



2012 US SAILING ISAF Youth World Qualifier Regatta

January 13 – 16, 2012
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2012 US SAILING® International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Youth World Qualifier is the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, 7201 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA 90803.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Class rules will be used except that rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership or imposing a weight limit.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.
- 1.4. In accordance with **US SAILING Regulation 10.01 C, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:**
 - 1.4.1. No participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use).
 - 1.4.2. An alleged breach of this rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1, and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from remaining races of the series and where practicable, removed from the regatta and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the Glass Wall facing the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club boat basin. 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

- 3.1. Any change in 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 made by 2000h on the day before it is to take place.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore. '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' on the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals, AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The first warning signal is scheduled at 1155 each day of racing.
- 5.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 5.3. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The class flags will be:

Radial	White flag with Black Laser Insignia
29er	White flag with Black 29er Insignia
I 420	White Flag with Black 420 Insignia
Boards	White Flag with Black Techno 293 Insignia

7. RACING AREA

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

7.2. A notice posted on the official regatta notice board by 0930 on Saturday, January 14, will show the assignment of classes to racing areas. The assignment will remain the same for the following days' races unless a change is posted by 0930 of the affected day.

8. COURSES

8.1. 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.

8.2. 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.

9.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be orange inflatable shapes.

9.3. Starting and finishing marks will be whip buoys or a staff on a race committee boat.

9.4. Marks shall be rounded to port. When 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.

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. An orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least four minutes before the Warning Signal for the first class to start each day to alert competitors and coaches that a race or racing sequence will start soon.

10.3. All races will be started using rule 26. Boards will use Starting System 1 as defined in B.3.3.(a).

10.4. 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.

10.5. 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.

10.6. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark 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.

10.7. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. RECALLS

11.1. As a courtesy, the R/C signal boat will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. 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 the failure to hear the hail of any or all OCS boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 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 of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a finishing mark 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. TIME LIMIT

14.1. Time limits are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
Laser Radial	120	30
I-420	120	30
29er	60	20
Techno 293	60	20

14.2. Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. Protest forms will be available near the protest office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within thirty (30) minutes after the race committee signal boat arrives at the dock.
- 15.2. Notices will be posted on the protest notice board located near the protest office to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This will constitute notice to all parties under rule 63.2. Hearings will be heard in approximately the order in which protests are received.
- 15.3. Breaches of instructions 10.4, 10.5 and 18.1 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.
- 15.4. RRS 61.1(a) is changed by adding this sentence: "When a boat intends to protest she shall notify the race committee at the finishing line."
- 15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within (a) the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

16.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel (including family members) shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the R/C signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for infringement can include disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support boat.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 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.
- 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 OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. 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.

20. DISCLAIMER

20.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each

competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

21.1. US SAILING Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event, as follows. US SAILING shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:

- a) The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 60 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US SAILING Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US SAILING member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by ISAF at the time of the sailor athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

21.2. The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to ", within 24 hours".
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:
Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING
 - i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule F6 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
 - ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision.
 - iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.
- c) Rule 70.2 is deleted, as permitted in rule 86.3.
- d) Rule F1.4 is changed, as permitted in rule 86.3 - The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US SAILING national championship, a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US SAILING Protected Competition (as defined in US SAILING Regulation 12.03) to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.
- e) Rule F9, APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED COMPETITIONS will be used, as permitted in rule 86.3.

22. EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

22.1. Rule F9 is added as follows:

F9 APPEALS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISIONS OR PROCEDURES AT PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US SAILING Protected Competition, as defined in US SAILING Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03.02.03.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- F9.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US SAILING Race Administration Director (director) at RaceAdmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.
- F9.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.
- F9.3 The appeal shall include:
- a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and
 - b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.
- F9.4 US SAILING charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US SAILING or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- F9.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible
- a) forward the appeal to the US SAILING Appeals Committee,
 - b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal, and
 - c) send a copy of the appeal to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.

