



# CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS

Organized by US Sailing  
Hosted by Balboa Yacht Club  
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## Sailing Instructions

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*Balboa Yacht Club's COVID-19 guidelines and other protocols that govern the event will be available on the website.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, by the [US Sailing Championship of Champions Conditions](#) (referred to hereinafter as the Conditions), by the [US Sailing Regulations](#), Section 10 for Championships, as well as US Sailing Regulations, Sections 2, 4, and 15, by the [SafeSport Handbook](#), and by the [US Sailing Code of Conduct](#).
- 1.2. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. [DP]
- 1.3. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.4. Face coverings shall be worn at all times while on the grounds or docks of Balboa Yacht Club.
- 1.5. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - 1.5.1. RRS 62.2 is changed to:  
The second sentence of rule 62.2 is changed to:  
**62.2** If the request for redress is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit or ~~two hours~~ **30 minutes** after the incident, whichever is later.
  - 1.5.2. Add new rule RRS 62.1 (f):  
**62.1(f)** A competitor whose finishing place, through no fault of his/her own, is made significantly worse because of a breakdown, subject to sailing instruction 6.6, may seek redress.
- 1.6. Advertising for this regatta is restricted in accordance with Regulation 20, World Sailing Advertising Code. Competitors may be required to sail boats displaying advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.7. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.8. This is a Grade 3 Coaching event, no private coaching is permitted.  
<http://www.ussailing.org/competition/resoures/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the event website. <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2020-championship-of-champions/>

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### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Balboa Yacht Club flagpole.

### **5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT**

5.1. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the race committee signal vessel displays code flag L with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the race committee vessel to receive the oral changes to the SIs.

### **6. BOATS**

- 6.1. The Harbor 20 will be the provided boat and will be sailed only as provided in a “round robin” format.
- 6.2. Competitors will use initial draw boat for practice and racing Thursday.
- 6.3. Competitors will rotate boats before each day of racing and then will rotate boats as described in the boat rotation schedule posted daily on the official notice board. When changing boats competitors shall wear face coverings. [DP]
- 6.4. The total number of crew aboard shall be two (2) persons.
- 6.5. Crew substitutions must conform to US Sailing Championship of Champions Conditions and only with the approval of the US Sailing representative for this event.
- 6.6. The regatta is not being conducted as a class sanctioned or class association event.
- 6.7. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the OA's representative as soon as possible by flying the green breakdown flag and hailing a support vessel prior to the warning signal for the next race. The penalty for breaking this instruction shall be as described in sailing instruction 6.8 below, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply. [DP]
- 6.8. The penalty for not complying with instructions in sailing instruction 6.7 and compliance with Addendum A “Boats Provided By The Organizing Authority” may be disqualification from each race sailed in which an instruction is broken. [DP]
- 6.9. After the warning signal a race will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed prior to the warning signal.

### **7. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 7.1. On Thursday, October 8th, 2020 at 1200 competitors will be given their boat assignments and rotation schedule and will use that boat for the practice. At 1330, competitors will be allowed to take boats out for practice. Practice starts will begin at 1500.
- 7.2. The scheduled warning signal for the first race each race day is 1100. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 7.3. On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

### **8. CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be the class insignia on a white background.

### **9. RACING AREA**

Racing will take place on the waters of Newport Harbor, CA near the Balboa Yacht Club.

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### **10. THE COURSE**

- 10.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2. In the event a single Mark 2 is in place, it shall be left to port.
- 10.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course number.

### **11. MARKS**

- 11.1. Mark 1 and 1a will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 11.2. Marks 2s/2p will be red inflatable marks.
- 11.3. The starting marks will be a mark or race committee vessel with a staff displaying a orange flag.
- 11.4. The finishing marks will be a mark or race committee vessel with a staff displaying a blue flag.

### **12. THE START**

- 12.1. Races will be started in accordance with Appendix U Audible-Signal Racing System.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

### **13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1. The race committee may make minor adjustments (up to 10 degrees and 0.1NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.
- 13.2. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

### **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1. The finish line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1. US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 Penalty at The Time of The Incident shall apply.  
**V1** The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 15.2. Penalties for infractions within the three (3) length zone around the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

### **16. TIME LIMIT AND RACE TARGET TIME**

- 16.1. The target time for each race will be 20-35 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- 16.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points.
- 16.3. If one boat is in last place, is the only boat not to have finished, and is unduly delaying the start of another race, the race committee may finish that boat and score the boat in last place.

### **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1. Hearing forms are available at the Balboa Yacht Club race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

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- 17.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks after the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Balboa Yacht Club Seamanship Center, beginning at the time posted. This will constitute notice to all parties under RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 17.4. Only the protest committee can protest a boat for breaking sailing instructions 20 or 21. The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 17.5. A list of race committee actions will be posted prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later.

### **18. SCORING**

- 18.1. A complete round robin of races is scheduled.
- 18.2. The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used, except that if only seven (7) races are completed, no race scores will be excluded. If eight (8) or more races are completed, a boat's worst race score will be excluded.
- 18.3. Four (4) races are required to constitute the Regatta.

### **19. BREAKDOWNS**

- 19.1. When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, subject to sailing instruction 6.7, she may seek redress by displaying a green flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the breakdown until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by a judge. If it is possible to continue to racing without causing further damage, she shall continue racing and have the breakdown addressed after finishing.
- 19.2. When the protest committee decides that the boat's finishing position was made significantly worse by the breakdown, that the breakdown was through no fault of the crew, and that under the same circumstances a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid the breakdown, it shall make as equitable a decision as possible.

### **20. DISPOSAL OF TRASH**

Competitors shall remove any trash from the boat they are sailing during each rotation. Trash may be given to any support boat for disposal. [DP]

### **21. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 21.1. All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, at all times while on the water, other than during brief periods to add or remove clothing. [DP]
- 21.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

### **22. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

- 22.1. Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03, for adult US Sailing Championship events, 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.
- 22.2. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, 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

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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.

### **23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 23.1. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will notify recalled boats by hailing her sail number over the designated VHF channel (68 or as changed). Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1. US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three (3) teams.
- 24.2. The winning team will be awarded the Jack Brown Perpetual Trophy. Their names will be engraved on the perpetual trophy, which will remain on display at US Sailing

### **25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 25.2. The COVID-19 global pandemic presents new challenges to all event organizers and an increased need for additional safety measures for all participants. Our organizing authority intend to follow all applicable governmental and legal requirements and WHO standards, which may require postponement or cancellation of the event due to circumstances beyond their control. It is also up to each individual participant (skipper, crew, guest, etc.) to act responsibly and within their own comfort range when choosing whether and how to participate in this event. The organizing authority strongly recommends all participants take appropriate health precautions and make their travel plans with these factors in mind. The organizing authority makes no assessment or warranty of each team's preparedness or safety.

## **ADDENDUM A – Boats Provided By The Organizing Authority**

### **1 GENERAL**

All reasonable steps will be taken to equalize boats.

### **2 PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS**

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by a member of the race committee 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 race committee.
- 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 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the race committee, or, on race days while flag AP is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline. This includes the use of sandpaper.
- 2.9 Changing the number of mainsheet or jib purchases.
- 2.10 Reefing the main sail or using a flattener as a reef.
- 2.11 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.12 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 2.13 The use of electronic instruments other than watches, or VHF.
- 2.14 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 2.15 The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower turnbuckle to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard.
- 2.16 Use of any tape that leaves a residue/ use of duct tape.
- 2.17 Hiking is not permitted. All crew shall keep their torsos within the confines of the cockpit at all times, excepting in the need for immediate repair or for safety.

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### **3 PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS**

The following are permitted:

- 3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
- (a) basic hand tools
  - (b) tape that does not leave a residue
  - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
  - (d) marking pens
  - (e) tell-tale material
  - (f) watch/timer and hand-held compass
  - (g) shackles and clevis pins
  - (h) Velcro tape
  - (i) spare flags
  - (j) VHF radio
- 3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:
- (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
  - (b) attach tell tales
  - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
  - (d) mark control settings
  - (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments

### **4 MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS**

- 4.1 Reporting any damage, however slight, to the race committee or Bosun.

**ADDENDUM B - Course Chart**

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>2</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish-1
<b>3</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish-2
<b>4</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish-1
<b>5</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish-2
<b>6</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish-1

