

2020 INTERNATIONAL 50⁵ NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 24-27, 2020



Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California, USA



NOTICE OF RACE

The State of California requires all participants to wear masks or face coverings when on the club grounds.

Failure to wear appropriate face coverings may result in your being asked to leave the ABYC club grounds.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. All participants (competitors, boat owners, *support persons*, parents, guardians) and any all guests of these persons, are required to follow current local, state, and federal guidelines and requirements as they relate to COVID-19.
- 1.3. The following prescriptions of US national authority will apply:
 - 1.2.1. RRS 61.4 – Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress – US Sailing prescribes that: – US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.
 - 1.2.2. RRS 67 – Damages – US Sailing prescribes that:
 - (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not by that action alone admit liability for damages.
 - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing Appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of “assumption of risk” for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
 - 1.2.3. RRS 76.1 – Exclusion of Boats or Competitors – US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason, or for the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
- 1.4. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - a) RRS 29.1 shall be changed so that individual recall does not apply at gate starts.
 - b) A5 is modified so that any boat infringing the gate start procedures may be disqualified without a hearing.
 - c) RRS 40 (personal flotation device) shall apply at all times while afloat.
 - d) RRS 41 shall be changed so that crew can be returned to their dinghy.
 - e) RRS 42.3 c) is replaced by Class Rule B13 as follows:

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“Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the face of a wave) or planing is possible, the boats crew may pull the sheet and guy controlling any sail in order to initiate or maintain surfing or planing, but not more than three repeated pulls and releases of the sail may be made for each wave or gust of wind.”.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.5. In all rules governing this regatta;

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee;

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing;

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

2.2. Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the International 505 Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the International 505 Class, whose crew are members in good standing with their respective national 505 Class Association.

1.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [online entry form](#) at and paying the required fee.

3.2. Each participant (or their parent, if underage) will be required to complete and sign the [ABYC Assumption Of Risk Release Of Liability, Waiver Of Claims, And Covenant Not To Sue Relating To Coronavirus/Covid-19](#).

4. FEES

4.1. Entry fee \$300 US (until July 24, 2020), \$350 US (until August 24, 2020), \$400 thereafter. (The entry fee includes refreshments after racing each race day, a regatta dinner and a regatta shirt.)

4.2. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

a) More than 1 month prior to the regatta - 100%, less \$20 USD administrative fee

b) Between 1 month and 5 days - 50%, less \$20 USD administrative fee

c) Less than 5 days - 0%

4.3. If regatta is cancelled for reasons of force majeure or for any other grounds outside the control of the organizing authority, the entry fee will be refunded 100% less a \$20 USD administrative fee.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration:

Wednesday, Sept 23, 2020, From 1200 To 1700

Thursday, Sept 24, 2020, From 0900 To 1200

5.2. Equipment inspection and event measurement:

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Wednesday, Sept 23, 2020, From 1200 To 1700

Thursday, Sept 24, 2020, From 0900 To 1000

5.3. Racing Schedule

Thursday, Sept 24, 2020

Friday, Sept 25, 2020

Saturday, Sept 26, 2020

Sunday, Sept 27, 2020

5.4. A daily coaches and support boat meeting will be held at 1015.

5.5. A daily competitors briefing will be held at 1030 with the Race Officer.

5.6. Number of races:

- a) Twelve races are scheduled.
- b) No more than 4 races per day shall be sailed.

5.7. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be 1255.

5.8. On the last scheduled day of racing the first warning signal for a race will not be made after 1600.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

6.2. All boats and equipment may be inspected at the event.

6.3. Each boat shall carry on board at all times while afloat:

- a) A towline of at least 10m in length and 6mm in diameter.
- b) A tow ring at the front of the boat to run the tow rope through;
- c) A paddle with a minimum blade area of 250mmx125mm and minimum length of 750mm;
- d) An approved personal flotation device to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, (level 50), or USCG Type III, or AUS PDF II or equivalent for each crew member and to be worn at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The use of inflatable personal flotation devices is not permitted.

6.4. The race committee reserves the right to require any boat or sail to be further submitted for measurement at any time during the event.

6.5. The fact that the organizing authority conducts inspections of boats and equipment does not reduce the responsibilities of the competitors as set out in this Notice of Race

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The sailing Instructions will be available electronically on the regatta website. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

8. VENUE

8.1. Races will be held in either; 1) the waters of San Pedro Bay outside the Long Beach Breakwater, or 2) inside the Long Beach Federal Breakwater.

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9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. They may include windward – leeward and windward – leeward – triangular courses.
- 9.2. Gate starts will be used for all races unless otherwise determined by the Race Committee.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. RSS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

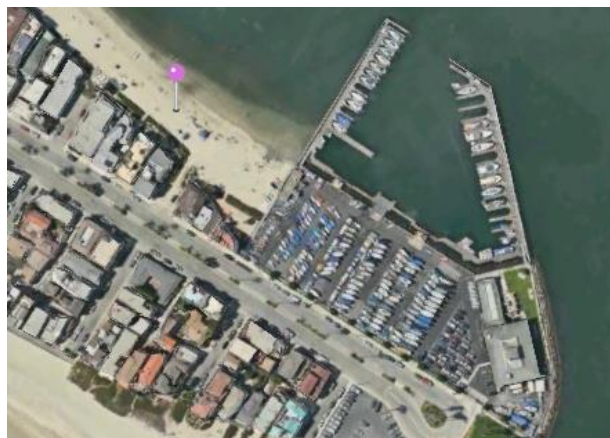
- 11.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed races to constitute a series.
- 11.2.
 - a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 12.1. All support vessels shall register at the race office during the registration period.
- 12.2. All support vessels will be required to comply with local legislation and support vessel requirements. [DP]
- 12.3. If called upon support vessels will be required to act as rescue boats. [DP]

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. Boats shall be stored overnight on a public beach in Alamitos Bay adjacent to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Each boat must have its own trolley. [DP]
- 13.2. After each day of racing, all personal belongings shall either be secured within a boat or removed from the beach area; security patrols will be provided for the beach area however the OA assumes no responsibility for any lost or missing items. [DP]



14. PARKING AND STORAGE

- 14.1. Due to space limitations, vehicle parking on Alamitos Bay Yacht Club grounds is restricted. Off-street parking is available across the street in municipal lots. [DP]
- 14.2. The Regatta fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the weekend prior to the event until the Wednesday following the event. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is closed on Monday and Tuesday. [DP]
- 14.3. Visiting competing boats may request extended storage IN ADVANCE by contacting the ABYC office. The cost is \$10 US per day paid in advance. [DP]
- 14.4. Any boat or trailer found on Alamitos Bay Yacht Club property without prior written authorization from Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is subject to impound and associated fees. [DP]

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15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with 50⁵ class rules and traditions.
- 16.2. Equivalent awards shall be given to the skipper and crew of boats receiving awards .

17. MEDIA CONSENT: RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 17.1. By participating or intending to participate in a race conducted under these rules, each competitor, boat owner, support person by providing support, and parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter a race, automatically grant the organizing authority, class association(s), their sponsors, and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.
- 17.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.
- 17.3. Competitors may be required for interviews and press conferences at the Championship. Competitors may be required for interviews and press conferences at the Championship.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.abyc.org or contact the ABYC office abyc@abyc.org or +1 562 434 9955.

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