

Sailing Instructions

2021 Region 7 IOM Championship Regatta

Melbourne, Florida

1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the current Applicable Heat Management System (HMS), the Notice of Race (NOR), these Sailing Instructions (SI), the International One Meter Class Rules, and the Equipment Rules of Sailing, with exceptions as listed in this section.
- 1.2 The USA national authority is the Model Yachting Association (AMYA).
- 1.3 The USA IOM National Class Association represented by the 2021 Class Secretary class is the Nation Class Authority.
- 1.4 The Space Coast Model Sailing Club, AMYA #183 is the Organizing Authority.
- 1.5 These Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race. This was announced in the Notice of Race and serves to resolve any conflicts per RRS 63.7
- 1.6 RRS E 1.1 (Definitions): the following is changed to: "A boat is *disabled* while it is unable to continue competitively in the heat".
- 1.7 RRS E4.3(b) (Taking a penalty) is changed to read as follows: "if the boat gained a significant advantage in the heat or race by their breach of a rule despite taking a one turn penalty, their penalty shall be additional turns as required to negate the significant advantage gained".
- 1.8 Add to RRS E8 (Identification on sails): (g) A boat chartered or loaned for an event may carry national letters and/or a sail number in contravention of RRS E8. Where there is a conflict between sail numbers, the procedures of RRS E8 shall apply.
- 1.9 Add to RRS 60.2 (Right to protest): "(d) A Race Committee may protest a competitor who refuses to act diligently as an assigned observer. Penalty may include exclusion from the competitor's next scheduled heat resulting in a DNS for that heat".
- 1.10 Boats breaking SI 9.2 (Launch Area), SI 9.4 (Finish Line), SI 10.1 (Practice Area), or SI 10.2 (Non-competitors on the course), may be penalized by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5. Boats will be penalized according to 1.11.
- 1.11 Add to RRS E7 (Penalties): E7(c) them to take one penalty turn after the starting line for their next race.

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2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be verbally announced by the Principal Race Officer.

3. CONDUCT

- 3.1 Major regattas offer significant public exposure to our sport. Inappropriate competitor behavior can reflect negatively that exposure. All participants are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny, not only by the public, but also by race officials. Kindly behave with dignity and respect.
- 3.2 Any behavior that breeches good manners or sportsmanship or that brings our sport into disrepute may result in a penalty hearing in accordance with RRS 69 (Allegations of gross misconduct) or breach of SI 3.1.
- 3.3 Penalties can include turns (done immediately to avoid a protest hearing), exclusion from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the Committee's jurisdiction.
- 3.4 **COVID Health & Safety Protocols:** Our primary concern is the health and safety of our competitors, race officials, volunteers, guests, and all involved coming together for a national level event. COVID Concerns and Regatta safety practices will obey the CDC guidelines.

4. SPECIAL VENUE RULES

- 4.1 **Heats:** There will be multiple heats (A, B, C, D) based on the number of registrants with each heat not to exceed TBD boats.
- 4.2 **Launch & Recovery Assistance:** Any Skippers who may need assistance for launch or recover of their boat can request assistance from any of the "Race Committee" members. Please request this assistance at least 5 minutes prior to the start of any heat. This **SHALL NOT** be considered coaching or race assistance.
- 4.3 **At Course Amenities:** The organizers will provide beverages at all course locations. It is the user's responsibility to properly deposit the empty containers into the provided trash cans.

5. SCORING

- 5.1 Boats finishing in an incorrect heat will not be allowed to sail in their assigned heat for that race and will be scored DNS for their correct heat.
- 5.2 The current applicable Heat Management System will be utilized.

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6. CHANGES TO THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Any change of the Sailing Instructions shall be verbally communicated to all competitors and shall be implemented only between races.

7. COURSE

- 7.1 The sailing area shall be specified by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 7.2 The course will be displayed on the course board as required by RRS E3.3. Description of the marks, including starting and finishing marks stating the order and side on which each is to be left shall be posted on the course board.

