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2018 INTERSCHOLASTIC SAILING ASSOCIATION GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL REGATTA

November 16 – 18, 2018

Southern Yacht Club
New Orleans, Louisiana

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the 2017-2020 Procedural Rules of the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the ISSA in conjunction with SEISA & Southern Yacht Club (SYC).
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).
- 1.4 RRS 61 is changed as follows: A boat shall inform the Race Committee finish boat of his/her intention to protest, including sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.

2. ENTRIES

All entries must be members in good standing of ISSA.

3. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 3.1 Boats will be divided into two fleets for each day of racing.
- 3.2 Boats will be assigned randomly during registration. The green fleet will be composed of the 2018 Zim 420s, and the red fleet will be composed of 2012 420s with Hobie floats on the mast. The green and red fleets will be started separately. The class flag for the green fleet will be green, and the class flag for the red fleet will be red.
- 3.3 At the end of the first day of racing and the hearing of any protests, the teams will be divided into a Gold and Silver fleet. The top half of Green and Red will constitute the Gold Fleet and the rest of the teams will sail in Silver. If there is an odd number of boats in the red and/or green fleets, the team finishing in the middle of its fleet will be included in the gold fleet. The Gold Fleet will use the 2018 boats and the Silver fleet will use the 2012 boats. The gold and silver fleets will be started separately. The class flag for the gold fleet will be yellow, and the class flag for the silver fleet will be white.
- 3.4 Fleet assignments and boat rotation details will be posted on the Notice Board prior to 08:30 each morning for that day's races.

4. BOATS, EQUIPMENT, SUBSTITUTIONS

- 4.1 Club 420s, without trapeze or spinnaker gear, will be chartered from the New Orleans Community Sailing Center or provided by Southern Yacht Club. Teams shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 4.2 ISSA Procedural Rules regarding equipment shall apply. Procedural Rule 7.10 is amended to add that "Teams sailing on boats equipped with through-hull bailers must keep them closed at all time while racing. Hand or scoop bailers and sponges are allowed and are the

responsibility of the team, SYC will not supply bailers. Mainsheets may be rigged with a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.

- 4.3 Competitors shall report any damage to boats and equipment or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee immediately upon completion of the race in which it occurs. The penalty for infringement of this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, may be disqualification of the team or team members from the race or the series at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 4.4 Competitors shall report any problem with the boat they are rotating into after inspection of the boat and prior to leaving the rotation dock to the Rotation Dock Official, who will be introduced at the Competitors Meeting.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Grill on the 2nd floor of the SYC clubhouse.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.
- 6.2 Any changes to the schedule will be posted by 1900 hours the day before.
- 6.3 At the discretion of the Race Committee, oral instructions may be given on the water.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag halyard affixed to the “A” frame structure located near the launching area west of the main club building.
- 7.2 When code flag “AP” is displayed ashore, it means “Races not started are postponed. Do not leave the harbor area.” The time of the next warning signal will be posted on the official notice board prior to lowering AP. This changes Race Signal “AP”.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, November 16, 2018

1300 – 1700 Registration

1400 – 1600 8 club boats will be available for practice after registration/check-in. These will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. If more than 8 teams intend to practice, boats will be assigned in 1-hour periods.

Saturday, November 17, 2018

0830 – Last minute check-in. Rigging of Boats

0900 – Mandatory Competitors Meeting at SYC in the East Dining Room. ***Teams not represented during roll call will be scored DSQ for the first race of that day without a hearing.***

1000 – First Warning Signal. Racing will continue throughout the day.

Sunday, November 18, 2018

0800 – Rigging of Boats

0830 – Mandatory Competitors Meeting at SYC in the East Dining Room. ***Teams not represented during roll call will be scored DSQ for the first race of that day without a hearing.***

0900 – First Warning Signal. Racing will continue throughout the day. Lunch on the water.

1600 -- No race will be started after this time.

9. SAFETY

- 9.1 Competitors shall provide and wear USCG approved personal flotation devices, in good repair, at all times while on the water. Only a team pinnie may be worn on the outside of a lifejacket.

- 9.2 In accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 2.2. Competitors may not protest one another over compliance with this instruction; however, the Race Committee and/or Judges may initiate a protest over compliance.
- 9.3 A boat that retires from a race or intends not to start a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area, or if that is impossible, it shall notify the SYC office and/or on-shore Race Committee immediately upon reaching shore. Failure to report may subject the skipper of the infringing boat to disqualification from either the race or the series.
- 9.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors, who in the opinion of the Committee require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor.
- 9.5 Per PR2.5 – Team Uniform should be worn while sailing (Pinnies) .

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain northeast of the Southern Yacht Club.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Rounding marks #1, #2S and #2P will be orange tetrahedron marks.
- 11.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a spherical orange or red mark.
- 11.3 There will be an offset mark at the Windward mark #1. The offset mark will be an orange or red ball.