In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- F9.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:
- a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
 - b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
 - c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule F2.2(c);
 - d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
 - e) any other relevant documents.
- F9.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

- F9.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule F9.6 and F9.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

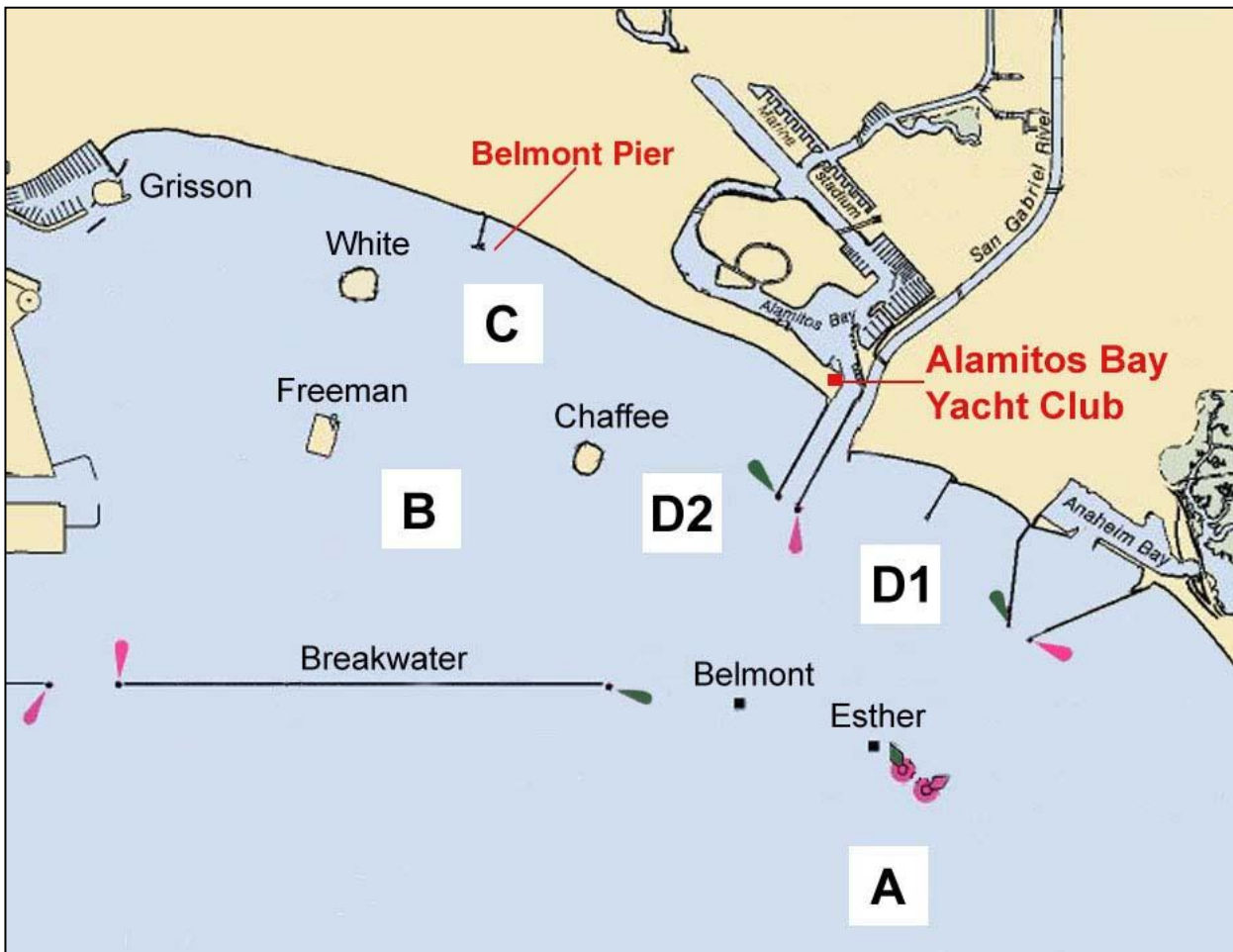
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- F9.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.
- F9.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.



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APPENDIX ONE – RACING AREAS



RACING AREA A: 1.3 nautical miles bearing 165° magnetic from the mouth of the Alamos Bay Jetty.

RACING AREA B: 1.5 nautical miles bearing 250° magnetic from the mouth of the Alamos Bay Jetty (inside the Federal Breakwater).

RACING AREA C: 100 yards east of the Belmont Pier (inside the Federal Breakwater).

RACING AREA D1: One-half (.05) nautical mile bearing 100° magnetic from the mouth of the Alamos Bay Jetty.

