

ISSA
National Keelboat Challenge
St Pete YC
November 20-22, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Interscholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with the St Petersburg Yacht Club.
- 1.3. If the Race Committee signal boat flies code flag Y prior to any start, spinnakers will not be permitted during that race.
- 1.4. Teams will draw for boats at regatta check in and will remain in the same boat till the end of sailing on Saturday. At that point in time, teams will move up one boat for racing on Sunday. Each team will be assigned a spinnaker at check in and that spinnaker will remain with that team for the duration of the event.
- 1.5. At all times while sailing crew-members must keep their legs inside the sheer line of the boat.
- 1.6. At all times while racing, compass covers will be kept on and secured so the compass is not visible.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located at the St Petersburg Sailing Center. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE:

- 3.1. Report time for Saturday will be **0830** both Saturday and Sunday.
- 3.2. The race committee will attempt to complete 10 races.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.7. The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 4.2. Course Marks will be 36" orange balls.
- 4.3. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required (changes RRS 33).

5. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES:

In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(d) races will not be shortened. They will be abandoned. No signals are required. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee, in consultation with the protest committee if possible.

6. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

- 6.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(a).
- 6.2. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6.
- 6.3. General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. After a general recall, the round the ends provision of RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(b) (Changes RRS 30.1).
- 6.4. The start/finish line will be between a signal boat at the starboard end and a yellow cylinder at the port end of the starting line.

7. BREAKDOWNS:

- 7.1. Any boat suffering a breakdown shall fly an L flag from her backstay immediately after finishing. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with **(ISSA PR 9(e))**. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

8. PROTESTS:

- 8.1. Protests procedure will be in accordance with **ISSA PR Part VI**. Per Procedural Rule 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.

9. SCORING:

Scoring will be in accordance with **ISSA PR 9**.

10. COACHING:

- 10.1. Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing personnel.
- 10.2. Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only while on shore or areas designated by the regatta chairperson.

11. SAFETY:

- 11.1. Per Procedural Rule 2.2, competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III or V lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted.
- 11.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

12. FORMAT:

The regatta will be a single division series of 10 races. Team will draw for boats at regatta check in and will remain in the same boat till the end of sailing on Saturday. At that point in time, teams will move up one boat for racing on Sunday.

13.1. TROPHIES:

- 13.2. The top placed team will receive the Mendelblatt Family Trophy for High School Keelboat Racing. Trophies will awarded to the teams placing 1st through 3rd.

14. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The race organizers (organizing authority, 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 event. By participating in this event, 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.

15. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.