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**29er** KINGSTON, CANADA **2014**

**July 21 – July 24 2014**

*The Organizing Authority is the Kingston Yacht Club  
in conjunction with the North American 29er Class Association and CORK/Sail Kingston Inc.*

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Canadian National Authority will apply. The following prescription may require advance preparation.  
RRS 46 – Person in Charge – Sail Canada prescribes that the designated person in charge, if resident in Canada, shall be a member of a club affiliated with Sail Canada.
- 1.3 RRS 40 is changed to delete “when flag Y is displayed”.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any Class Rules. This changes RRS 63.7.

### **2. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION**

- 2.1 While racing each boat shall display coloured placard corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned and inserted in mainsail pocket. Placards and instructions for attachment will be available from the race office.

### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour building.

### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 5.2), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect. Reassignment of fleets to racing areas will be posted before Flag D is displayed; see SI 5.2.

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located mid-harbour at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. When a signal is displayed over a fleet flag it applies to that fleet only.
- 5.2 Flag D with one sound means: ‘The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed’. Boats shall not leave their allocated after the D flag is displayed.

### **6. FORMAT OF RACING**

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 6.2 **Qualifying Series:**
  - (a) For the qualifying series boats will be assigned to fleets Yellow, Blue, of equal size and ability, as nearly as possible. Initial fleet assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the organising authority and posted by 09:00 on the first day of racing.

- (b) In the qualifying series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if only one race is completed on the first day of racing. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races completed by all fleets, numbered in order of completion. Reassignments will be made as follows:

<b>Rank in series</b>	<b>Fleet assignment</b>
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Blue
Fourth	Yellow
Fifth	Yellow
and so on.	

- (c) Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- (d) If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets. If both fleets have not completed the same number of races at the end of the qualification days, the ranking for the purposes of dividing the fleet into gold and silver fleets, will be based on the results of the lesser number of races for all fleets as they occurred in sequential order.

### 6.3 Final Series:

- (a) Boats will be assigned to final series fleets Gold, Silver, on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. The 25 boats ranked highest in the qualifying series will be assigned to the Gold fleet. Any recalculation of qualifying series ranking after boats have been assigned to final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Dates of racing and number of races:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
July 21	Qualifying series – 3 races
July 22	Qualifying series – 4 races
July 23	Final series – 4 races
July 24	Final series – 4 races

- 7.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 12:00 Noon.
- 7.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 7.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 17:00.

## 8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 Class flags will be the class insignia on a coloured flag are as follows:

<b>Qualifying fleets</b>	<b>Final fleets</b>	<b>Flag colour</b>
Yellow	Gold	Yellow
Blue	Silver	Blue

## 9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.
- 9.2 Both fleets will race on the same racing area.

## 10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 10.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

**11. MARKS**

11.1

Marks	Mark: Course 1
1, 2S, 2P	Orange Tetrahedrons
News marks, as in 13.1	Yellow Tetrahedrons

11.2 Starting and finishing marks will be Race Committee vessels or Marks.

**12. THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the Race Committee vessel and either;
  - (a) the course side of the port end starting mark, or,
  - (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the port end.
- 12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26 *Starting Races*. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 *Individual recall* does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11

**13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1 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. THE FINISH**

14.1 The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the Race Committee vessel and either;
 

- (a) the course side of the nearby finishing mark, or,
- (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on the nearby Race Committee vessel.

**15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction 15.1 and 15.3.
- 15.3 When a boat is penalized a second or subsequent time during the regatta, her penalty shall be to promptly retire from the race. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded. This changes RRS P2.3.

**16. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

16.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Mark 1 Time limit	Target time
45 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit or if no boat has finished within the Time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## **17. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 For each fleet the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, after instruction 16.3 has been applied to that race, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour building.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 15.2, have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 17.6 Breaches of SI: 2, 5.2, 12.2, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26,27 and 28 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 jury so decides.
- 17.7 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.
  - (c) This changes RRS 66.
- 17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **18. ARBITRATION**

- 18.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a penalty after she has finished or retired and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c), but not more than the score for DSQ. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- 18.2 RRS 63.1 is changed to add: "An appointed arbitrator may allow the protest to be withdrawn"
- 18.3 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. If all the parties to a protest are not represented, the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted.
- 18.4 After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
- 18.5 The Jury would find the protest to be invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
- 18.6 The Jury would find that no boat broke a rule. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
- 18.7 The Jury would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31. The arbitrator would offer each of those boats the option to accept a Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will then give the protestor an opinion about whether the Jury would be likely to assign any additional penalties. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
- 18.8 If a protest hearing is appropriate, the Jury will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted a penalty in accordance with SI18.1 will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31.

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1 Four races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series. If 4 races are not

completed as scheduled, the qualifying series will be extended to complete them.

