



2016 Allstate Sugar Bowl/USODA Midwinter Championship and USODA Spring Team Qualifier November 24-26

*Hosted by Southern Yacht Club (SYC)
Organizing Authority (OA) is SYC in conjunction with USODA*

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by the “USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships,” including the USODA ‘Code of Conduct.’
- 1.2. Rule 61 is changed as follows:
 - (a) The red protest flag required in rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor’s lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before it is needed and after the protested boat has acknowledged her foul. The last sentence of rule 61.1(a) is deleted; sailors may conceal their protest flag after the incident has ended.
 - (b) Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - (c) The following new rule is added to rule 61:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the RC measurement boat anchored beyond and to the right of the finish line of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.

- 1.3. **Appendix P**, "Special Procedures for rule 42," shall apply.
- 1.4. SI breaches for which a discretionary penalty may be applied by the Protest Committee (PC) are designated by “[DP]” – Discretionary Penalty.
- 1.5. SI breaches for which a standard penalty – as stated in the SI, including Addendum 2 – may be applied by the Race Committee (RC), without a hearing, are designated by “[SP]” – Standard Penalty. This includes the Graded Penalty System, Addendum 2.
- 1.6. SI breaches designated by “[SP] [DP]” mean that the Standard Penalty [SP] applies to the initial breach only. Subsequent breaches will be at the discretion of the protest committee – [DP].
- 1.7. The “Graded Penalty System” will apply and is attached as Addendum 2. “Fleet” is defined as the number of registered boats in the largest division. Percentage penalties will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- 1.8. Rule 63.7 is changed such that if there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race (NOR), the SI shall govern.



2. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

2.1. Spring Team Qualifier Series

- (a) The Spring Team Qualifier Series will have a Qualifying Round followed by a Final Round. The Qualifying Round will be used to split the Championship Fleet placing the top 33% into the Gold Fleet and the remainder into the Silver Fleet for the Final Round. There will be three divisions of approximately the same size in the Qualifying Round. Competitors will only sail against competitors in the same division each day. However, in the Final Round there will be only one division in the Gold Fleet and two divisions of approximately the same size in the Silver Fleet.

- 2.2. The process for assigning competitors to divisions is described below for each round, and the duration of each round is described in SI 2.5. Division assignments will be posted on the official notice board.

2.3. Qualifying Round

- (a) Race Format: Boats will race in “Sets” of races where a “Set” is a group of scored races in which all divisions have competed. The RC will endeavor to run complete “Sets” of races each day, and at its discretion may abandon incomplete “Sets”.
- (b) Division Assignment: Assignment to a division for the first day of Qualifying Round racing will be a combination of ‘seeding’ by final standings from the 2016 USODA Team Trials and by random assignment for competitors who did not attend the Team Trials. The following system will be used. Day One: Team Trials final standings seeded 1-2-3-3-2-1, etc. plus random for all others. Day Two: At the end of each day’s racing, competitors will be assigned to divisions for the next day on the basis of the cumulative regatta results as of the posted protest time limit, except that race scores for the current day’s racing will be ‘preliminary’ and will not include the results of protests or redress request (including scoring inquiries). Assignment will be with a system like 1-2-3-3-2-1, etc. If the Qualifying Round is extended beyond two days, Day Three, if necessary, will be seeded based on the same formula for Day Two above. Division assignments will be made at the discretion of the OA and RC whose decision will be final and cannot be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

2.4. Final Round

- (a) Race Format: Gold Fleet (as a single division) will sail races while Silver Fleet will sail “Sets” of races for its two divisions. Boats will race only in their assigned division.
- (b) Division Assignment: Assignment to the Gold and Silver Fleets will be based on a competitor’s cumulative fleet position at the end of the Qualifying Round, including the outcome of all scoring inquiries, requests for redress and protests. Assignment to Silver divisions will be for the entire Final Round, using a sorting system applied to Qualifying Round final standing; 1-2-2-1 and so on for all boats. Silver divisions will be called Silver-A and Silver-B and will be approximately the same size depending on unbroken tie scores. Division assignment will be at the discretion of the OA and RC whose decision will be final and cannot be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).