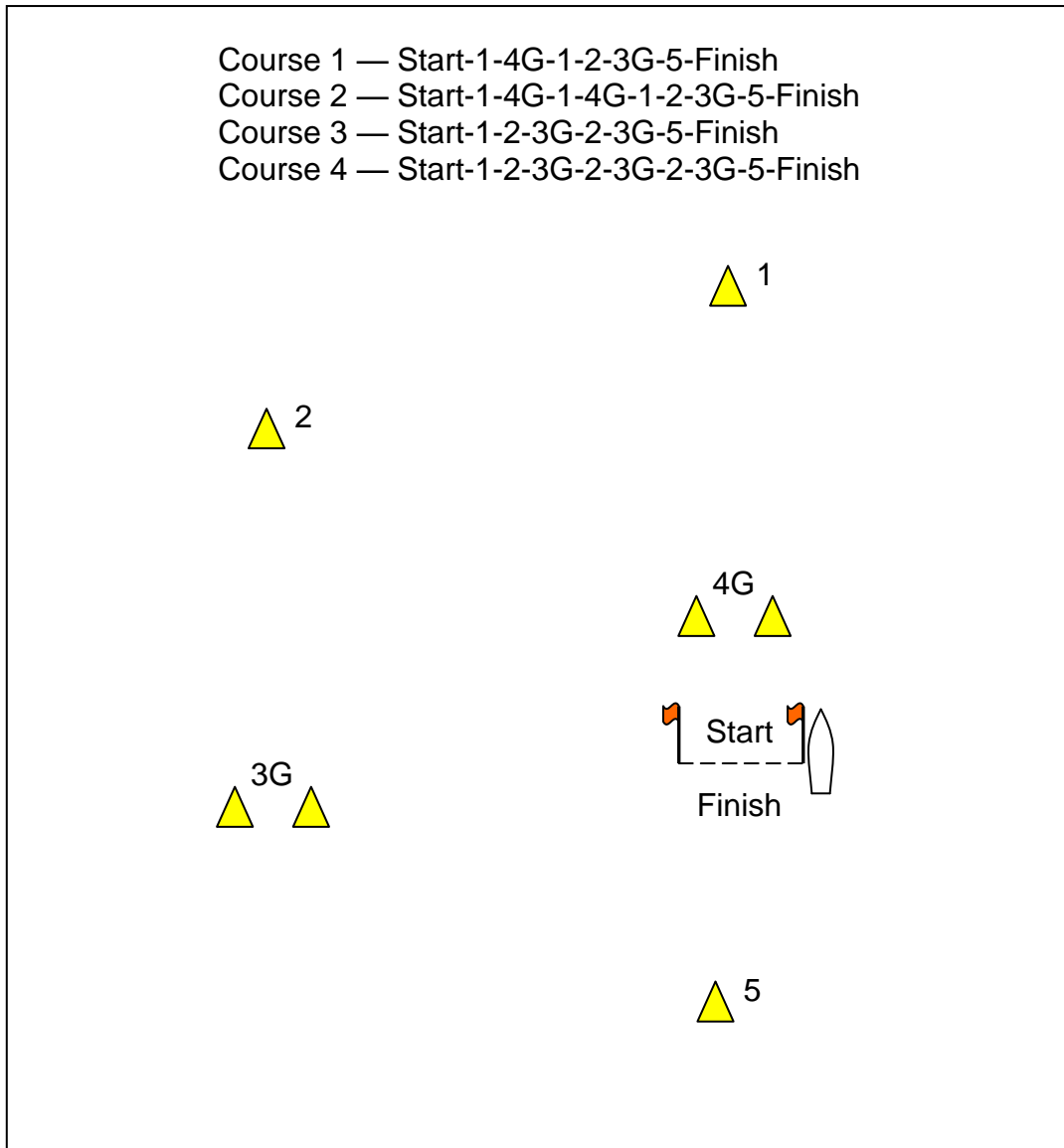
RACING AREA D2: 100 yards west of the mouth of the Alamos Bay Jetty.



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APPENDIX TWO – COURSES

- Course 1 — Start-1-4G-1-2-3G-5-Finish
- Course 2 — Start-1-4G-1-4G-1-2-3G-5-Finish
- Course 3 — Start-1-2-3G-2-3G-5-Finish
- Course 4 — Start-1-2-3G-2-3G-2-3G-5-Finish





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Course 11 — Start-1-Finish
Course 12 — Start-1-2G-1-Finish
Course 13 — Start-1-2G-1-2G-1-Finish

