



2019 U.S. Team Racing Championship

for the George R. Hinman Trophy

August 16-18, 2019

Organizing Authority: US Sailing

Host: Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Newport Beach, CA

Sailing Instructions

[NP] The notation [NP] in a rule means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, including *Appendix D – Team Racing Rules*, the US Sailing Championship Conditions, and the Conditions for the U.S. Team Racing Championship for the George R. Hinman Trophy.
- 1.2. The CFJ Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. [US Sailing Regulation 10 applies](#) in its entirety.
 - 1.3.1. US Sailing Regulation 10.03 Prohibited Substances applies:
 - a) No competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law. An alleged breach of this rule shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes RRS 60.
 - b) For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or any alcoholic beverages.
 - c) An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached this rule, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.
- 1.4. US Sailing Regulation 10.04, Use of Personal Flotation, applies:

Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4. Competitors from outside the United States must supply their own PFDs approved by their MNA. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing and under team identification bibs.
- 1.5. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SI) and/or the Championship Conditions, the Championship Conditions will prevail first, then the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.6. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.7. Rule D5.3 and 5.4 are changed by replacing "race committee" with "protest committee" in all instances.
- 1.8. In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee in the qualifying series 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 protest committee may be appealed. US Sailing's permission is limited to the qualifying series. Competitors may appeal decisions of the protest committee in the Championship Series.
- 1.9. Add new *rule* D4.8: When a competitor withdraws from part of an event, the scores of all completed races shall stand. When a competitor withdraws from an event pursuant to the US Sailing Code of Conduct

[voluntarily or by reason of being excluded by a protest committee], that competitor’s team shall be removed from the final event scores and each team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.

- 1.10. Rule D1.2(c) is deleted and replaced by “A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area, or protest for an alleged breach of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rules 31 or 42, shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, identify the protested boat.”
- 1.11. Add to RRS D2.3(d): “In addition, when there is damage, two race umpires together with another umpire may determine that a race-win penalty as prescribed in SI Addendum A is warranted for one or more boats, without a protest hearing. The boat(s) that broke rule 14 shall be informed as soon as practicable about the damage level and penalty(s) that will be imposed. Only at the time of being so informed, may the boat request a hearing. If the boat requests a hearing, the umpires shall report the incident to the protest committee which shall act under D3.1(d)(3), and may decide to impose a greater penalty. If no hearing is requested, the umpires shall impose the penalty(s) by reporting it to the race committee. Rule D2.7 applies to this decision. This changes RRS 64.1(b) and D3.1(d)
- 1.12. RRS D2.3 Penalties initiated by an Umpire: Add "(h) fails to comply with any ‘Prohibited Items or Actions’ in Addendum B”.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main boat yard at Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC).

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the sailing instructions (SI) made ashore will be posted no later than 30 minutes before the first warning signal on the day they will take effect, except that any changes made under SI 6.3 will be effective immediately and may be posted at any time. Any change to the schedule requiring racing to begin earlier than scheduled will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1900 hours, or thirty minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day, whichever is later, on the day before the schedule change takes effect.
- 3.2. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), any change to the SI made afloat will be signaled by the display of flag 3rd substitute with one sound signal. The race committee or umpires may communicate these changes either verbally or in writing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the top of the launch ramp at NHYC.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 15 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

	Thursday August 15	Friday August 16	Saturday August 17	Sunday August 18
Practice	1300 - 1830	—	—	—
Check In	1300 - 1700	0800 - 0900	—	—
Breakfast Buffet	—	0800	0800	0800



Race Committee Briefing	—	0900	0900	0900
First Warning	—	1030	1000	1000
Umpire De-Brief	—	after racing	after racing	
Regatta Social	—	—	1800	—
Trophy Presentation	—	—	—	After Racing

6. REGATTA FORMAT

- 6.1. The regatta is a three-boat against three-boat team race.
- 6.2. The Organizing Authority may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled; early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages. Such a decision by the Organizing Authority will not be subject to a request for redress. This changes RRS 62 and D4.2(a).
- 6.3. The regatta format may be two round-robin stages followed by a knock-out stage as described in detail below. Overall regatta team rankings will be determined at the end of each stage as specified below:

Stage 1 - Qualifying Series: one or two 12 team round-robins. Wins are worth 1 point.

Stage 2 - Gold and Silver Series: Top 6 scoring teams advance to Gold group and the remaining teams advance to Silver group. One or two round-robins per group: Rules D4.3, D4.4, and D4.5 will apply, with Gold race wins worth 1.5 points and Silver race wins worth 1 point. Ties at the completion of this stage shall be broken by using results from all races in Stages 1 and 2 between the tied teams. This changes RRS D4.4.

