



Ultimate 20 North American Championship Regatta
September 17-20, 2015
Detroit, MI
Bayview Yacht Club
Crescent Sail Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) listed in Attachment A will apply.
- 1.3 Ultimate 20 Class Association Rules shall apply. <http://www.u20class.org/U20racing/u20classrules.pdf>
- 1.4 If there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board at Bayview Yacht Club in the Canada's Cup Room.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 hours EDT on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 hours EDT on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be provided (but only on the water) as follows: Signal Flag 'Lima' will first be hoisted aboard the RC Signal Boat accompanied by one sound signal. Shortly thereafter, the SI change will be broadcast to the fleet over **VHF channel 68**. After attempting to determine that all boats have heard and understood the change, the RC will then lower Signal Flag 'Lima'. The failure of a competitor to hear or properly understand the oral change shall not then be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from a flagpole by the river (south of the clubhouse). If such signals are displayed prior to racing on any day, a courtesy broadcast describing the signals may be made on VHF channel 68 between 0830 and 0900 hours EDT. See SI 21 (Courtesy Broadcasts).
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing will be held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 18– 20, 2015.
- 5.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical on each day of racing.
- 5.3 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the race each day is 1030 hours EDT.
- 5.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1400 hours EDT on the last day of racing, Sunday, September 20.
- 5.5 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be the U20 class insignia on a white background.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area is located in lower Lake St. Clair, nearby the Crescent Sail Yacht Club. The approximate center of the racing circle is at 42°24.40' N, 082°51.85' W, which is approximately 4.0 nm from the Peche Island Range Rear Light (F 115 ft PA) on a compass heading of 044°. The radius of Circle A is 0.6 nautical miles.
- 7.2 The Peche Island Range Rear Light is in lower Lake St. Clair, approximately 1.5 nm upstream from Bayview Yacht Club and is visible from the lawn in front of the clubhouse in normal conditions. Competitors are cautioned not to sail closer than 100 yards to the Peche Island Range Rear Light or between the Peche Island Range Rear Light and Peche Island at any time. Refer to the Lake St. Clair Chart (14850) posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board. Crews are cautioned to allow adequate time to reach the appropriate racing areas in prevailing conditions for the first scheduled warning signal each day.

8. COURSES

8.1 The course will be signaled with a numeral pennant. The approximate compass bearing and approximate distance from the starting line to Mark 1 shall be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat on course boards.

8.2 All turning marks shall be left to port except gates.

8.3 An offset mark (inflated orange “hip-hop”) shall be used and will be rounded to port after first rounding Mark 1. It will be approximately 50 yards from Mark 1 at approximately a 90-degree angle.

8.4 Mark 2 may be a gate. In the event that one of the gate marks is not in place, boats shall round the existing Mark 2 to port.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be orange inflated marks. New marks, when used in accordance with SI 14 (Change of Course after the Start), will be yellow inflated marks. The starting and finishing marks shall be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and an inflated mark at the other.

10. CHECK IN

10.1 Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing their bow number (sail numbers if no bow number). They shall continue to do so until their bow (sail) number is orally acknowledged by the Race Committee.

10.2 Boats that do not check in according to SI 10.1 are subject to protest by the Race Committee. When the protest committee decides that a boat broke SI 10.1, the boat will be given a scoring penalty in her first race of that day equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in her class, calculated as provided in RRS 44.3(c).

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Signal Boat on the starboard end, and the course side of the port end starting mark and will be located leeward of Mark 2.

11.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.3 After the first race of the day, it is the intention of the Race Committee to start subsequent races as soon as practicable after the last boat of the class finishes the previous race, but not earlier than five minutes after the orange starting line flag is unfurled on the RC signal boat.

12. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

12.1 The Race Committee may attempt to hail any boat recalled on the appropriate Circle VHF 68 (Courtesy Broadcasts). Failure to transmit or receive such notification and the order in which recalls are announced will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. RETIRING FROM A RACE

13.1 Boats retiring from a race are requested to inform the Race Committee as soon as possible either by hail or on the appropriate VHF channel 68 (Courtesy Broadcasts).

14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14.2 One or the other gate mark may be moved, without signal, to react to conditions on the course.

15. THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark. For Courses “3” and “5”, the finishing line will be located approximately 100 yards to windward of Mark 1. For Courses “4” and “6”, the finishing line shall be to leeward of Mark 2 (or the former location of Mark 2, if it has been removed) and the finishing mark will be placed on the side **opposite** the starting mark (see illustrations for Courses 4 & 6).

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The time limit for each race is 90 minutes.

16.2 A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. See SI 18.3. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk located in the Trophy Room at Bayview Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat for the protesting boat.

17.3 Protests will be heard at Bayview Yacht Club.

17.4 The times of protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2.

17.5 Breaches of SIs 10.1, 13, 19 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

18.1 Shall follow class rule Article C-IX 1.1.

18.2 A score of DSQ may not be thrown out. This changes RRS A2.

18.3 Boats scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit (see SI 16), plus 2 points. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1 and A5.

18.4 Questions regarding scoring may be resolved by filing a Scoring Inquiry on a form available at the protest desk in the Trophy Room.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 All boats shall be afloat prior to 0900 hours EDT on the day of the first scheduled race and shall not be hauled during the regatta, except with written permission of the Race Committee Chairman.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. COURTESY BROADCASTS

21.1 An unofficial designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 68. Information reported by the designated observer is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

22. PRIZES

22.1 Daily awards will be presented to the top three boats.

22.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the top three boats. If there are more than 15 boats in a class, series prizes also will be awarded for fourth and fifth places.

23. COMPETITORS' CONDUCT

23.1 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during and after racing.

24. MEDIA & TELEVISION

24.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves, or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

ATTACHMENT A

Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

After rule 67 add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) *A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- (b) *A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) *A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as*

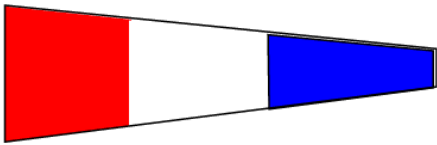
determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

After rule 70.5(a) add:

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

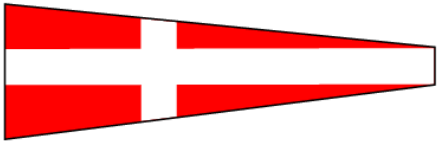
After rule 76.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or age.



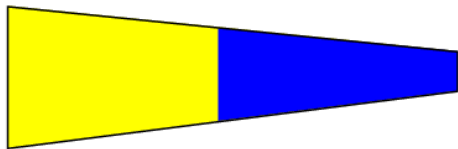
Course 3 Start-1-1a-(2P-2S)-(Upwind Finish)

3 Pennant



Course 4 Start-1-1a-(2P-2S)-1-1a-(Downwind Finish)

4 Pennant



Course 5 Start-1-1a-(2P-2S)-1-1a-(Upwind Finish)

5 Pennant



Course 6 Start-1-1a-(2P-2S)-1-1a-(2P-2S)-1-1a(Downwind Finish)

6 Pennant

Course Diagrams

NOT TO SCALE

