



# Thompson Trophy April 13-14, 2024



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024), the Procedural Rules and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition, and the NEISA Rules and Regulations, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All Races will be umpired. RRS D2 will apply as modified by the Procedural Rules.
- 1.3. A minimum of 80% of Round Robin Stage 1 scheduled races shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 1.4. RRS D4.3(b) is changed to: If a round robin other than Stage 1 is terminated when fewer than 100% of its scheduled races have been completed, its results shall not be included except as provided in PR 25(b), PR 25(c) and SI 1.6.
- 1.5. RRS D4.3(c) is deleted. Results from each round robin will carry forward.
- 1.6. Races from an incomplete round robin may be used as races in a subsequent round.
- 1.7. Failure to gain entrance to USCGA shall not be considered in redress/protest hearings.
- 1.8. RRS D1.1(d) is in effect.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted to the notice board on Techscore.

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they are to take effect.

### 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Saturday, April 13

Report Time                    1030  
First Warning                 1105  
No Starting Signal After 1800

#### Sunday, April 14

Report Time                    0930  
First Warning                 1005  
No Starting Signal After 1500

### 5. FORMAT

- 5.1. The format for the regatta is as follows:
  - 5.1.1. Stage 1 – Round Robin of all 8 Teams in FJs and/or 420s
  - 5.1.2. Stage 2 – Round Robin of all 8 Teams in FJs and/or 420s
  - 5.1.3. Stage 3 – Round Robin of all 8 Teams in FJs and/or 420s
- 5.2. Any changes to this format will be in accordance with PR 25(f), except as changed by these SI.
- 5.3. PR 25(f) is changed to: When conditions make the announced format unmanageable, the NEISA Rep, Regatta Chairman, and Chief Umpire may alter the format to ensure an equitable determination of the winner.

## **6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

6.1. FJs and 420s will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.

6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.

6.3. The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

6.4. Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Host.

## **7. ROTATION**

7.1. Boat Rotation will be on techscore.

7.2 All rotations and substitutions will take place off the south dock unless explicitly told otherwise.

## **8. MARKS**

8.1. Rounding marks will be colored buoys.

8.2. The start line will be between a staff on the RC boat and a colored buoy.

8.3. The finish line will be between a staff on the Finish boat and a colored buoy.

## **9. COURSE**

9.1. The course will be a Digital N.

## **10. STARTING SYSTEM**

10.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).

10.2. The Race Committee may opt to use a rolling starting system; that is a system where the warning signal for a subsequent race is the starting signal for the previous race.

## **11. PROTESTS**

11.1. Protests shall be initiated in accordance with RRS D2 as modified by Procedural Rule 25.

11.2. Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

## **12. BREAKDOWNS**

12.1. When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may request a score change by hailing an umpire or the race committee to that effect at the first reasonable opportunity after the breakdown, until the hail is acknowledged. If possible, she shall continue racing. This changes RRS D5.2 and PR 25.

## **13. SCORING**

13.1. RRS D3 and D4 shall be used, as modified by PR 25 and these Sailing Instructions.

13.2. Breakdowns will be scored in accordance with RRS D.5 as changed by PR 20.

## **14. SAFETY**

14.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14.2. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

14.3. At the discretion of the regatta Chairman, a race may be abandoned at any point if there is submarine traffic approaching. When a race is abandoned, competitors shall sail toward Jacobs Rock floats and the rotation area. Failure to comply with SI 14.3 will result in disqualification from the regatta. This changes RRS 32.1

## **15. COACHING**

15.1. Coaches will be on land.

15.2. Teams may not fly a drone.