Stage 3 - Semifinal Series: Top 4 teams on cumulative points from Stages 1 & 2: The highest ranked team will select its opponent for S1, and the remaining two teams will sail in S2. The winner of each match will be the first to win three races. If this stage is not completed, the overall regatta rankings will be the rankings at the end of Stage 2 and D4.7 shall not apply.

Stage 4 – Final Series: Knock-out match (first to win 3 races) between the winners of S1 and S2 to determine 1st and 2nd places. The winner of this match will be the first to win 3 races.

Petit Final: Knock-out match (first to win two races) between the losers of S1 and S2 to determine 3rd and 4th places. If this match is not sailed, the teams shall be ranked based on their rankings at the end of Stage 2. If this stage is terminated before a race is completed, the overall regatta rankings will be the rankings at the end of Stage 2 and D4.7 shall not apply. If a match is terminated before it is complete, the winner shall be the team with the higher number of race wins at that time or, if this is a tie, the team that won the last race of the match. This changes RRS D4.7.

Final Rankings: Overall rankings for 5th through 12th place shall be based on the rankings at the end of Stage 2.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the harbor north of NHYC.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The default course is a starboard digital N. The alternate course is a port box. If the alternate course is to be sailed, the RC will announce it before the warning signal of a race.
- 8.2. Courses may not be shortened.

- 8.3. The RC may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark or the finishing line, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration. There will be no visual or audible signals for a course change. This changes RRS 33.

9. MARKS

The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable cubes. All other marks will be green inflatable cubes

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS Appendix U.
- 10.2. Flag 'X', if displayed, will be displayed no longer than one minute after the starting signal. This changes RRS U4.
- 10.3. A boat shall not start later than two (2) minutes of her starting signal. This changes RRS D3.1 (a).
- 10.4. The starting order is listed in Addendum A, herein, or as announced by the RC signal boat.
- 10.5. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat on one end and the course side of nearby starting mark.
- 10.6. [NP] A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat and the course side of a nearby finishing mark.

12. UMPIRING

The regatta will be umpired. Teams shall provide their own red protest flags measuring at least 8 X 8 inches. Each team's flags must be inspected and approved by the CU or their representative at check-in.

13. ABANDONMENT

Abandonment will be signaled orally by the RC and/or umpires. Abandoned races may be re-sailed and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical. This changes RRS 32.1 and Race Signals.

14. PROTEST AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 14.1. The protest committees will be comprised of umpires appointed by the chief umpire as appropriate.
- 14.2. Any race committee decisions regarding abandonment under RRS 32, shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.

15. DAMAGE [NP]

- 15.1. An initial damage deposit of \$500 shall be paid at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident. The OA may require the damage deposit to be restored to its original amount before a team will be permitted to continue racing.
- 15.2. Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be reported to the OA immediately.
- 15.3. Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the PIT CREW



immediately upon returning a boat. Compliance with this instruction is required regardless of whether a score change for a breakdown or redress for damage is being requested.

- 15.4. The race committee may decide not to run a re-sail as a result of a breakdown or damage in a round robin stage if the result of that race is not relevant to the progress of any team to the next stage, and shall score each team half a race-win.

16. MINIMUM CREW WEIGHT

- 16.1. The combined weight of each six-person team shall not be less than 870 pounds. Each team whose combined weight is less than this amount shall carry corrector weight while racing. The amount of corrector weight will be one pound of corrector weight for each pound of combined crew weight less than 870 pounds. Corrector weights shall be distributed among the boats of a team to make the combined weight of skipper and crew of each of the three boats as even as practicable. The jury, on request, may approve a more equitable distribution.
- 16.2. Each team with a combined weight of less than 870 pounds shall be responsible for supplying its own corrector weights. Only water in sealed jugs shall be acceptable. Competitors shall carry the corrector weights in every race, from boat to boat, and shall secure them in the cockpit of each boat.
- 16.3. Competitors shall be weighed by the organizing authority at check-in to determine the combined weight. The competitors shall be weighed in dry swimming attire or light clothing with empty pockets.
- 16.4. Spot checks of team weights and corrector weights may be made during the regatta for compliance.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. The winning team will be presented the George R. Hinman Trophy.
- 17.2. US Sailing medals for permanent possession will be awarded to the top three placing teams.
- 17.3. The highest finishing U.S. team (all team members are US citizens) will be named United States Team Racing Champions.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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US Sailing Regulations <https://www.ussailing.org/resource-library/us-sailing-regulations-amended-may-13-2019/>

Team Racing Championship Conditions at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/US-Team-Racing-Conditions.pdf>

US Sailing Championship Conditions at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>

