



MASSA 2018 Keelboat Qualifier
Hosted by
Annapolis Yacht Club
The Organizing Authority is MASSA
November 17th, 2018
(Rain date November 18th)
Sailing Instructions



1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the 2017-2020 ISSA Procedural Rules, the notice of race and these sailing instructions. In an event of a conflict between governing documents and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence.

1.1 RRS Appendix P applies as changed by PR14(c).

1.2 ISSA PR 2.5 (pinnies) shall be in effect.

1.3 The J/22 class rules shall not apply.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Official notices including changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board on Techscore). Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before the first race of the regatta

2.1 Team (boat) weight maximum of 600 pounds.

3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday

Report time/weigh in (AYC Sailing Center) 0830

Competitors' Meeting 0900

First Warning (approximate) As soon as possible after Competitors' meeting as possible

Awards Immediately following all boats being stored

Sunday (rain date, only if no racing occurred on Saturday)

Report time (AYC) 0800

First Warning (approximate) As soon as possible after Competitors' meeting as possible

No start sequences to begin after 1100

Awards Immediately following all boats being stored

4 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

All teams will be required to provide an \$500 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing a check, credit card information or AYC member number at registration. The deposit is a per incident maximum. If a team has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$500 for each individual incident. Teams should be aware that while the AYC Staff will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The team is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta inspection. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility, the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

5 BOATS & EQUIPMENT

5.1 AYC J22s will be provided. Competitors, shall not modify any boat or cause any boat to be modified in any way.

5.2 Mainsheets may be rigged with a 5:1 purchase.

5.3 The penalty for infringing upon SI 4.1 will be disqualification from all races in which the boat was modified.

5.4 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment; however slight, promptly after finishing the race to the Race Committee on the water immediately after all boats in that race have finished.

5.5 Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots or the loss of pins or rings, except the protest committee may grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

6 FORMAT/ ROTATION

6.1 The format will be a single round robin with a boat rotation after each race.

Immediately after finishing, sailors must report to the rotation boats to swap. Boats that do not report immediately (right after the boat finishes) will be at risk of being protested by the Race Committee and will receive a DSQ from that race.

6.2 One race constitutes a regatta.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

7.1 Standard **W4** course, with a windward offset and leeward gate above the start/finish line, will be utilized unless conditions require, or the race committee sees fit to alter. A **W3** course is also an option.

7.2 The course to be sailed will be announced orally.

7.3 All rounding/ start/ finish marks will be inflatable balls.

7.4 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7, after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, if no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required (changes RRS 33).

8 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING RACE

In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7 (d) races will not be shortened but they may 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. This changes RRS32.

9 START, FINISH AND RECALLS

Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(a) except that RRS Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting System will be modified as follows:

9.1 Individual Recall - When, at a boat's starting signal, any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with RRS 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with RRS 30.1, if it applies, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal, whichever is earlier. The Race Committee may also attempt to notify individual boats by hailing their sail or bow numbers.

9.2 General Recall – The race committee may signal a general recall by multiple sounds and the hail of “general recall” and need not display the First Substitute. Following a general recall, the warning for any subsequent start may be initiated at any time. (Changes RRS 29.2) After a general recall, RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule) shall apply and no signal need be given. (Changes RRS 30.1)

9.3 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start. Failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

9.4 The “Round the End Rule” provisions of RRS 30.1 may apply for any start if hailed prior to the starting sequence. The signal will be made orally and with the display of flag “T”. This changes RRS 30.1.

10 BREAKDOWNS

10.1 Breakdown requests shall be reported immediately upon finish to the Race Committee.

10.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

11 PROTESTS

A competitor shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee the intention to protest, which must be done in order to file on land.

11.1 In order to protest a competitor, competitors must follow the procedure set forth in ISSA PR 16 b. No red flag is required for this event (this changes the RRS 61.1a2)

11.2 Pending a competitor notifying the finish boat of intentions to protest, a 3- minute justice hearing will be held immediately on an umpire’s boat or on the dock.

11.3 The umpires will, when appropriate, attempt to hear protest, requests for redress, and requests for scoring changes while afloat.

11.4 Forms will be on land (the dock) and need to be filed with Jane no later than 30 minutes after RC docks.

11.5 The Protestor must notify the competitor they are protesting as soon as possible once they hit the dock at the end of the day. Failure to notify the competitor of your intentions to protest them before filing your protest form with Jane will result in the protest being disallowed. This changes RRS 61.1a

12 SCORING

12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

13 COACHING

13.1 No coaching allowed during the race or aboard competitor’s boat. Coaches will be afloat in provided RIBs and can coach during rotations. No communication with competitors is allowed via VHF or cell phone during racing.

14 SAFETY

14.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.

14.2 Failure to comply with 13.1 will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

14.3 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 13.1.

14.4 At its discretion, the Race Committee or Organizing Authority may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others’ safety.

15 TROPHIES

15.1 Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

16 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.

17 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.

18 CONTACTS

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19 ANNOUNCEMENT

No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or distilled spirits, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the US Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use), or marijuana, cocaine, or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 US Code 802), the possession of which, by that contestant is unlawful under 21 US Code 841 Finish (LF)