



2016 Bob Bavier Team Race Invite
College of Charleston
March 5-6, 2016



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Organizing Authority - The ICSA is the organizing authority for the regatta. Races will be sailed under the management of the Regatta Chairman and the Race Committee.
2. Rules - The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016), including Appendix D, the prescription of U.S. Sailing, and the current ICSA Procedural Rules, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
 - 2.1 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
 - 2.2 RRS D2.2(a) is changed to "She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a raised open hand at the first reasonable opportunity for each."
 - 2.3 PR 25 is changed to: RRS Appendix D shall be used for team racing regattas, deleting the red flag requirement in RRS 61.1(a). RRS D1.2(c) and D5.2 are changed by replacing the phrase "a red flag" with "a raised open hand."
3. Notices - Official notices will be posted on the white board in the classroom of the Sailing Center. It is the responsibility of each crew to check the notice board for information. Posted instructions may be superseded by verbal instructions from the Race Committee.
4. Boats - The event will be sailed in FJs and Z420s as provided by the host.
 - 4.1 No adjustments are to be made to the standing rigging.
 - 4.2 Breakdowns must be filed in accordance with the Procedural Rules. The Race Committee must be notified as soon as possible after the race or after the breakdown occurs, whichever is appropriate.
5. Format - The format of the series will be determined by the Regatta Chairman, given the conditions and time allowed. Changes to the format will be announced orally.
 - 5.1 A triple round robin will be attempted.
 - 5.2 If the triple round robin may not be completed in the allotted time, a double round robin with a final-four and consolation round will be attempted. The consolation round may be eliminated if necessary.
 - 5.3 If a double round robin may not be completed, a single round robin with a final-four and consolation round will be sailed. The consolation round may be eliminated if necessary.
 - 5.4 A single round robin will constitute a series.
 - 5.5 No incomplete round-robins will be scored, but races sailed in an incomplete round may be used as tie-breakers. If possible, ties that cannot be broken using the races sailed in an incomplete round will be broken with single-race sail-offs.
6. Rotation - Boats will be rotated at the site specified by the Race Committee. The boat rotation will be distributed at the competitors meeting and posted on the notice board.

7. Schedule - Competitors Meeting for each day is 9:15 a.m. Racing will begin as soon as possible after the competitors meeting. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the race committee. Races will be conducted as expeditiously as possible with due consideration for unavoidable delays. The race committee may commence the starting sequence prior to the arrival of any team(s) taking an inordinate amount of time arriving in the starting area. No race will be started after 1500 on Sunday.
8. Race Area - The Race Area will be described at the skippers meeting.
9. Course - The course will be a Digital N or a Cooper River Double-Modified Port Triangle (see white board for diagram).
10. Marks - All rounding marks will be orange balls.
 - 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff on the signal boat and an orange or white ball.
 - 10.2 The finishing line will be between a staff on the finish boat and an orange or white ball.
11. Starting Signals – The 3-minute system as described in PR 18(b)(i) will be used.
12. Recalls
 - 12.1 In accordance with PR 18(b)(ii), Individual Recalls will be signaled by the display of code flag X without an accompanying sound signal. Individual boat numbers will be hailed if possible. Code flag X will remain hoisted until all boats have started properly, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal, whichever is earlier.
 - 12.2 General Recalls will be used in accordance with PR 18(b)(iii), except that the “1 minute rule” (RRS 30.1) will not be used. This changes PR 18(b)(iii).
13. Changing the Course - After the starting signal, the Race Committee may change one or more marks of the course provided no competitor is on that leg.
14. Abandonment - A race may be abandoned if the race committee determines that the race is not a fair test of sailing.
15. Safety - Each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD while on the water.
16. Umpiring – The appropriate penalty to be used in accordance with RRS D2.2(b) is a “One-Turn” penalty.
17. Other Rules
 - 17.1 All competitors shall be aware of the proximity of the course to the shipping channel. No competitor shall sail in the shipping channel when racing or during the time between races. This is an umpire initiated penalty.
 - 17.2 No boat or crew shall touch coach boats or spectator boats unless they are changing crews or are in need of assistance for a breakdown or other emergencies.