2.5. Racing Schedule

- (a) There will be three (3) days of racing. Nine (9) “Sets” of races are scheduled for all divisions. The Qualifying Round will begin on the first day of the regatta and will conclude at the end of the day on which the fifth (5th) “Set” of races is completed. This may result in sailing more than five (5) “Sets” of races in the Qualifying Round when the fifth (5th) “Set” is completed early enough in the day and the RC at its discretion decides to run more “Sets”. However, no more than seven (7) “Sets” of races will be sailed in the Qualifying Round. The Final Round will begin on the day after the final day of the Qualifying Round, will conclude on the last day of the regatta, and will be comprised of as many races (Gold) and “Sets” of races (Silver) for each fleet as practical. In the unlikely event that the Qualifying Round is not finished until day three of the regatta, there will be no Final Round.
- (b) If the last race of a “Set” cannot be completed before the end of racing on a given day, that “Set” will be completed first on the succeeding day, using the same division assignment. For succeeding “Sets” on that day, assignments to divisions will be based on cumulative results through the latest completed “Set” as of the Protest Time Limit on the day prior. Competitors should display the colored streamer that is assigned to their new division. On the last day of racing, a boat’s score from races in an incomplete “Set” shall not be counted. This changes rule A2.

- 2.6. [SP] The OA will provide each boat with three colored streamers at regatta check-in. While on the water, each boat shall at all times display the colored streamer corresponding to her daily division assignment. The streamer shall be attached securely to the sprit loop at the top of the sail, and its size shall not be changed.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor Lobby of SYC.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 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 a flag halyard affixed to the “A” frame structure located near the tent in the launching area.
- 5.2. When flag “AP” is displayed, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in Race Signal “AP”. This changes Race Signal “AP.”
- 5.3. [SP] Harbor Start: Boats shall not launch until flag “D” is displayed from the “A” frame with one sound signal.



6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Thursday, November 24

0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast
0815	Coaches' Meeting – Grill (2 nd floor)
0830	Competitors' and Parents' Meeting - Tent
0900	Harbor Start
1000	First Warning Signal
	Racing to follow
	Lunch on the water
1530	No First Warning Signal for a new "Set" of races

Friday, November 25

0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast
0830	Coaches' Meeting – Grill (2 nd floor)
0900	Harbor Start
1000	First Warning Signal
	Racing to follow
	Lunch on the water
After Racing	Competitors Dinner (45-60 minutes after boats are ashore)

Saturday, November 26

0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast
0830	Coaches' Meeting – Grill (2 nd floor)
0900	Harbor Start
1000	First Warning Signal
	Racing to follow
	Lunch on the water
After Racing	Awards Ceremony

- 6.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled. Three (3) races are scheduled for each day of racing. If the regatta becomes behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of five (5) races may be sailed in a single day. If the regatta is on schedule one (1) extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta does not become more than one (1) race ahead of schedule. All such changes must be made in compliance with SI 4, Changes to the Sailing Instructions.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain immediately north of the launching facilities.

8. THE COURSE AND CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 8.1. SI Addendum 1 illustrates the course, including the general configuration of the marks, 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.
- 8.2. If one of the gate marks (mark 3P or 3S) is missing, boats shall round remaining mark 3 to port.
- 8.3. For a change of the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.



9. MARKS

- 9.1. Rounding marks 1, 2, 3P and 3S will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The starting marks will be two RC boats on each end of the start line displaying orange flags.
- 9.3. The finishing marks will be a RC boat displaying an orange flag and an inflatable orange mark, one on each end of the finish line.

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

- 10.1. The **racing area** is the space encompassing the course, the starting area, and the finishing area. It extends 100 yards beyond any racing boat and all marks. Except as permitted by SI 20, only competing boats and official boats (designated as such by the RC) 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 and its extensions to starboard of the starting line will be marked by a series of small balls or marks below the starting line. Coach and support (parent or spectator) boats are to anchor with their anchors at or behind the line formed by the row of balls or small marks.
- 10.3. The **corridor** is the lane to starboard of the finish boat between the finish line and the waiting area inside the race course. Except as permitted by SI 20, only competing boats, coaches, and official boats (designated as such by the RC) may enter the racing area while boats are racing.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 11.2. The starting rotation for a “Set” of races will always be by division in the following order:
Purple, Green, Gold.
- 11.3. Class flags will be the same color as the streamer color of the designated division.
- 11.4. The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a RC signal boat at the starboard end and a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end.
- 11.5. [SP] At least one minute prior to the first warning signal of a “Set” of races, the RC will display 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 RC displays flag "F" or removes the orange starting line flags.
- 11.6. Shortly after the first start of a “Set” has been made, the RC will display flag “F”, indicating that boats in the next start may leave the waiting area.
- 11.7. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 11.8. If flag “U” has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rules 26, 63.1, and A5. When flag “U” is used as the preparatory signal, rule 29.1, Individual Recall, does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a “U” flag penalty is UFD. This changes rule A11.



