

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2015 EC-12 Peachtree City Regatta, September 12-13, 2015

### 1. **RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the AMYA HMS 2007 modified to the EORS Mark 2 (Equal Opportunity Racing System, Mark 2) 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 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.

### 3. **CONTROL AREA**

- 3.1 The control area is unrestricted.

### 4. **STARTING**

- 4.1 Audible starting signals will apply using the AMYA starting tape or a copy thereof, modifying Rule E3.4a.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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).
- 4.4 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).
- 4.5 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. Only one such hold per competitor for the regatta.

### 5. **FINISHING**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.
- 5.3 A single boat still sailing the course after all other boats have finished may be hailed and scored last, provided she started correctly.
- 5.4 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).

### 6. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 6.1 Only Appendix E Rule E4.3 is used to cover on water penalty turns.
- 6.2 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).

7. **OUTSIDE HELP**

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

8. **PROTESTS**

8.1 A skipper protesting another boat shall twice hail, "Protest" and the other boat's sail number. This changes rule 61.1a.

8.2 The protested boat shall reply that she either accepts the protest or intends to go to a hearing.

8.3 A boat's failure to PROMPTLY sail clear and complete a penalty turn, or turns, may result in an additional penalty imposed by the Judges. This changes rule 44.

8.4.1 Boats wishing to lodge a protest shall inform the Judges within two (2) minutes of the end of the relevant Heat.

8.4.2 Protests not settled on the water shall be heard by the Judges immediately after the Heat in which the incident occurred.

8.4.3 Skippers involved in a protest will be granted up to five (5) minutes immediately after the Heat to prepare for the hearing. This changes rule 63.2.

9. **REDRESS**

9.1 Redress may be awarded by the Judges orally following an incident.

9.2 A boat awarded redress shall be given an average of her previous (or nearest) five scores not to include the Heat for which redress was awarded.

9.3 A boat granted redress will sail the next heat based on their finished position in the redressed Heat. This includes promotion to the upper fleet, remaining in the same fleet, or being relegated to the next lower fleet.

10. **SCORING**

10.1 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.

10.2 At the end of the regatta one (1) worst score per each eight (8) races completed shall be excluded.

10.3 Penalty points cannot be dropped.

10.4 A boat receiving a score other than a finish or other penalty score will be scored the number of boats in the Heat to which she was assigned plus (1) one.

11. **BALLAST**

11.1 Ballast shall not be shifted, added or removed during the regatta, modifying Rule 11.2. 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.