

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Formula 16 Catamaran

World Championship

Newport, RI, USA

June 23 - 27, 2014



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Formula 16 Class Rules unless modified herein or in the Notice of Race.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of US SAILING to the RRS listed in Addendum A of the Notice of Race shall apply.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 with its amendments will apply.
- 1.4. Flotation Devices:
 - 1.4.1. All competitors are reminded to comply with the US Coast Guard requirements for flotation devices.
 - 1.4.2. Foreign competitors are advised that the US Coast Guard requires that, while practicing for or racing in competition, each foreign boat must carry a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device for everyone aboard or flotation devices that conform to regulations of their own country.
 - 1.4.3. Breaches of flotation device regulations shall not be protestable by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5. RRS 44.1 will be changed as follows: delete "Two-Turns" and replace it with "One-Turn."
- 1.6. RRS G1.3(d) will not apply.
- 1.7. The paper copy of the NOR and SIs, posted on the Official Notice Board, shall prevail in the event of a conflict between the paper and any electronic copy.

2. COMPETITOR NOTICES AND MEETINGS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Mule Barn at Sail Newport.
- 2.2. A competitor's meeting (with the RC) will be held at 1830 on Monday, June 23, in the Mule Barn. Additional meetings may be scheduled.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag L over C, accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast of Hobie Wave #955, located in the vicinity of the F16 storage/rigging area (Field) at Sail Newport.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- | Day | Date | Time | Event |
|---------|------------|------|------------------------------------------|
| Mon | 23 June | 1400 | Practice Race(s) |
| Tue-Fri | 24-27 June | 0915 | Earliest release from Field (see SI 5.3) |
| Tue-Fri | 24-27 June | 1100 | First Warning Signal |
| Fri | 27 Jun | 1400 | Last warning (see SI 5.4) |
- 5.2. Fifteen races are scheduled (4 races per day Tue-Thu, 3 races on Friday). One extra race per day may be sailed, but the RC will not run more than one race ahead of schedule.
 - 5.3. Code Flag H will be displayed ashore until at least 0915 each day. Boats may not leave the field until Code Flag H is lowered.
 - 5.4. On Friday, June 27, no warning signal for a race shall be made after the time listed in SI 5.1, unless posted by 2000 on Thursday, June 26. In the case of one or more general recall(s), when the initial warning signal was made prior to the time listed in SI 5.1, the race committee may display subsequent warning signals after that time.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be Code Flag F.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. Buoy races will be held in Potter Cove on Narragansett Bay, just north of the Pell Newport Bridge (refer to the chart in the Notice of Race).
- 7.2. If a distance race is held, a supplement to these Sailing Instructions will be issued, and racing will be held on Narragansett Bay and/or on Rhode Island Sound.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal the Course Number, by displaying a numeral pennant indicating the number of windward/leeward legs of the course.

Course 2: Start - 1 - 1o - Finish (Downwind)
Course 3: Start - 1 - 1o - Gate - Finish (Upwind)
Course 4: Start - 1 - 1o - Gate - 1 - 1o - Gate - Reach Finish
Course 5: Start - 1 - 1o - Gate - 1 - 1o - Gate - Finish (Upwind)
Course 6: Start - 1 - 1o - Gate - 1 - 1o - Gate - 1 - 1o - Gate - Reach Finish
- 8.2. All marks left to port except gates.
- 8.3. Reaching finishes: Boats shall sail through the gate and finish behind the RC signal boat.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, port gate and starboard gate will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 Mark 1o will be an orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 In the event of a change of course:
 - (a) New mark 1 an orange inflatable buoy.
 - (b) New Mark 1o and Gate marks will be the same as the original marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a port-end inflatable buoy. The port-end inflatable buoy may be replaced with a pin-end boat displaying an orange flag in which case the starting line will be between the two orange flags.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will set a new mark or move the finishing line to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark (or finishing line) may not yet be in the new position.
- 11.2 A leg may be changed up to 005° in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of an inflatable buoy.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 will be changed as follows: delete "Two-Turns" and replace it with "One-Turn."

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The target time for the first boat to finish is 45 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished that race plus 1. The scoring abbreviation will be TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A11.
- 14.3 The time limit shall be 75 minutes.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 All protests shall be filed with the Protest Committee, inside the Mule Barn, no later than thirty (30) minutes after the docking of the RC Signal Boat.
- 15.2 Requests for Scoring Review (including OCS) shall be filed within the protest time limit on forms available from the Protest Committee. Such a request will be reviewed by the Race Committee before being scheduled for a hearing by the Protest Committee. If unresolved, it shall be considered a request for redress and will be considered to have met the

protest time limit. This changes RRS 63.1.

- 15.3 Notices will be posted within twenty (20) minutes after expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Mule Barn.
- 15.4 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of any **rule** other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 15.5 Infringements of SI 5.3 AND 17 are not protestable by another boat. Additional limitations are contained within the NOR. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision or within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day. This changes RRS 66.
- 15.7 Requests for redress on the last scheduled day of racing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING - Reference NOR 13

17. SAFETY

17.1 ROCKS, ROCKS, ROCKS!!!

- (a) Generally speaking, there are no soft shorelines within Narragansett Bay. The beach at Potter Cove may be used to make repairs, but sailors are advised to beware of rocks on approach.
 - (b) Boats shall transit to the course by sailing to the west of Rose Island. Large, shallow, rocky areas extend to the north and east of Rose Island. The transit lane is reflected on the chart in the NOR.
 - (c) Boats shall avoid sailing through the mooring fields adjacent to the Jamestown shoreline. Large, shallow rocks are present within these mooring fields.
- 17.2 Each competitor shall wear a PFD, properly secured at all times on the water, except briefly while adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
 - 17.3 **CHECK IN / OUT ASHORE:**
 - (a) Each day, prior to launching, boats are required to check out, on the form located on the Official Notice Board.
 - (b) Each day, upon returning to shore, boats are required to check in, on the form located on the Official Notice Board.
 - 17.4 **CHECK IN / OUT AFLOAT:**
 - (a) Boats are required to check in by hailing their sail number to the RC Signal Boat before the start of the first race each day and/or the first race following any postponement ashore.
 - (b) Boats leaving the racing area before the end of racing on any day shall notify the Race Committee ASAP.
 - 17.5 The VHF channel to be used shall be displayed on the RC Signal Boat.
 - 17.6 ***A reminder to competitors: Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.***

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS - Reference NOR 8

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1 Official Boats will be marked as follows:

- (a) The RC Signal Boat will display a blue RC flag prior to racing.
- (b) Each RC mark boat will display a yellow RC flag at all times.

20. SUPPORT/COACH/SPECTATOR BOATS

- 20.1 All coach and support boats are required to check in at the RC Signal Boat prior to racing each day.
- 20.2 All coach and support boats are requested to carry a working VHF radio and to monitor the Race Committee channel at all times.
- 20.3 Coach and support boats are expected to follow the instructions of the RC. Failure to follow such instructions may result in Race Committee protests against associated competitors.
- 20.4 Coach and support boats are expected to be prepared to assist the RC with towing of boats, not limited to associated competitors.
- 20.5 Refer to the Course Description for additional restrictions
- 20.6 All protests shall be filed with the Protest Committee, inside the Mule Barn, no later than thirty (30) minutes after the docking of the RC Signal Boat.

21. ADVERTISING - Reference NOR 2

22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Reference NOR 16

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Reference NOR 20

24. SPECIAL NOTE

- 24.1 A reminder to competitors: Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.