

2021 Vanguard 15 Nationals
Harbor Island Yacht Club
Old Hickory, TN
October 9-10 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Changes to the following RRS sections or definitions will be made for this regatta: 40 (Personal Flotation Device), 44.1 (Taking a Penalty), Appendix A2 (Series Scores), Race Signal AP (Postponement)
- 1.3 RRS Appendices P (Special Procedures for Rule 42), U (Audible Signal Racing System), V1 (Penalty at the Time of Incident), and V2 (Post-Race Penalties) shall apply
- 1.3 The Vanguard 15 Class rules shall apply.
- 1.4 Class Rule 4.2 is amended to permit the use of non-builder sails; however boats must declare their use at registration and will not be eligible for the 1st Place Prize and recognition as the Class National Champion, which will pass sequentially in the order of finishes to the next eligible boat. All other Class Rules will apply. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time in order to confirm compliance with Class Rules.
- 1.5 Boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the OA.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day of racing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Harbor Island Yacht Club.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a flag bearing the class insignia.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the open waters of Old Hickory Lake. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over sailboats and must be treated with utmost respect. When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules of Part 2 are replaced by the Inland Navigation Rules. Any boat impeding the passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest by the race committee or the protest committee.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. For windward/leeward courses (W/L) the course will be displayed as W/L + the number of legs.
- 7.4 For windward/leeward courses, the windward mark may have an offset. If the offset is not in place, the single windward shall be left to port.
- 7.2 For windward/leeward courses, the leeward mark may be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the single leeward mark shall be left to port.
- 7.3 For Modified Olympic courses, the course will be displayed on a signboard as follows: **MO** represents Triangle, Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward and **O** representing, Triangle, Windward, Leeward, Windward.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Turning marks will be large orange spheres.
- 8.3 The starting mark will be an orange sphere.
- 8.4 The finishing mark will be an orange sphere.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using Appendix U, Audible-Signal Starting System.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.3 Flags will be used in the following order
 - Three minutes: Class Flag up
 - Two Minutes: Preparatory Flag up
 - One Minute: Preparatory Flag down
 - Zero: Class Flag down

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee move the original mark or the finishing line as soon as practicable.
- 10.2 Offset marks will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- 10.3 The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg change will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).

11 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS V1, Penalty at the time of an incident, will apply, changing RRS 44.1:
The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 12.2 RRS V2, Penalty taken after a race, will apply.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1 The target time for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 40 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

The time limit for protests and requests for redress is 30 minutes after the docking time of the race committee signal boat for the session in which the incident occurred.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 15.2 No scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

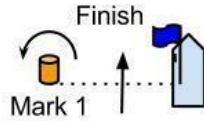
- 16.1 Competitors shall wear USCG-approved personal flotation devices while on the water, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes the Part 4 preamble and rule 40.
- 16.2 All boats shall have an attached bow line at least 15 feet in length, at least 1/4 inch in diameter, and properly attached at all times.
- 16.3 Daggerboards shall be tethered to the boat.
- 16.4 Competitors shall not leave the harbor until the safety boats are on the water.
- 16.5 A boat that withdraws from a race shall promptly notify the race committee.

ADDENDUM A

COURSES

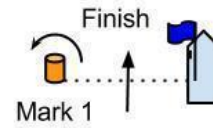
W/L Course

Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish (W + 4)
Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish (W + 5)
Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish (W + 6)



Modified Olympic Course

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish (Triangle - WL)
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish (Triangle - WLWL)



(Mark 2

