

Force 5 North American Championship Regatta Hosted by Hunterdon Sailing Club July 19 – 21, 2018

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) for 2017 - 2020.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) national authority will apply.
- 1.3 The Force 5 Class Association Rules will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board will be the Regatta Network webpage for this event; information for competitors also will be posted at Hunterdon Sailing Club (HSC)
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat (See Which Won), which will be beached adjacent to the HSC shed.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed while the RC boat is beached adjacent to the HSC shed, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 10 minutes" in the Race Signal, AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 (Personal Floatation Devices) applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing will be conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 9 – 11.
- 5.2 First warning for racing on Thursday is 1200; First warning for racing on Friday and Saturday is 1030.
- 5.3 Races will not be started after 1400 on Saturday, July 11.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted on Spruce Run Reservoir.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 The starting and finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 7.2 Other rounding marks will be orange inflatable marks.
- 7.3 Marks that are damaged but still visible are still to be considered proper marks.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 Allowed courses and course elements for races are shown in attachment 1.
- 8.2 The starting area will be located approximately a half-mile south of the HSC shed.
- 8.3 Courses will be posted on the starboard side of the RC boat prior to the warning signal.
- 8.4 Course W is intended as a windward/leeward course, using an offset mark approximately 20 yards from the windward mark:
 - a. Mark #1 is the Windward Mark and shall be an orange inflatable mark.
 - b. Mark #2 is an Offset Mark, located approximately 20 yards away from the Windward Mark. It is intended competitors will round the Windward Mark, bear away to a beam reach on starboard tack, then round the Offset Mark, before turning downwind toward Marks #3P and #3S.
 - c. Marks #3P and #3S are Leeward (gate) marks, with Mark #3P to be left to port, and Mark #3S to be left to starboard. Competitors may round either mark. They will be an orange inflatable marks.
 - d. Mark 4 is the Start/Finish Mark. It will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 8.5 Course T is intended as a triangle course:
 - a. Mark #1 is the Windward Mark, and shall be an orange inflatable mark.
 - b. Mark #2 is a Wing Mark, also an orange inflatable mark.
 - c. Mark #3 is a Leeward Mark, also an orange inflatable mark.
 - d. Mark #4 is the Start/Finish Mark. It shall be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 8.6 Course TW is intended as a modified Olympic course:
 - a. Mark #1 is the Windward Mark, and shall be an orange inflatable mark.
 - b. Mark #2 is a Wing Mark, also an orange inflatable mark.
 - c. Mark #3 is a Leeward Mark, also an orange inflatable mark.
 - d. Mark #4 is the Start/Finish Mark. It will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 8.7 The Race Committee may choose one or any combination of triangles (T) and windward-leeward (W), including repetitions of the same course or elements. For example:
 - a. TWW would indicate a course as follows: triangle, windward, leeward, windward, leeward, finish.
 - b. WW would indicate a course as follows: windward, offset, leeward gate; windward, offset, leeward gate, finish.
- 8.8 Yachts **may not** cross between the RC boat and Mark #4 unless they are Starting or Finishing.
- 8.9 All marks shall be rounded to Port.
- 8.10 See the below diagram for illustrations of Course 1 and Course 2

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying a white flag on the RC boat, which will be stationed at the starboard end of the line, and a yellow inflatable mark, at the port end of the line.
- 9.3 The additional races for the day will start no sooner than 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4, Low Point System.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark marked with a black band (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a white flag on the RC signal boat to port and the nearby yellow inflatable mark.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.1, will apply.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 If no boat has finished within 90 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet this time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms will be available at the HSC shed or from the RC boat. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the PRO or his designate within one hour after the Race Committee boat has returned to shore after racing has concluded each day.

14.2 Parties will be notified by the Race Chairman or his designate as to the time and location of the protest hearings as soon as possible after filing has been submitted.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 There will be one throw-out if five races are completed.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1. Competitors must have a life jacket on board their boat at all times while sailing; it is recommended competitors wear them while racing.

16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee (either the RC boat or one of the auxiliary mark boats) as soon as possible.

17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

17.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. PRIZES

18.1 The top finisher for the event will be recognized as the 2018 Force 5 North American Champion.

18.2 Awards will be made to top 5 "Championship Division" participants.

18.3 Awards will be made to the top 3 "Challenger Division" participants.

18.4 Other Awards may be given at the discretion of the Regatta Chairman.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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 races.

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Attachment 1

