



## **1 RULES**

- 1.1** This regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2021-2024), and the ICSA Procedural Rules, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** All races shall be umpired.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board on TechScore
- 2.2** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they are to take effect.

## **3 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 3.1** FJs will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified, though mainsheets may be rigged 3:1 or 4:1.
- 3.2** The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 3.3** The penalty for infringing instruction 3.1 or 3.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 3.4** Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee Boat on the water.
- 3.5** Boats will be identified by their sail number.

## **4 REGATTA FORMAT**

- 4.1** The regatta is a three-boat against three-boat team race.
- 4.2** The intended format of the regatta will be a double round robin series (Stage 1) with, time and weather permitting, a championship knockout round to determine final rankings. First and second, third and fourth, and fifth and sixth will each sail a “best of three” set in order to determine final placing. Race-wins do not carry forward from Stage 1 to the knockout round.
- 4.3** Race Committee reserves the right to adjust the format of the regatta as needed.

## **5 ROTATIONS**

Rotations will be in accordance with the rotation sheet available online in the shared 2023 McCarthy Cup folder (found [here](#)). Teams are identified by their registered team names.

## **6 THE COURSE AND MARKS**

- 6.1** The default course is the ICSA Starboard Digital N. The course diagram will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- 6.2** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and a white ball indicating the port end of the line.
- 6.3** The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the finish boat and a white ball indicating the port end of the line.
- 6.4** Rounding marks will be colored balls.

## **7 THE START**

- 7.1** Races will be started in accordance with ICSA PR(b)(iii).
- 7.2** [NP] A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

## **8 RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with ICSA PR(b)(iv).

## **9 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 9.1** Every attempt should be made to exonerate rule infringements on the water.
- 9.2** Protests must be signaled on the water immediately by hailing "Protest" and the sail number of the boat being protested. Any protest must be registered with Race Committee upon finishing the race.
- 9.3** Protests should be submitted virtually via the "US Sailing Racing Rules" app and emailed to [jeffbrock@me.com](mailto:jeffbrock@me.com), and must be submitted within 45 minutes of the completion of the last race of the regatta.

## **10 SCORING**

In the round robin stages, boats will be scored in accordance with RRS D3 and D4 as modified by ICSA PR 25(b-d).

## **11 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 11.1** Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official.
- 11.2** Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship.

## **12 SAFETY**

- 12.1** All competitors must wear USCG approved PFD's when afloat.
- 12.2** Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead.
- 12.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 12.3** A capsized boat may be righted and sailed by its crew unless, in the sole judgement of the Race Committee, safety or progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the crew shall accept assistance and the boat will be scored "DNF".

## **13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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