

**NWISA Keelboat Championships
Oak Harbor, Washington
September 24-25, 2022**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, 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 Wildcat Sailing.

- 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on Techscore. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the protest committee and 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 and Sunday will be 0930 and 0830, respectively. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chairperson.
- 3.2. No race will start after September 25th at 1500.
- 3.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score after the skipper's meeting.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1. Courses will be displayed on a readerboard on the race committee boat and broadcasted on VHF Channel 71.
- 4.2. Turning marks shall be orange or yellow, excluding permanent marks, unless changed at the skippers' meeting or on the official notice board.
- 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).
- 4.4. All marks will be rounded to port with the exception of a leeward gate.
- 4.5. All boats must remain on the channel side of navigational marks, unless such objects are marks of the course. Boats failing to remain on the channel side of navigational marks will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A5.1.
- 4.6. Marks used at this regatta are described in the "Marks" document. Marks "M" and "MM" will not be used.

5. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

- 5.1. Races will start in accordance with Racing Rules of Sailing rule 26.
- 5.2. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6.
- 5.3. The start and finish line will be between an orange flag aboard M/V Mark T and an orange buoy.

- 5.4. After finishing, sailors should immediately drop their headsail and stay near the committee boat to facilitate rotations.

6. BREAKDOWNS:

- 6.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 6.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 12.2. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

7. PROTESTS:

- 7.1. Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI and Appendix D2.5 for Baker.
- 7.2. Per Procedural Rule 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.

8. COACHING:

- 8.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel may go afloat in the designated portion of the sailing area from Saturday morning to the end of racing Sunday.
- 8.2. Competitors may receive coaching including instructions, assistance, equipment or sustenance either on shore, or on water, but only before, after, or in-between racing. Unless safety assistance is required, in which case assistance may be provided.
- 8.3. Coaches will have to supply their own coach boats.

9. SAFETY:

- 9.1. Competitors shall wear USCG approved lifejackets as outlined in Procedural Rule 2.2.
- 9.2. 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.

10. FORMAT:

- 10.1. Four teams will compete in each race, with the fifth team taking the score of "BYE." Teams on BYE will wait on M/V Ocean awaiting rotation.
- 10.2. Teams will rotate boats after each race.
- 10.3. Racing will continue throughout the day Saturday and Sunday as allowed by the schedule of events. The OA may attempt to complete a second or third rotation if time allows.

11. CONDUCT:

- 11.1. 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.

11.2. Infringements of this regulation and/or other inappropriate conduct occurring during the regatta, may be the basis for a hearing under RRS 69.1. The protest committee for such a hearing shall, at a time and place selected by it, meet to hear said protest, and it may impose scoring penalties, or other sanctions that it deems appropriate, including summary removal from the regatta.

12. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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