- 11.9. If flag “I” and/or “Z,” “U” flag, or the black flag has been displayed, **during the minute before** the starting signal, the RC may make general announcements regarding the approximate number of boats on the course side of the starting line, but will **not** hail individual boat numbers. Failure of the RC to make such announcements, or failure of a boat to hear them, shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.
- 11.10. The RC **will not hail** the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or subject to starting penalties under rule 30 or the “U” flag. ‘RC actions’ will be broadcast on **VHF channel 68** after all boats have started. These broadcasts are only a courtesy to coaches and spectators (not competitors) and carry no guarantee of accuracy or completeness. The official list of RC actions will be posted on the notice board.
- 11.11. Any starting penalties from races that are abandoned or recalled after the starting signal and not re-sailed on the same day will not carry over to those races if they are re-sailed on another day in the regatta. This changes rules 30.2 and 30.3.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff or halyard displaying orange flags on the RC finish boat at one end and the course side of an inflatable orange mark at the other end.
- 12.2. Flag “A” displayed (with no sound) while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

13. MEASUREMENT CHECKS AND RETURN TO THE STARTING AREA

- 13.1. **[SP] [DP]** The first 10 boats to cross the finish line of each race shall report immediately after finishing to the measurement boat anchored beyond the finish line and displaying the USODA measurement boat flag (white M on red background). They shall stay in the vicinity of the measurement boat 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 10 finishers should report to the measurement boat. After being measured or released, boats shall promptly return to the waiting area via the corridor shown in SI Addendum 1.
- 13.2. **[SP]** Immediately after finishing all boats shall sail clear of the finishing area, round the buoy marking the top end of the corridor to starboard, and promptly return to the waiting area via the corridor shown in SI Addendum 1, except those boats subject to SI 13.1.

14. ON-WATER PROTEST COMMITTEE (PC)

On-water PC boats will display flag J. A PC member may also be aboard the RC signal boat, and if so, that boat will display flag J.

15. TIME LIMITS

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



16. PROTESTS, SCORING REVIEWS, REDRESS REQUESTS, AND PENALTIES

General

- 16.1. Protest and requests for scoring review forms are available at the protest committee desk located in the second floor lobby outside the protest room. Protests, requests for redress or reopening, and requests for scoring review shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.
- 16.3. The protest notices required by rule 63.2, and the notification of protests by the RC or the PC required by rule 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.
- 16.4. A breach of SI 2.6, 5.3, 11.5, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21 or 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 16.5. Hearings will be held in the protest room located on the second floor of the clubhouse. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This changes rule 63.3(a). Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest committee desk.
- 16.6. In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the PC are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/new-no-appeals-page/> are not met, the decisions of the PC may be appealed.

Redress Requests

- 16.7. Requests for scoring reviews for possible scoring errors are considered requests for redress per rule 62.1. They shall be filed with the PC within the time limit and will initially be reviewed by the RC. If resolved by the RC, no hearing will be scheduled. If not resolved by the RC, the RC will request a hearing and the PC will proceed per rule 63.1. This changes rule 63.1.
- 16.8. If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.9. Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the RC may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.10. Any competitor who may wish to become a party to a scheduled redress hearing should check the daily schedule of protest and redress hearings that the PC will post on the official notice board describing the nature of the redress request and time of the hearing, and submit a written request to participate in the hearing to the PC before the hearing begins. Redress requests that are filed regarding an incident that occurs after the day's protest time will be posted as soon as practical on the official notice board. Competitors who want to become a party to any of these hearings shall submit a written request to the PC 15 minutes prior to the next day's harbor start or, on the last day of the regatta, within 15 minutes of the redress request posting. This changes rules 60.3, US Sailing Prescription.



