

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2015 EC12 National Championship Regatta



1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by Appendix E, modified AMYA HMS 2007 and the Class Rules of the EC12 Class.

2. COURSES and MARKS

- 2.1 The Course and start/finish lines will be announced by the Race Director (RD) prior to each heat, modifying Rule 27.1 and E3.3.
- 2.2 The RD may use an offset mark at the Starboard end of the start line to represent a committee boat. Boats sailing between the two marks so designated shall be considered to have touched the committee boat (starting mark).
- 2.3 With the exception of the start and finish marks, the RD will identify the course marks that may be touched without penalty, modifying Rule 31.
- 2.4 When a boat is wrongfully compelled by another boat to break rule 31, she shall be exonerated if the other boat acknowledges breaking a rule of part 2 by taking a penalty, retiring immediately or if the protest goes to committee and the other boat is penalized. This modifies rules 31 and 64.1.

3. STARTING

- 3.1 Audible starting signals will apply using the AMYA starting tape or a copy thereof, modifying Rule E3.4a.
- 3.2 Any boat being touched by a competitor after the one-minute preparatory signal shall be held until after the starting signal. Boats may not be pushed when launching after the starting signal.
- 3.3 A boat with any part of her hull or equipment on the course side (OCS) of the starting line or one of its extensions during the one minute period prior to the starting signal shall be sailed to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting (i.e. No dip-starts), (Rules 30.1 and E3.5).
- 3.4 In addition to the voice hails required by Rule E3.8, individual recalls may be signaled by displaying Code Flag "X", modifying Rule E3.8(b).
- 3.5 Only the RD can call a hold to racing. The RD must be made aware of any hold request before the preparatory one-minute signal. If approved, the hold will be monitored by the RD with a return to racing within five minutes. Only one such hold per heat will be considered.

4. FINISHING

- 4.1 When a boat takes a penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.
- 4.2 Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.
- 4.3 A single boat still sailing the course after all other boats have finished may be hailed and scored last, provided she started correctly.
- 4.4 A boat not racing shall not interfere with boats that are racing (rule 24.1). A boat that breaks rule 24.1 may be given a penalty of four points by the RD without a hearing, modifying Rules 63.1 & 64.1(d).

5. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 5.1 Only Appendix E Rule E4.3 is used to cover on water penalty turns.
- 5.2 E4.3(b) requires that a boat take a one turn penalty and, at the completion of the One Turn penalty, she will determine if she has gained a significant advantage. If she has, she will do an additional one turn penalty, she will again determine if she has gained a significant advantage and continue doing additional turns until she no longer has a significant advantage. The significant advantage is determined after the completion of each penalty turn, modifying Rule E4.3(b).

6 Outside Help

- 6.1 The Race Staff may provide help in the form of untangling disabled boats; this adds to Rule E4.2(c).

7 PROTESTS

- 7.1 A skipper protesting another boat shall twice hail, "Protest" and the other boat's sail number (Rule E6.3). Make sure the protested boat knows that she is being protested. The protested boat shall reply that she either accepts the protest or intends to go to a hearing. Boats wishing to exonerate themselves shall sail clear of all boats and complete one penalty turn as soon after the incident as possible. Boats failure to PROMPTLY sail clear and complete penalty turn, or turns, may result in an additional penalty. (This modifies Rule E4.3)
- 7.2 Boats wishing to lodge a protest shall inform the RD within 2 minutes of the end of the relevant heat (Rule E6.4). Protests not settled on the water shall be heard immediately after the heat in which the incident occurred. Skippers involved in a protest will be granted up to 5 minutes immediately after the heat to prepare for the hearing (Rule 63.2).

8 REDRESS

- 8.1 A boat may request redress in accordance with Rule 62.1, as amended by Appendix E6.6.
- 8.2 All decisions regarding redress will be in compliance with Rule 64.2
- 8.3 Redress may be awarded by the Race Committee orally following an incident, without a hearing, modifying Rule 63.1. If an interested party disagrees with the Race Committee's call, that skipper may request a Redress Hearing after finishing the heat, modifying Rule 63.1.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The regatta will be scored under the EORS or Promotion Relegation method using the Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A and AMYA HMS 2007.
- 9.2 At the end of the regatta one worst score per each 8 races completed shall be excluded, modifying Rule A2.
- 9.3 All heats not finished while racing or having been assessed a penalty, such as DNF, DNS or DSQ, will be scored the number of boats in the Heat assigned +1. A Disqualification for Gross Misconduct or Rule 2 violation cannot be excluded.

Abbreviations:

DNF (Did not finish)

RET (Retired)

OCS (Did not start, on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal)

DNC (Did not start, did not come to the starting area)

DNS (Did not start, other than DNC and OCS)

DSQ (Disqualification)

DGM (Disqualification for gross misconduct not excludable under rule 90.3)

DNE (Disqualification other than DGM, Not excludable under rule 90.3)

DPI (Discretionary Penalty Imposed)

RDG (Redress given)

10 BALLAST

- 10.1 Ballast shall not be shifted, shipped or unshipped during the regatta, modifying Rule 51. This rule does not apply to changing of batteries as long as they are replaced in the same location from which they were removed and with batteries of the same size and weight.

11 LANGUAGE

- 11.1 Keep it clean. "Excessive yelling or swearing" may be penalized 4 points without a hearing. Swearing at another competitor is unacceptable. Repeated violations will result in expulsion from the regatta.