8. CHANGES TO THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course may be changed between heats or races. Any change to the course shall be posted on the course board prior to the start of the next heat or race and shall be preceded by a verbal warning.
- 8.2 During a heat, the race committee may change the position of the next mark that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at the time. This changes RRS E3.8a.

9. CONTROL AREA AND LAUNCHING AUTHORIZATION

- 9.1 The rules in this section are designed to prevent potential conflicts between boats still racing and boats schedule for the next heat. They are to be implemented at the discretion of the PRO.
- 9.2 The Control Area is to be specified by the Race Organizer. Any changes shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall be implemented only between heats. Verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).
- 9.3 The Launch will be specified by the Race Organizer. Boats may not enter the Launch Area until authorized by the Race Committee. Verbal announcements shall be made to call attention the change(s).
- 9.4 Boats entering the Launch Area without Race Committee authorization will be penalized by the Race Committee as specified in SI 1.1.
- 9.5 Boats, having finished the race and completely crossed the Finish Line, may not cross back over the Finish Line or its extensions and sail back to the starting area without permission by the Finish Judge. Boats violating this without Race Committee authorization will be penalized by the Race Committee as specified in SI 1.11.

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10. TRANSMITTERS AND PRACTICE AREA

- 10.1 Unless the Race Committee prohibits their use, competitors not racing may use their transmitters at any time for the purpose of tuning or practice sailing. Competitors may launch and practice sail their boats any time only downwind of the most leeward mark of the course.
- 10.2 A non-racing competitor shall not sail within 30 feet of either a racing competitor or any mark of the racing course.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may announce changes to the permitted practice areas. Verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).
- 10.4 When the Race Committee finds that a competitor has broken this Sailing Instruction the Race Committee may either issue a warning or a penalty as specified in SI 1.11.

11. START

- 11.1 The official notice of heat composition shall be posted on the Heat Board near the control area. Competitors will also be advised by a hail of the upcoming race and heat number. It is the competitor's responsibility to start in their assigned heat (See SI 5.1). Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will not be grounds for redress.

12. PROTEST – Infractions that cannot be settled on the water shall follow these requirements.

- 12.1 Protest forms shall be available from the Race Committee.
- 12.2 Parties to a protest shall be called orally by hailing that the protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witnesses. No other notice of the hearing will be given. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 12.3 Decisions of the jury shall be final.
- 12.4 The protest committee may be in doubt about the meaning of measurement rules. The "authority responsible" mentioned in RRS 64.3(b) shall be the IOMICA Technical Sub-Committee, its official delegate at the event, or an official measurer of the USA IOM NCA. Competitors and protest committees should follow the procedures of RRS 64.3(b) and (c) carefully for any protest hearing involving measurement rules.
- 12.5 Race officials and Observers may be called as witnesses.

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13. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 13.1 The Race Committee may at any time request the event Technical Committee to confirm that a boat complies with the Class Rules in which case it shall inform the competitor who shall present his boat to the Technical Committee Chairman.
- 13.2 All boats can be subject to checks for compliance with the class rules.

14. COMPETITORS AS OBSERVERS

- 14.1 The Race Committee may appoint competitors as observers. All competitors will serve as observers when assigned.
- 14.2 A competitor assigned to be an observer may request to be excused from this duty by appealing to the Race Committee for health or safety reasons or for immediately required boat repairs. The excused competitor must secure another competitor to serve as an observer in his place and notify the Race Committee.
- 14.3 A competitor appointed as an observer who fails to undertake this assignment diligently may be protested by the Race Committee as specified in SI 1.9.

15. APPOINTMENT OF RACE OFFICIALS

US National Authority:	IOM USA NCA – Bob Wells, Class Secretary iom@rcsailing.org
Organizing Authority:	Space Coast Model Sailing Club, AMYA Sanctioned Club #183
Regatta Chair:	David Young
Event Format	HMS Fleet Racing
Race Officials:	PRO: Fred Rocha
Technical Committee:	Steve Landeau