- 16.11. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 16.12. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

Penalties

- 16.13. A list of boats penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted as soon as practical after racing.
- 16.14. **[DP]** A boat with multiple infractions of SI 18.1, 18.2 or 18.3, Safety Check-Out / Check-In Procedures, may be protested by the RC and the penalty will be at the discretion of the PC, and may be less than or greater than DSQ.
- 16.15. **[DP]** The penalty for subsequent infractions of either on-water measurement or any of the Class Rules or SI cited in the Graded Penalty System, Addendum 2, will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than or greater than DSQ. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
- 16.16. If not specified elsewhere in these SI, the penalty for breaches of SI or Class Rules may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the protest committee. See SI Addendum 2.
- 16.17. **[SP]** A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 shall complete and sign the penalty acknowledgment log at the protest committee desk.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply as revised by these SI.
- 17.2. In the Qualifying Round only complete “Sets” of races will be scored. A boat’s scores from races in incomplete “Sets” of races will not be counted. This changes rules A2 and 90.3(a).
- 17.3. One (1) completed “Set” of races will constitute the Qualifying Round and the Spring Team Qualifier Series. One (1) completed race for the Gold division and one (1) completed “Set” of races for the Silver divisions will constitute the Final Round.
- 17.4. Qualifying Round Scores: When fewer than five (5) “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s final Qualifying Round score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more “Sets” of races have been completed, a boat’s final Qualifying Round score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5. Final Round Scores: A boat’s final Spring Team Qualifier Series score will be the total of all her race scores, including individual Qualifying Round scores and Final Round scores, excluding her worst score if five (5) races have been completed. This means there is only one (1) excluded race over both rounds combined, assuming the five-race threshold has been met.
- 17.6. If no races are completed in the Final Round, then the rankings from the Qualifying Round that were or would have been used to assign boats to the Final Round divisions will be the basis for Final Round prizes.
- 17.7. Spring Team Qualifier Series and Age Group (Red, White & Blue) Series Scores: The combined scores from the Qualifying and Final Rounds will determine the Spring Team Qualifier Series and Age Group Series Scores. Gold Fleet boats will be ranked above Silver Fleet boats. If there is no Final Round, the final Qualifying Round scores will determine these series scores.



- 17.8. Race scores are based on the number of registered boats in the largest division. This changes rules 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2.

18. SAFETY AND CHECK-OUT / CHECK-IN PROCEDURES [SP] [DP]

- 18.1. At regatta check-in, each sailor will be given a safety tag which shall be attached to the competitor's lifejacket and must be with the competitor at all times on the water. Before launching each day, competitors shall have their personal safety tag electronically scanned by a Land Safety committee member indicating their departure to the race course. If a competitor will not be racing that day, he or she shall notify the Land Safety committee. Failure to follow Safety Check-Out procedures will result in the sailor being penalized under SI 16.14.
- 18.2. Immediately upon returning to shore, **but not later than 30 minutes** after the RC signal boat docks, competitors shall have their personal safety tag electronically scanned by a Land Safety committee member indicating their safe return to SYC. Failure to follow Safety Check-In procedures will result in the sailor being penalized under SI 16.14.
- 18.3. A competitor retiring from a race or intending not to start a race shall notify a RC boat or safety boat before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, notify a Land Safety committee representative located in the Junior dock area immediately upon returning to shore.
- 18.4. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its U.S. Sailing prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international sailors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All lifejackets must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 40 and the Part 4 Preamble.
- 18.5. Competitors shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 18.6. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT [SP] [DP]

- 19.1. Boats are allowed only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (including tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. Any request to consider approving equipment substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the RC before the end of protest time limit the day prior to the day for which the substitution is to be made. If changes are required during a day's racing, approval may be made verbally and the written request submitted before that day's protest time limit.
- 19.2. Measurement may be made of boats at any time during the regatta by the measurement boat or at the direction of the RC. See also SI 13 regarding mandatory measurement checks after finishing.

20. COACHING REGULATIONS (see also SI 10 and SI Addendum 1) [SP] [DP]

- 20.1. **Coaches** are expected to be good role models for young sailors and conduct themselves accordingly ashore and on the water.
- 20.2. **Parents** who are on the water either in spectator or coach boats are considered coaches for the purpose of SI 20. Those parents who serve on RC boats (including patrol and safety boats) may be in a unique position to provide information that may create competitive advantage. These



parents may not communicate in any way with their sailors or their coaches from the time the orange line flags are displayed until their sailor has finished his or her race (this shall be referred to as the “No Communication Period”). The only exception to this rule is when directed by the Principal Race Officer (PRO) or they are involved with safety and rescue. During periods of time when communication with coaches and/or sailors is permissible, these parents shall not transfer any strategic or tactical information (including audio or video recordings) gained due to, among other things, their advantageous location on the race course or their access to RC communications, unless such information is made available to all sailors, coaches and other parents/supporters. Communications of a personal nature (e.g., ‘great race’, ‘get something to drink’, ‘go see your coach’, etc.) are always permissible outside the “No Communication Period”.

20.3. General coach and support (parent and spectator) boat requirements

- (a) Coach and support boats shall display a numbered flag provided by the organizing authority at all times while on the water. All coach and support boats shall carry a VHF radio and monitor the RC channel, **VHF 68**.
- (b) No ‘team’ flags, private signal flags, or any object that might be construed as a signal shall be flown from coach or support boats while racing is underway.
- (c) Coach and support boats shall follow the instructions of RC, patrol, safety, protest committee, and race management boats at all times.
- (d) No coach or support boat shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers, or tie up to any fixed fishing gear or fishing floats.

20.4. Restrictions

- (a) All coach and support boats shall stay out of the racing area while boats are racing and at least 100 yards away from any racing boat, and move slowly and **with minimal wake**, except where permitted in this instruction.
- (b) Certain coach boats may be designated as rescue craft by the PRO or Safety Officer and given permission to enter the racing area for the purposes of rescue operations only.
- (c) When the RC hoists (or is displaying) 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 the RC lowers the orange starting line flags, except that, after the first and subsequent start(s) of a “Set” of races, coach and support boats may exit the waiting area and proceed slowly **with minimal wake** to the weather mark, only on the starboard side of the course. The RC may close the starboard side of the course to coach and support boats.
- (d) There shall be no anchoring inside the course or in the vicinity of the finish line.

20.5. Penalties

- (a) Competitors affiliated with any coach, parent, or support boat that breaks SI 20 may break rule 41 even when boats are not racing. This changes rule 41 (outside help).
- (b) Coaches, parents, or support boats that break SI 20 may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including exclusion from the venue.



21. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - EVENT ADVERTISING [DP]

Boats are required to display advertising chosen, supplied, and as instructed by the OA.

22. ENVIRONMENT [DP]

Competitors and coaches are expected to comply with rule 55. Trash may be placed aboard RC boats, support boats and coach boats.

23. PRIZES

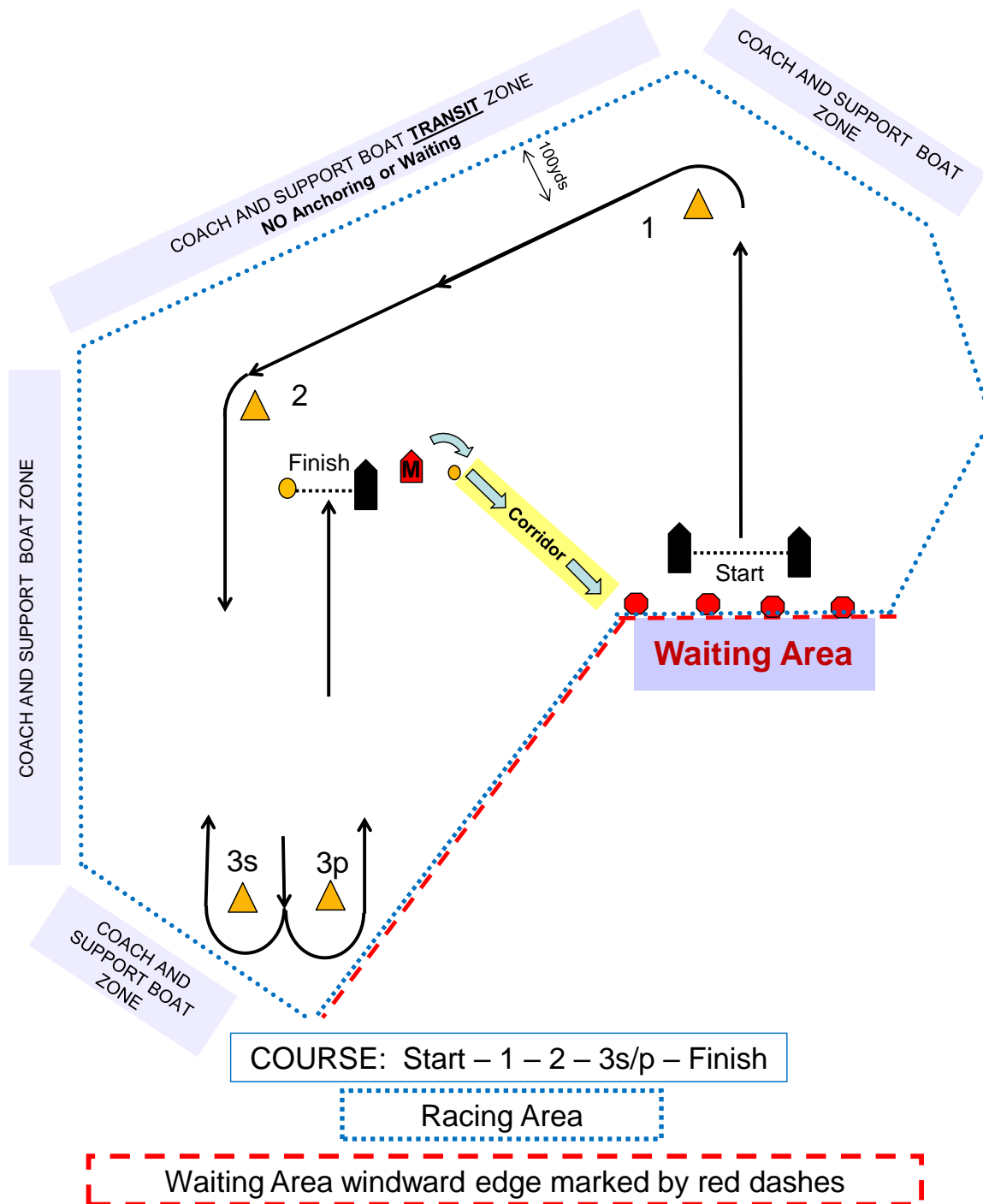
Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NOR. Subsequent prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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. During online registration, all competitors and their parent/guardian checked the USODA Event Waiver box indicating they have read and agree to the USODA Event Waiver.



SI Addendum 1 – Race Course and Restricted Areas



Note: Diagram not to scale. Mark colors and shapes are illustrative only.



SI Addendum 2 – Graded Penalty System

Graded Penalty System – Percentage Penalties rounded up to the next whole number

Penalties apply to the race of infringement; otherwise, to the first race of the day.

Minor technical and SI penalties

Penalty approximately equal to 5% of fleet

- Not displaying the assigned colored division streamer (SI 2.6)
- Launching before 'Harbor Start' signal (SI 5.3)
- Failure to return promptly to waiting area after finishing (SI 13.2)
- Failure to report penalty taken (SI 16.17)

Minor class rule penalties and intermediate SI penalties

Penalty approximately equal to 10% of fleet

- Bailer not attached to hull (CR 4.3)
- Paddle not attached to hull (CR 4.3)
- Daggerboard not attached to hull (CR 3.3.4)
- Painter not attached to mast step (CR 4.3)
- Whistle not attached to personal flotation device (CR 4.2)
- One sail tie 5 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Two sail ties 3 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Accidental loss of sail tie (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Sailing across a race in progress before starting or after finishing (RRS 24.1)
- Out of the waiting area (SI 11.5)
- Failure to report for measurement after finishing (SI 13.1)
- Failing on-water measurement inspection (SI 13.1)
- Failure to comply with Safety Check-Out/Check-In procedures (SI 18.1/18.2)
- Failure to report retirement or DNC (SI 18.3)
- Breaches of SI 20, Coaching Regulations

Intermediate class rule penalties

Penalty approximately equal to 30% of fleet

- No bailer, paddle or painter in boat (CR 4.3)
- No whistle (CR 4.2)
- No lanyard, locking device or other arrangement to attach mast to the hull (CR 3.5.2.11)
- Sail outside limits of bands (CR 3.5.2.7)
- Two ties 5 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Three or more ties 3 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Throat, tack or clew eyelet 3 mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Failure to wear an approved life jacket (SI 18.4)
- Repeated intermediate penalty infringement



Class rule breaches for which the penalty may be 0%

- Class rule 3.2.2.12
- Class rule 3.2.3.2.d
- Class rule 3.3.1.3
- GRP Sheet plan 23 and measurement 58

Major class rule penalties (as per RRS)

Penalty DSQ

- All RRS except as amended
- All SI except as amended
- Use of uninspected equipment
- Use of unapproved fittings
- Repeat of major penalty infringement

Team Racing only

- Minor technical penalty – 0 points
- Minor class rule penalty – 1 points
- Intermediate class rule penalty – 3 points
- Major class rule penalty – 6 points

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