2008 US SAILING ISAF YOUTH WORLDS QUALIFIER REGATTA

January 19-21, 2008
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. SAIL NUMBERS

Requests for sail number changes made in accordance with class rules must be made in writing to the organizing authority no later than 0930 hours on the day it will take effect. Permission for a sail number change does not override class rules.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the glass doors of the Quarterdeck overlooking Basin 5. Except for notices of protests, all official regatta notices will be posted here.

3.2. Notices of protests will be posted on the protest notice board located near the protest office.

4. 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.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club flag pole.

5.2. When code flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in race signal AP. Boats are requested not to leave the harbor until this signal is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races is as follows:

Saturday, January 19, 2008	First warning	1200
Sunday, January 20, 2008	First warning	1200
Monday, January 21, 2008	First warning	1200
	No race will be started after	1500

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for each class shall be a white flag with the class' insignia except for the Laser Radial class which will be a white flag with a black “R.”

8. RACING AREAS AND COURSES

8.1. The racing areas will be located approximately as shown in Appendix One of the sailing instructions.

8.2. A notice posted on the official regatta notice board by 0930 on Saturday, January 19, will show the assignment of classes to circles and their respective racing areas. The assignment will remain the same for the following days' races unless a change is posted by 0930 of the affected day or signaled on the water.

8.3. Courses shall be as shown in Appendix Two of the sailing instructions and will be signaled before or with the warning signal for each class by either a numerical code flag or by a card with the numeric designation.

8.4. The approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal boat to mark 1 will be displayed from that boat before or with the warning signal for each class for each race by numeral code flags or cards with numeric designation or written on a board.

9. MARKS

9.1. Original marks will be yellow inflatable shapes. New marks will be orange inflatable shapes.

9.2. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

10. THE START

10.1. A notice posted on the official regatta notice board by 0930 will show the order of starts for the first race each day. The order of starts for subsequent races may change at the discretion of the race committee. The order of starts for the first race each day will remain the same for the following days' races unless a change is posted by 0930 on the affected day.

10.2. 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.

10.3. CHECK-IN: Before the warning signal on the first race each day, all boats shall sail by the stern of the race committee signal boat, hail her sail number and obtain the acknowledgment of the race committee. A boat checking in shall in all cases comply with instruction 10.4.

10.4. Boats whose preparatory signal has not yet been made shall keep clear of the starting line and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

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

11. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats. 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.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. 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.

12.2. Gates may be adjusted without further signaling to maintain the appropriate configuration. This changes rule 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. 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.

13.2. 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."

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. For the Open Multihull discipline, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

14.2. Appendix P – Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42 will apply with the following changes:

(a) P2.2 is changed to "second time and subsequent times;"

(b) P2.3 is deleted; and

(c) P3 is replaced with: "If a boat has been protested under rule P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty or penalties is/are cancelled."

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1. For the Boys' Singlehanded--Laser and Girls' Singlehanded--Laser Radial disciplines, the time limit will be ninety (90) minutes. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15.2. For all other disciplines, the time limit will be sixty (60) minutes. Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protests forms will be available near the protest office. Protests shall be delivered there within thirty (30) minutes after the race committee signal boat arrives at the dock.

16.2. Notices will be posted on the protest notice board located near the protest office 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.

16.3. Breaches of instructions 10.3, 10.4 and 18.2 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.

16.4. 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.

17. SCORING

Ten (10) races are scheduled of which four (4) must be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than five (5) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18. SAFETY

18.1. 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. Every boat (except sailboards) shall have a painter of fifteen (15) feet minimum length. A boat shall accept assistance from a race committee boat when so directed by the race committee.

18.2. Competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-approved Type III personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

20. BOATS (OPEN MULTIHULL DISCIPLINE ONLY)

20.1. Boats will be provided to competitors in the Open Multihull discipline, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that

(a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;

(b) non-permanent wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;

(c) hulls and rudders may be cleaned but only with water; and

(d) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with.

20.2. All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

20.3. The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

20.4. Competitors using a boat are responsible for any damage to the boat up to US$250.00 for each occurrence. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

20.5. Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association will not apply.

21. 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.

22. COACH/SUPPORT/SPECTATOR BOATS

22.1. The skipper of each coach/support/spectator boat must check in during Registration.

22.2. All coaches, support personnel and spectators are required to attend a meeting which will be held immediately following the competitors' briefing.

22.3. 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.

22.4. 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.

22.5. 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.

22.6. All coach/support/spectator boats must monitor a designated VHF channel if requested to do so by the race committee.

22.7. 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.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

24. PRIZES

24.1. US SAILING medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third. In addition, the top-finishing skipper/team that meet all the eligibility requirements (age and nationality) will be entitled to represent the United States at the ISAF Youth World Championship to be held in Aarhus, Denmark, scheduled for July 10-18, 2008.

24.2. The winners of the Open Multihull discipline will be named 2008 U.S. Youth Multihull Champions and be awarded the Arthur J. Stevens Trophy. The trophy will be held by the winners until six weeks before the next year's Championship event, at which time they are responsible for returning the trophy to the upcoming event host club. The winners are obligated to sign a trophy accountability form stating their responsibility to have the trophy appropriately engraved, insured and shipped to the event host club before the next year's Championship event.

24.3. The W. Darline Hobock Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded to the competitor(s) in the Open Multihull discipline epitomizing good sportsmanship, as determined by the Youth Multihull Committee.

25. 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.