

# USPS District 13 Sailing Instructions 2014

## 1 Rules

1.1 Sail races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing For 2013-2016* (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the notice of race, except as any of these are changed by the these instructions,

1.2 PHRF boats will use PHRF Area "C" RLC Rating .

1.3 Boats shall be governed by Rule 9 of the Inland Navigation Rules (72 COLREGS)

## 2 Entries

2.1 Entries will be submitted as indicated in the Notice of Race.

## 3 Notice to Competitors

3.1 Any additional instructions will be posted on the regatta notice board at Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club by 0930 on the day of the race.

## 4 Communications

4.1 The R/C will monitor channel 68

## 5 Changes In Sailing Instructions

5.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day of the race.

## 6 Schedule of Races

6.1 The race schedule is as prescribed in the Notice of Race.

## 7 Class Flags

7.1 Flags will be as described in the Notice of Race.

## 8 Starting Schedule

8.1 The race will start at 1200, using rule 26, with the timing as described in NOR.

## 9 Course

9.1 The course will be selected from those on the USPS District-13 Sail Race Chart-14.

9.2 Marks shall be rounded to port unless the mark designated is followed by a small "s", which means the mark will be rounded or passed to starboard.

9.3 With or soon after the Warning Signal the R/C will signal the course by displaying numeral pennants.

9.4 When the code flag "T" is displayed a boat shall sail the course twice. A boat completes the first lap by crossing the Start-Finish line from the previous mark.

## 10 Marks

10.1 Mark location is as prescribed by ASPBYC. Approximate mark locations are shown

on the District 13 Race Chart.

## **11 Check in Before Start**

11.1 Each boat will check in prior to the Attention Signal by sailing close hauled on a starboard tack close by the stern of the R/C boat. Hail the R/C and be acknowledged.

## **12 Start**

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with classes starting at five (5) minute intervals in the order indicated in the NOR.

12.2 The starting line will be a straight line between an orange buoy flag and an orange committee boat flag or between orange flag buoys.

12.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

## **13 Recalls**

13.1 Individual recalls will be signaled using Rule 29.1 Sail numbers will not be hailed.

13.2 General recall will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2.

## **14 Shortening the course**

14.1 The course may be shortened at the end of the first lap of a twice around course. The R/C will make two sound signals and display code flag "S".

## **15 Abandonment or cancellation**

15.1 The R/C may abandon or cancel a race in progress when in **its judgment** a change in weather conditions has made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill.

## **16 Retiring**

16.1 A competitor that retires from the race will notify the race committee before leaving the area or as soon as possible.

## **17 Finish**

17.1 The finish line will be crossed from the last mark, the line will be a straight line between an orange buoy flag and an orange committee boat flag or between orange flag buoys.

## **18 Penalty System**

18.1 The 720° Turn Penalty is modified to a 360° turn. This changes Rule 44.2.

## **19 Safety**

19.1 Lifejackets will be worn when the "Y" flag is hoisted. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. (DSQ)

## **20 Time Limit**

20.1 The time limit will be as indicated in the Notice of Race.

## **21 Protests and Infringement.**

21.1 A boat protesting or acknowledging an infringement shall promptly notify the R/C after finishing her race.

21.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the LSFYC shed or online at <http://www.district13usps.org/sailrace.htm> and delivered to the R/C within 30 minutes of the R/C boat docking.

## **22 Scoring**

22.1 The Low Point Scoring System, rule A2 will apply.

22.2 A DNF or OCS will be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus one. A DSQ will be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus two. A DNC or DNS will be scored points equal to the number of starters plus one. This changes Rule A4.2.

22.3. The Race Committee will determine the courses distances.

## **23 Trophies**

23.1 The number of trophies awarded per class is based on participation as follows: 3 boats 1 trophy, 5 boats 2 trophies, 9 boats 3 trophies, 12 boats 4 trophies.