- 19.2 One qualifying race is required to be completed by all fleets to constitute a regatta.
- 19.3 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 19.4 For the qualifying series, RRS A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 19.5 A boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores from her final-series races plus points equal to her qualifying-series rank.
- 19.6 Each final series fleet will be scored separately. Different final series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest, etc.
- 19.7 Series Scores (apply separately to qualifying and final series):
  - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.8 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## **20. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1 RRS 40 "PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES" is changed by deleting "When flag Y is displayed with one sound before or with the warning signal".
- 20.2 **Check-out and check-in:** The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.
- 20.3 All competitors are required to sign out before leaving for the race course and sign in immediately upon returning to harbour. The sign out – sign in sheets will be located on tables just outside the CORK office.
- 20.4 Failure to comply with SI 20.2 by the end of protest time shall result in a competitor having points equal to 10% of the fleet\* rounded upwards to the nearest whole number added to their score without a hearing for the first violation, and 20% for the second violation. Additional alleged violations are subject to protest and, following a hearing, a penalty may include disqualification. This changes RRS 63.1, A3 and A5. Any boat so penalized may request redress under RRS 62.1 if the competitor believes the race committee made an error. In the case where a class is split this refers to the fleet to which the competitor is assigned that day.
- 20.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.6 Under all circumstances coaches and other support boats are expected to assist any boat in distress.

## **21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 21.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 21.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **22. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **23. ADVERTISING**

- 23.1 Boats shall display the advertising supplied by the organizing authority on both side of the forward 25% of the hull.

## **24. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows: patrol boats will display a distinctive yellow and red flag, and protest committee boats will display a distinctive identification flag. Media boats will display a flag with a black M on white background.

## **25. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 25.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay more than 200 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 25.2 Support boats shall be marked with their national letters on outboard covers or a flag. Minimum height for letters is 210mm. Minimum flag height above the water is 1 metre.
- 25.3 Support boats shall register and pay the applicable fee at the Race Office during the registration period.
- 25.4 A unique registration will be assigned to each support boat. The registration number shall be visible at all times while on the water.

## **26. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 26.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **27. BERTHING**

- 27.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

## **28. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

## **29. PRIZES**

- 29.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first five boats in the gold fleet, and top boat in silver fleet.
- Class perpetual trophies will be awarded to:
    - Overall winning team
    - Top Female team
    - Top Youth team
  - Prizes for the United States Championships will be awarded to the top 3 boats in the overall series, the top junior team (both skipper and crew under 19 years of age on December 31, 2014) and the top all female team, that are made up of entirely American citizens or confirmed residents of the United States.
  - Prizes for the Canadian Championships will be awarded to the top 3 boats in the overall series, the top junior team (both skipper and crew under 19 years of age on December 31, 2014) and the top all female team, that are made up of entirely Canadian citizens or confirmed residents of Canada
  - Other awards may be presented.

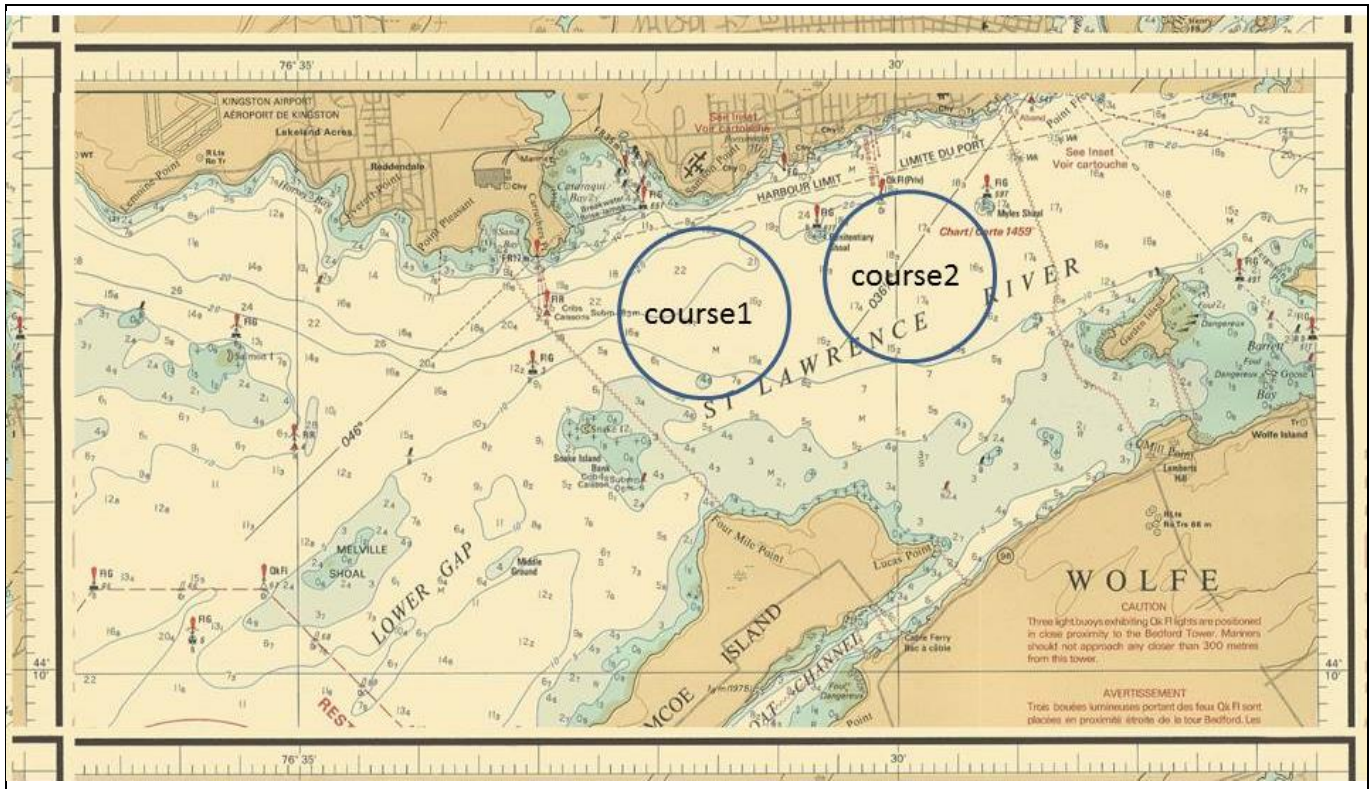
## **30. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 30.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