12. THE COURSES

- 12.1 All courses will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.7.
- 12.2 The Course diagram with identifying names and numbers in **Addendum 1** show the course, and the order and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 12.3 There is only one course.
- 12.4 The starting and finishing marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing. The gate formed by the start/finish mark and the race committee boat is **closed** to all boats not starting or finishing.
- 12.5 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required (changes RRS 33).
- 12.6 Course is Windward/Leeward once around. Windward mark has an offset and there is a gate at the Leeward mark. The Start/Finish line is Closed for the Downwind leg.

13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.8 and RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix U – Audible Signal Racing System.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the adjacent mark, or as described at the Competitors' meeting.
- 13.3 The Fleet whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 13.4 A boat shall not start later than three (3) minutes after her starting signal. All such boats will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

14. RECALLS

- 14.1 As provided in Appendix U, the Race Committee will verbally hail the hull numbers of those boats identified as OCS. Failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. Flag X will not be displayed.
- 14.2 A general recall will be signaled by verbal hail, multiple sound signals, from the Race Committee boat. The next starting sequence (warning signal) will begin
- 14.3 General Recall - The race committee shall signal a general recall with multiple sounds and the hail of "general recall" and need not display the First Substitute. Following a general recall, the warning for any subsequent start may be initiated at any time. (Changes RRS 29.2)
- 14.4 Per ISSA Procedural Rule 7.8(b), the "round an end" provisions of RRS 30.1 will apply for a start following a general recall. Code flag "I" need not be displayed.

After a general recall, RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(b) (Changes RRS 30.1).

15. ABANDONMENT

In accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.7(d), races will not be shortened, but they may be abandoned. No signals are required. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee.

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the adjacent mark, or as described at the Competitors' meeting.
- 16.2 If a boat is delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, award that boat a finish and score her points equal to last place.

17. ON-WATER PROTEST COMMITTEE

There will be on the water judging. Judge boats will display a US Sailing Judge flag.

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

18.1 General

Protest forms are available at the Regatta Desk located in the Grill. Completed protest and request for redress forms shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

Competitors are encouraged to deliver protests between races if practicable.

- 18.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks or the last boat reaches shore after the last race whichever is longer. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.
- 18.3 The protest notices required by rule 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee 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.
- 18.4 Hearings will be held at the Board Room on the 2nd floor of the club as soon as practical. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain in the vicinity of the Board Room until their hearing is held.
- 18.5 **Redress Requests**
If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP 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 the second sentence of rule 62.2.
- 18.6 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 rules 62.2 and 66.
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

19. BREAKDOWNS

- 19.1 Breakdown points will be awarded using the principles outlined in ISSA Procedural Rule 9(e).

Suggested Language for 19.1: Redress requests for breakdowns shall be filed in the same manner as protests.

Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

- 19.2 If a boat breaks down in a race and cannot be repaired or replaced in time for the subsequent race(s), the school(s) assigned to that boat shall be awarded BYE(s) for the race(s).

20. SCORING

- 20.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 9. All races will be scored; there will be no throw-outs.
- 20.2 Teams failing to attend the Competitors' meetings shall be scored DSQ without a hearing for the first race of the day in which the meeting was not attended. This changes RRS A5.
- 20.3 A minimum of three races will be sailed in green and red fleets to qualify for gold and silver fleets.
- 20.4 Only scores from the gold and silver races will be used to determine finish positions in the gold and silver fleets. A minimum of three races constitute a series in the gold and silver fleets.
- 20.5 In the event that only Qualification Races are completed or that an insufficient number of gold and silver races are completed, the winning teams from the green and red fleets shall be awarded "equal firsts", the next teams shall be awarded "equal seconds", etc.
- 20.6 In accordance with ISSA PR 4.3, Record of Participation (RP Forms) must be completed online by each team in TechScore at **ts.hssailing.org** by the close of protest time at the end of **EACH** regatta, both Qualifying and Championship regattas. [Please note, EACH DAY, the penalty for teams failing to complete the Record of Participation Form within the time limit shall have 20 points added to their total team score by the Regatta Chairperson. (Changes RRS 63.1 and A5) (See also PR 13 and PR Appendix 2 RECORD OF PARTICIPATION FORM)].

21. DAMAGE DEPOSITS

- 21.1 If damage to a boat or boats cannot be attributed to a specific team or teams, the deposits of all teams may be used to cover the cost of repairs with the unused portion being returned to each team.

22. AWARDS

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in the gold fleet and to the top three finishers in the silver fleet. The school name of the top gold finisher will be engraved on the permanent Great Oaks trophies. The Babs and Larry White Perpetual trophy will be awarded for the outstanding performance of a first-time team.

Addendum 1:

