

# ODOM Region 5 Championship Regatta

Sat, Sun, Nov 4-5, 2017

Sahuarita, AZ

Sponsored by the **Green Valley Model Yacht Club**, AMYA Club #333

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix E for RC sailing, prescriptions of US Sailing, class rules of the ODOM class and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Changes to the racing rules or class rules are noted in the specific instructions where they apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the control area.

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time. All competitors shall be notified. This changes rule 90.2(c).

### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 4.1 Dates of racing:

| Date             | Times   |
|------------------|---|
| November 4, 2017 | 8:00 to 9:15 Registration, and Skippers Meeting |
| November 4, 2017 | 9:15 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00                  |
| November 5, 2017 | 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00                  |

4.2 The total number of races planned is at least 10. The race committee will determine the number of races for each day after considering weather, course, and equipment conditions. No race shall start after 4:00 PM on November 4. On November 5, the last day, no race shall start after 3:00 PM.

4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 9:00 AM.

## 5 RACING FORMAT

The racing format will be the Odd/Even system if there are more than 15 entries. The Odd Heat will consist of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, etc. yachts from the previous two heats, the Even Heat will consist of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, etc. yachts from the previous two heats.

## 6 THE COURSE BOARD

The course board is to be located as required by rule E3.3 and show the Course, Control Area and Launching Area.

## 7 THE COURSE

7.1 The course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be as shown on the course board.

7.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32 as modified by E3.8c.

## 8 CONTROL AREA

The control area will be as shown on the course board.

## 9 LAUNCHING AREA

The launching area is unrestricted. Boats can be dropped in from the shoreline.

## 10 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and starting and finishing marks will be marked by Styrofoam balls with colored stripes.

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## 11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

The shoreline

## 12 THE START

Races will be started as required by rule E3.4 and E1.2 using an audible countdown clock.

12.2 AMYA two-minute starting sequence will be used. The beginning of the countdown sequence will be the warning signal.

12.3 The starting line will be between the starting marks.

12.4 Prior to the warning signal, a boat may request the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown. When such a delay is granted, it will be announced and the warning signal will not be sounded until the expiration of five minutes from the commencement of the delay. Each boat may be granted one such delay per day. Delays for tuning, adjusting sails or for changing rigs due to weather will not be granted.

12.5 Boats whose warning signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area.

12.6 A boat starting later than one minute after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.

12.7 If any part of a boat's hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line after the preparatory signal, the line judge will attempt to hail that boat. Failure of the line judge to make a hail or a skipper to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a request for a redress hearing. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the finishing marks.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 A boat with any part of its hull or equipment on the course side of the starting line during the minute before the starting signal, shall return to the

pre-start side as required by rule 30.1 and modified by rule E3.5.

14.2 A boat touching a mark as defined by rule 31, shall take a penalty turn as required by rule 44.1 as modified by E4.3.

14.3 A boat breaking a rule in Part 2, shall take a one-turn penalty as required by rule 44 and modified by E4.3.

## 15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within five minutes, the race will be abandoned.

15.2 If no boat has finished within fifteen minutes, the race will be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within five minutes after the first boat finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4.

## 16 PROTESTS

16.1 A boat protesting another boat, while sailing, shall hail the other boat, as required by rule 61.1(a) as modified by rule E6.3.

16.2 Boats filing a protest with the protest committee shall do so within five minutes of when the last boat finishes the heat in which the incident occurred and shall also inform the race committee within five minutes of the finish of the relevant heat, as required by rules 61.3 as modified by E5.3. Skippers will be granted additional time to file a protest, if required, in order to record relevant facts.

16.3 Protests will be heard immediately following the heat in which the incident occurred, and before the next heat.

16.4 There shall be no appeals on decisions made by the Protest Committee.

## 17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point System described in Appendix A shall be used with the following modification: The score for one race shall be discarded for each six races completed after completion of the regatta.

17.2 Ten races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

## 17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

## 18 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Plaques and red AMYA chevrons for the first three finishers.

## 19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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