

OGYC – USS America Regatta

One-Design Sailing Instructions

September 9, 2017

1 RACING RULES

1.1 All races will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS), the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing and the class rules of the Ideal 18 except where modified or amended by these Sailing Instructions

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2 COMMUNICATION

2.1 The RC will announce if they decide to cancel the day on VHF Channel 65 at 45 minutes before the scheduled first races.

3 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 The races are open to one design classes of 18 feet and lower.

3.2 Laser competitors must wear PFDs.

3.3 To be scored, a competitor must have registered on-line at www.ogyc.org (Click on Race and Regatta Registrations).

3.4 The class rules of the Ideal 18 are amended to allow any number of persons sail a boat.

4 RACING AREA & SCHEDULE

4.1 Races shall be held ¼ NM south of Newfoundland Reef

4.2 First start on is 12:30 pm.

4.3 The last start will be before 16:00 pm.

4.4 All competitors shall check in with the RC prior to racing.

4.5 A competitor withdrawing from a race or not intending to compete in any further races for the day shall inform the RC.

4.6 The RC will attempt to run as many races as possible.

5 MARKS & COURSES

5.1 Marks will be small inflatable tetrahedrons or similar

5.2 Courses will be announced verbally. The *Course Diagram* on the back of this page shows the courses, including the order and direction in which marks are to be passed. The course designations may be displayed on the RC boat.

5.3 Windward offset and leeward gates may be used.

5.4 Government marks shall be passed on their proper channel side.

6 START & FINISH LINE

6.1 There will be separate starts for each class, unless specified verbally by the RC. The RC will announce verbally the class starting before its starting sequence.

6.2 The starting line shall be between a flag on the RC boat and the start pin.

6.4 The finish line shall be between a flag on the RC boat and an adjacent mark on the *opposite side* from the starting mark, unless otherwise announced or the course is shortened.

7 STARTING PROCEDURES & RECALLS

7.1 Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting System will be used.

7.2 An Individual Recall shall be signaled by one sound from the RC boat. The RC will attempt to hail boats that are OCS, but not hearing a hail will is not grounds for redress.

7.3 A General Recall will be signaled by two sounds from the RC boat. A new warning will be given as soon as possible.

7.4 After a General Recall, the I-Flag Rule (30.1) is automatically invoked.

8 TIME LIMITS

8.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race is 40 minutes.

8.2 Any boat finishing after 10 minutes of the first finisher shall be scored DNF.

8.3 A boat starting more than 3 minutes after the starting signal shall be scored DNS.

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9 SCORING & QUALIFICATION

- 9.1 A low point scoring system shall be used according to RRS A4. except as specified below.
- 9.2 A minimum of one race is needed for scoring the Regatta.
- 9.3 If less than five races are completed, each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores. If five or more races are sailed, each boat's score shall exclude her single worst score.
- 9.4 Boats scored DNC or DNS in a given race shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats in her division that started that race, plus one.
- 9.5 Boats scored DNF, OCS or TLE in a given race shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats that finished that race, plus two.
- 9.6 Series scoring will be on the basis of the total number of points scored during the regatta.

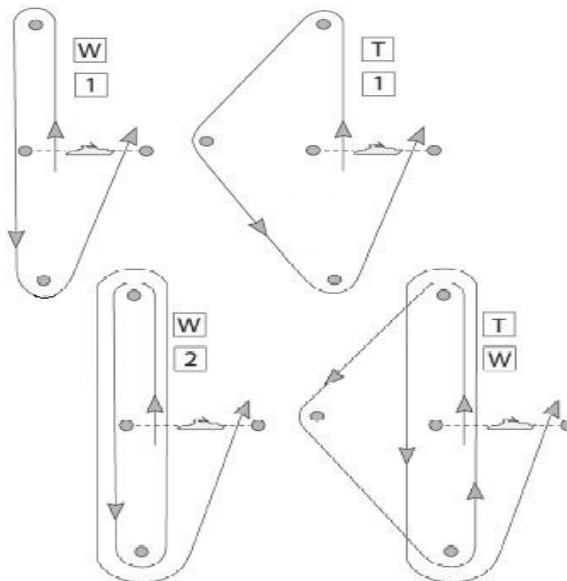
10 PENALTIES & PROTESTS/REDRESS

- 10.1 Rules 44.1 & 44.2 are modified to require a 1-turn penalty including one tack followed by one gybe.
- 10.2 Protests must be announced to the RC at the end of each race.
- 10.3 The RC may file protests when it observes a rule violation if no yacht accepts a penalty or protests.
- 10.5 A protest or request for redress must be put in writing and delivered to the RC within one hour after the Race Committee is back at its mooring.
- 10.6 Protest for a rule of part 2 will initially be arbitrated; the arbitrator will contact the parties. The Protest Arbitration Penalty shall be the 20% Scoring Penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c). The hearing for a protest not resolved by arbitration will take place at OGYC as soon as possible.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Awards will be received by the first place finisher in each class, the second place if more than three compete, and third place if more than four compete. The awards for second and third may be given at the OGYC annual award ceremony in November. Laser first place and The Birdsey Cup for the best Ideal 18 will be awarded at the OGYC picnic at the clubhouse following the races.

Course Diagrams



Note: Windward offset and leeward gates may be used