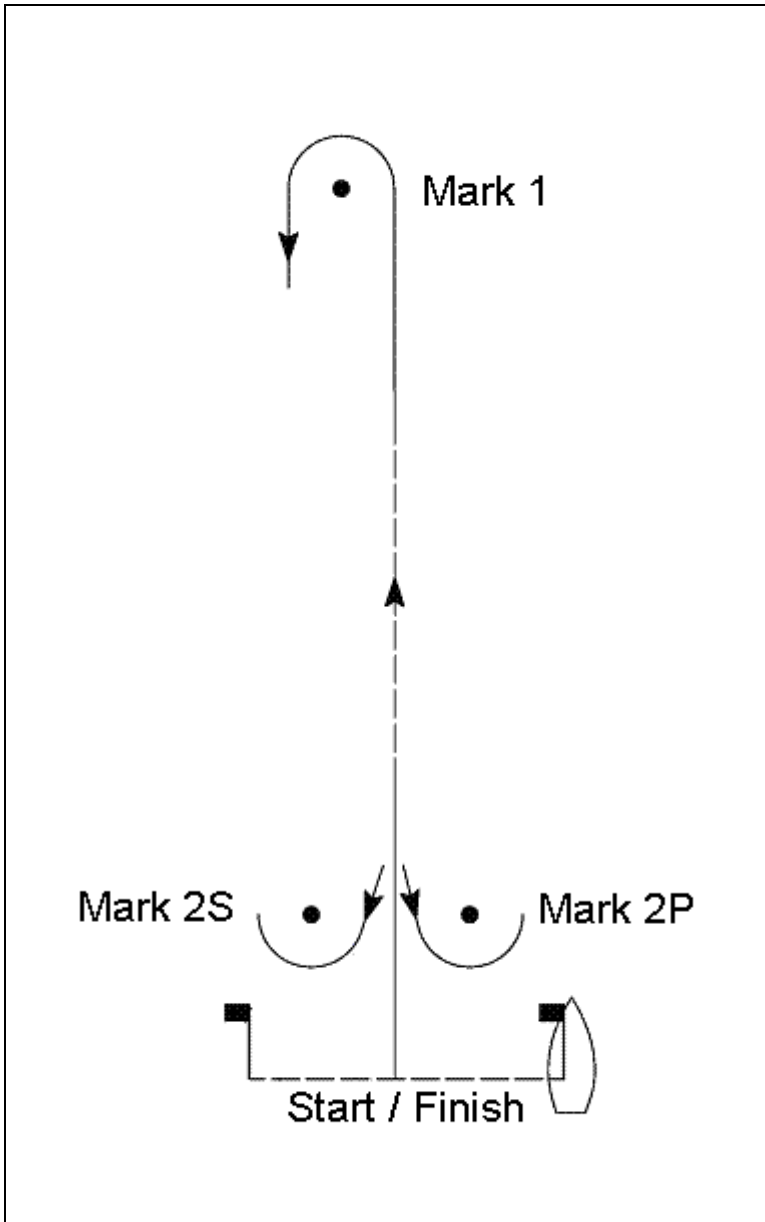
## **31. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 31.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **RACING AREAS**



Attachment B  
COURSE DIAGRAM



Course	Mark rounding order:
signal:	
L2	Start, 1, 2S/P, 1, Finish
L3	Start, 1, 2S/P, 1, 2S/P, 1, Finish