

19.2. Report all damaged equipment to the fleet support boat at the first opportunity for repair.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

- (a) Judges: US Sailing Judges flags
- (b) Fleet Support Boats: KO Sailing flag

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

22.2. Teams are required to carry a VHF radio. The RC will communicate with competitors on channel 69.

23. PRIZES

23.1. Prizes will be given to the top three finishers in the Gold Division and the top two finishers in the Silver Division.

23.2. A perpetual North American Champion award will be named with the top finisher in the Gold Division.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

Attachment 1

SEMI DIRECT UMPIRED FLEET RACING

These sailing instructions change rules 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 70.

SU1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Additional changes to rules are made in instructions SU2, SU3, SU4, and SU5.

SU1.1 Changes to Rules of Part 4

Rule 44.1 –Taking a Penalty- is replaced with:

“A boat may take a **voluntary penalty** as follows:

a) one gybe when beating to windward,

b) one tack when sailing any other leg of the course,

when, in an incident while racing, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused serious damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. The penalty shall be taken after getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.”

SU1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

(a) Rule 60.1 is replaced with ‘A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions SU2.1.’

(b) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.

SU2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

SU2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 only if she was involved in or saw the incident. To do so she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire’s decision (this instruction changes rules 60.1 and 61.1)

SU2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction SU2.1 is not entitled to a hearing.

SU2.3 An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty in accordance with instruction SU1.1.

SU3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

SU3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

(a) A green or a green and white flag with one long sound means ‘No penalty.’

(b) A red flag with one long sound means ‘A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.

(c) A black flag with one long sound means ‘A boat is disqualified.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

SU3.2 (a) A boat penalized under instruction SU3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2,

(b) A boat disqualified under instruction SU3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

SU4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

SU4.1 When a boat

(a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,

(b) breaks rule 42,

(c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,

(d) deliberately breaks a rule,

(e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or

(f) fails to comply with instruction SU3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2, each signaled in accordance with instruction SU3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction SU3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction SU4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

SU5 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

SU5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

Attachment 2

Mark Rounding Order
Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - Finish

