

International Soling Class 2004 United States Championship

March 31st –April 4th, 2004
Mission Bay Yacht Club
San Diego, California

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as define in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Soling Class rules, and the Notice of Race except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The regatta is designated Category C.
- 1.2 RRS 42.3(b) is changed by adding: Pumping of the spinnaker guy is permitted without restriction under all conditions only on legs to or from the reaching mark. "Pumping of the spinnaker guy" means repeated trimming and releasing of the guy by any means. This also changes ISA Class Rule C.9.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the outside south wall of the main clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the patio in front of the main clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There will be a competitors meeting at 10:00 on Wednesday, 31 March.
- 5.2 Eight races are scheduled.
- 5.3 Two races are scheduled each day with the warning for the first race at 11:55 am and a second race immediately following the first.
- 5.4 The Race Committee may hold a third race on any day if it sees fit, but not more than 1 race ahead of schedule.
- 5.5 The displaying of code flag R at the finish line will indicate that the Race Committee intends to run another race this day.
- 5.6 Sunday, 4 April is intended as a spare day, and will only be used if less than 5 races have been completed.

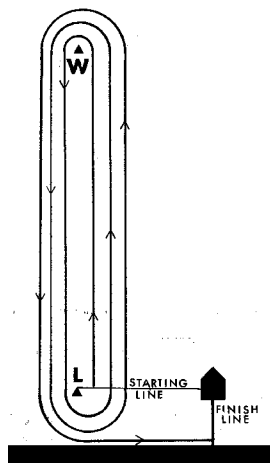
6 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be a white flag with a Soling symbol in the center.

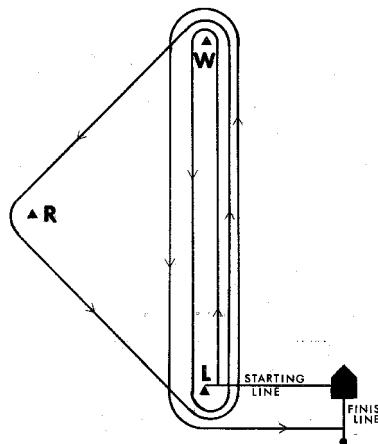
7 RACING AREA

Racing will be in the Pacific Ocean with the starting line located approximately 1 nm northwest of the Mission Bay jetty.

8 THE COURSES



Course #1
SWLWLWLF



Course #2
SWLWRLWLF

- 8.1 All marks are left to port.
- 8.2 Length of the weather leg will be 0.8 to 1.5 nm depending on conditions.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display a numeric code flag to indicate the course and will display the approximate compass bearing from the signal boat to the windward mark.
- 8.4 The number 1 course will not be shortened to less than SWLWL and the number 2 course will not be shortened to less than SWLWRL.
- 8.5 Neither the selection of the course nor the length of the legs shall be grounds for redress.

9 MARKS

Marks W, R, L will be orange tetrahedrons. 'New' marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the course side of the leeward mark (L), and the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1
- 10.3 Neither the Black flag nor Z flag will be used. The I flag will be used only after one or more general recalls.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a pin displaying an orange flag slightly downwind of the signal boat.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the first mark is 30 minutes.
- 12.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 3 hours.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. The changes rules 35 and A4.1

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the club office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee Signal boat docks.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee Boat displaying flag L prior to the first warning signal each day. Boats should sail past the stern of the R/C boat in single file on starboard tack stating their sail number. The check-in is not complete until a member of the R/C responds with the boats sail number. If a boat fails to check in as indicated above, the boat will be scored CNF (Check in Failure) and the Race Committee will add 2 points to her score in her first race of the day without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 15.2 A participant who retires from a race or intends to leave the racing area before the end of racing for the day shall notify a race committee boat before leaving the racing area. If this is not practical, the participant shall notify the MBYC club office in person promptly upon arriving ashore.

16 RADIO AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive transmissions on or from any electronic communication device while racing except in an emergency.

17 SAILS AND MEASUREMENT

- 17.1 Each boat will be required to use only sails which have been stamped at the time of registration. Each boat will be entitled to have five sails stamped: 2 jibs, 2 spinnakers and 1 mainsail. Stamped sails shall be replaced only if they are rendered unusable in the course of sailing and only with the written approval of the Chairman of the Race Committee or his representative.
- 17.2 "Spot-checks" may be made immediately after the racing and on shore to evaluate compliance with the Class Rules and these Instructions.

Stan Betts
Principal Race Officer

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Regatta Chairman