ADDENDUM A

Stage 1 Pairings and Fleet Assignments

#	Color	Team 1	VS	Team 2	Color
1	Blue	SDYC & Friends		C of C YC	Red
2	Black	Ladies and Gentlemen		Bulldawgs	Purple
3	Orange	Yachtzee		Old Potomac	Green
4	Pink	Jet Lag		Team Trouble	Yellow
5	Blue	East Coast Drifters		Pressure Makes Diamonds	Red
6	Black	Holiday Sideshow		Malibu Babes	Purple
7	Orange	Ladies and Gentlemen		SDYC & Friends	Green
8	Pink	Yachtzee		C of C YC	Yellow
9	Blue	Jet Lag		Bulldawgs	Red
10	Black	East Coast Drifters		Old Potomac	Purple
11	Orange	Team Trouble		Malibu Babes	Green
12	Pink	Holiday Sideshow		Pressure Makes Diamonds	Yellow
13	Blue	Yachtzee		Ladies and Gentlemen	Red
14	Black	Jet Lag		SDYC & Friends	Purple
15	Orange	East Coast Drifters		C of C YC	Green
16	Pink	Malibu Babes		Bulldawgs	Yellow
17	Blue	Pressure Makes Diamonds		Old Potomac	Red
18	Black	Holiday Sideshow		Team Trouble	Purple
19	Orange	Jet Lag		Yachtzee	Green
20	Pink	East Coast Drifters		Ladies and Gentlemen	Yellow
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22	Black	Pressure Makes Diamonds		C of C YC	Purple
23	Orange	Team Trouble		Bulldawgs	Green
24	Pink	Old Potomac		Holiday Sideshow	Yellow
25	Blue	East Coast Drifters		Jet Lag	Red
26	Black	Malibu Babes		Yachtzee	Purple
27	Orange	Pressure Makes Diamonds		Ladies and Gentlemen	Green
28	Pink	Team Trouble		SDYC & Friends	Yellow
29	Blue	Old Potomac		C of C YC	Red
30	Black	Bulldawgs		Holiday Sideshow	Purple
31	Orange	Malibu Babes		East Coast Drifters	Green
32	Pink	Pressure Makes Diamonds		Jet Lag	Yellow
33	Blue	Team Trouble		Yachtzee	Red
34	Black	Old Potomac		Ladies and Gentlemen	Purple
35	Orange	C of C YC		Holiday Sideshow	Green
36	Pink	Bulldawgs		SDYC & Friends	Yellow
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[NP] ADDENDUM B
Rules for Handling Boats

1 GENERAL

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

2 PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS - Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the permission of the RC.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Changing the number of mainsheet purchases.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.9 Use of any tape that leaves a residue/ use of duct tape.

3 PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS – the following are permitted:

- 3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
 - (a) tell tale material
 - (b) watch, timers, and hand held compass
- 3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:
 - (a) make signals as per Appendix D2.2
 - (b) personal safety
- 3.3 Adjust the jib halyard

4 MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS –

- 4.1 At the end of each sailing day the following are required:
 - (a) Sails neatly rolled and bagged
 - (b) remove all trash
- 4.2 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

ADDENDUM C

Penalties for damage resulting from contact between boats racing

The umpires may impose a penalty for breaking RRS 14 without a protest hearing, unless a boat involved in the incident boat requests a hearing, in which case the umpires shall report the incident to the Protest Committee. If it has good reasons to do so, the Protest Committee may impose a greater penalty than what the umpires determined was appropriate. This addendum explains how damage will be assessed and prescribes the appropriate penalty level. There are a number of things we are trying to achieve with damage penalties:

- Minimize damage to keep costs down and avoid delays while boats are repaired.
- Ensure that penalties fit the breach and are consistent.

Damage Levels

Level	Extent	Effect
Level A Minor Damage	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.
Level B Damage	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat.	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.
Level C Major Damage	The normal operation of the boat is compromised and its structural integrity may be impaired.	The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.

Penalties

Race-win penalties may be imposed by umpires after a race to boats that break RRS 14. Any penalties are deducted from one boat's or both boats' team's total race wins for the round-robin or knock-out stage in which the damage occurred. In the event that both boats are given the same penalty in a race during a knock-out stage, the penalties are offsetting and will be disregarded for scoring purposes.

Race-Win Penalties: to be applied without a hearing

Damage Level	Round-Robin	Knock Out Match
Level A	No penalty	No penalty
Level B	1/2 race win	3/4 race win
Level C	1 race win	1 race win

Deductions from Damage Deposits

Any deductions from damage deposits are a matter for the Organizing Authority and are not related to and do not affect any race win penalties imposed by the Umpires or Protest Committee.