



2008 CAL 20 CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA



July 10-13, 2008
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Cal-20 Association Constitution and By-Laws constitute class rules.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the glass windows of the Quarterdeck overlooking Basin Five at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Except for notices of protests, all official regatta notices will be posted here.
- 2.2. Notices of protests will be posted on the Protest Notice Board located near the Protest Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club flag pole.
- 4.2. When code flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in race signal AP. This changes race signal AP. Boats are requested not to leave the harbor until this signal is lowered.

5. BOW NUMBERS

Each boat will receive two (2) sets of bow numbers in the race packet, one (1) set each for each side of the boat. Both sets must be applied to the boat with the top of the numbers six (6) inches down from the rub rail and the forwardmost and uppermost part of the number ten (10) inches back from the bow.

6. COMPETITORS' MEETINGS

Junior Class Championship: Thursday, July 10, 2008, at 1000 at ABYC.
Elimination Series: Friday, July 11, 2008, at 1000 at ABYC.
Class Championship: Saturday, July 12, 2008, at 1000 at ABYC.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Junior Class Championship: Thursday, July 10, 2008. Three races are scheduled. First warning will be at 1150.
Elimination Series: Friday, July 11, 2008. Three races are scheduled. First warning will be at 1150
Championship and Consolation Series: Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, 2008. Seven races are scheduled. First warning will be at 1150 each day.

8. CLASS FLAGS

RACE COMMITTEE FLAGS:

Junior Class Championship: code flag W.

Elimination Series: yellow, blue, red or green flags, paired according to the assigned pairing in each flight.

Championship Series: a yellow flag.

Consolation Series: a blue flag.

COMPETITOR IDENTIFICATION STREAMERS:

Junior Class Championship: none.

Elimination Series: yellow, blue, red or green streamers, according to assigned flights, attached to backstay.

Championship division: yellow streamer, attached to backstay.

Consolation division: none.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be inside the Long Beach Breakwater and between Islands Chaffee and Freeman.

10. THE COURSES

10.1. Courses shall be as shown in Appendix 1 of the sailing instructions.

10.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will indicate the course to be sailed by a card with the numeric designation.

10.3. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display the approximate compass bearing to mark 1 by cards with the numeric designation.

10.4. All marks are to be rounded to port except gate marks. Where there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

11. MARKS

Marks W, LS and LP will be yellow tetrahedrons. New marks will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark O, the offset mark, will be a white ball.

12. THE START

12.1. The starting line will be between an orange flag on a staff in the water at one end and an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the other end. Both ends may be located on a race committee boat instead of being in the water.

12.2. CHECK-IN: Before the WARNING signal on the first race each day, each boat shall sail by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat, hail her sail number and obtain the acknowledgment of the race committee.

12.3. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to hail the bow numbers of OCS boats on VHF channel 71. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (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.

14.2. If a change is made, the race committee may adjust gate marks without further signaling to maintain the appropriate configuration. This changes rule 33.

15. THE FINISH

15.1. The finishing line will be between an orange flag on a staff in the water at one end and an orange flag on a race committee boat at the other end. Both ends may be located on a race committee boat instead of being in the water.

15.2. A sound signal made from a race committee boat at the finishing line means, "It has been recorded that this boat has crossed the finishing line."

16. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be seventy-five (75) minutes. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.2 is changed so that if an incident occurs outside of the two-length zone of any rounding, starting or finishing mark, the penalty shall be one (1) tack and one (1) gybe. If a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 inside the two-length zone of any rounding, starting or finishing marks, Rule 44.2 applies without change.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be written on forms available near the protest room and must be delivered there within thirty (30) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat arrives at the dock.

18.2. Notices will be posted on the protest notice board located near the protest room to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. This will constitute notice to all parties under rule 63.2. Hearings will be heard in approximately the order in which protests are received.

18.3. All protests between two boats involving only a rule (or rules) of Part 2 that does not include damage or injury will be reviewed initially by an arbitrator. One representative from each boat shall testify before the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed. After hearing the testimony of each representative the decision of the arbitrator will be one of three opinions:

- No boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees with the arbitrator, the protestor shall withdraw the protest;
- One or both boat(s) broke a rule (or rules). The representative of the boat that broke a rule may accept a forty per cent (40%) penalty calculated as prescribed in rule 44.3(c) and the protestor shall withdraw the protest; or
- A decision cannot be reached or an alternative penalty is not appropriate.

If the arbitrator's opinion is not accepted or the arbitrator is unable to render an opinion, the protest will be forwarded to the protest committee. In such a case the arbitrator may not serve on the committee but may be an observer and give testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a). The opinion of an arbitrator, when accepted, shall not be grounds for redress, be appealed or reopened.

18.4. Breaches of instructions 5, 12.3 and/or 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

18.5. As permitted for in rule 70.4(a), there shall be no appeal from the decision of a protest committee regarding the Elimination Series.

18.6. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or
- (b) no later than thirty minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

19. SCORING

For the Junior Class Championship, three (3) races are scheduled of which one (1) must be completed to constitute a series. For the Elimination Series, three (3) races are scheduled of which three (3) must be completed to constitute a series. For the Championship and Consolation Series, seven (7) races are scheduled of which three (3) must be completed to constitute a series. In each series a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

20. SAFETY

A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, notify a regatta official or the yacht club office immediately upon arrival on shore.

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

There shall be no transfer or replacement of crew after the boat has left the dock for the day.

22. BOAT MOORING AND HAULING

22.1. Unless withdrawing from the regatta, a boat may not be hauled out after 1000 Friday, July 11, 2008 (or 1000 on Saturday, July 12, 2008, for boats competing in the Consolation Series only) except with permission of and under conditions specified in writing by the regatta chairman.

22.2. Once in the water all boats must dock at ABYC docks--no exceptions.

23. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

24. COACH/SUPPORT/SPECTATOR BOATS

- 24.1. The skipper of each coach/support/spectator boat must check in during Registration.
- 24.2. All coaches, support personnel and spectators are required to attend a meeting which will be held immediately following the competitors' briefing.
- 24.3. All coach/support/spectator boats shall display an identification flag while on the water as directed by the race committee and return the flag at the conclusion of the regatta. No flag, banner, pennant, signal or shape other than that supplied by the race committee shall be displayed.
- 24.4. Coach/ support/spectator boats must be prepared to render assistance to any boat in need and perform any other function requested of them by the race committee. Coach/support boats shall display an identification flag supplied by the race committee; no flag, banner, pennant, signal or shape other than that supplied by the race committee shall be displayed.
- 24.5. Unless otherwise directed by the race committee, no coach/support/spectator boat may be within one hundred (100) yards of the course boundaries nor have any communication with a competitor between the first warning signal for a race and the time that race is abandoned or the competitor has finished and is one hundred (100) yards outside the finishing line and course boundaries. This changes rule 41.
- 24.6. All coach/support/spectator boats must monitor a designated VHF channel if requested to do so by the race committee.
- 24.7. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements will be applied to the appropriate competitors' boats associated with the coach/support/spectator boat personnel at the discretion of the protest committee. Additionally, upon receiving a report, the organizing authority may take other disciplinary action against the registered support personnel.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones.

26. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race following the last race on Sunday.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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 regatta.