



2007 U.S. SINGLEHANDED Sailing Championship  
AREA D SEMIFINALS (O'Day Trophy)

June 30-July 1, 2007

Organizing Authority: United States Sailing Association  
Hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club

**OFFICIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 -2008, and the current Conditions published for this championship.
- 1.2 Appendix P shall apply (Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42).
- 1.3 The event is classified as Category A in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 1.4 ILCA rules are altered so that membership in the Class is not required for this event; the first sentence of ILCA rule 7(a) is deleted.

**2. Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Clearwater YC, at the registration table, located at the Clearwater Sailing Center prior to 0930 hours, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- 2.2 All competitors must meet the Eligibility requirements stated in the Notice of Race.
- 2.3 No requests for a hearing on eligibility will be accepted after the first horn (class flag) preceding the start of the first race. This changes rule 76.3.

**3. Notice to Competitors**

- 3.1 Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the Sailing Center
- 3.2 Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0930 hours on the day they are to take effect.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed the flagpole located at the Clearwater sailing Center. When AP is lowered 1 minute is replaced by 45 minutes in Race Signals AP.
- 3.4 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee no later than 0915 hours Saturday June 30, 2007. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**4. Number & Schedule of Races**

- 4.1 The number of races to be sailed depends on the conditions.
- 4.2 One race is required to constitute a series. Seven races are scheduled in the series as follows;

June 30      Check-in. 0800-0930 at Clearwater Sailing Center;  
June 30      Competitors Meeting 0930 at CSC  
June 30      First Warning 1030 Hours  
July 1        Warning Signal 1030 Hours  
July 1        No warning signal after 1500 Hours, Trophy presentation to follow ASAP

**5. Safety**

- 5.1 Before the first start of the first race of each day, competitors are required to sail by the stern of the Race Committee boat, and check in by hailing their sail number and being acknowledged by the race committee to be recorded as a starter. Failure to do so shall result in being scored DNS for the first race of that day.
- 5.2 When leaving the racing area before *finishing*, a competitor shall attempt to notify a race committee official or shall post a notice of withdrawal prominently on the Official Regatta Notice Board immediately upon arrival ashore.
- 5.3 All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD.

**6. Class Flag**

The Class Flag shall be a numeral one (1) pennant.

**7. Racing Area**

The Racing Area will be the Gulf of Mexico, SW of the Clearwater Pass, or in Clearwater Bay to the SE of the Sailing Center.

**8. The Course**

The Course and Marks are described on the attached Course Sheet, Schedule A. The compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed on the Signal Board prior to each warning signal.

**9. Mark Descriptions**

- 9.1 Marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 Change of course marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 If a second change of course is made, the yellow mark will be replaced with an original.
- 9.4 In any subsequent changes, the yellow and orange marks will be alternated.

**10. The Start**

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of an orange tetrahedron mark, per Schedule A, at the port end of the line.
- 10.2 A boat that fails to start within 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes rule A5.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. The failure of the race committee to hail, the failure of a boat to hear the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress.

**11. Changes of Course after the Start**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark 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 as provided in section 9 of these Sailing Instructions.

**12. The Finish**

The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish Boat and the course side of the leeward mark, per Schedule A.

**13. Time Limit for Each Race**

13.1 The time limit for each race shall be 60 minutes. If no boat finishes within this time limit then the race shall be abandoned.

13.2 A boat finishing later than 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35 and A5. RC will strike the blue shape and/or line flags when time expires.

**14. Protests**

14.1 Protest Forms are available on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

14.2 Parties to a protest and the time and place of the hearing will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 60 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. This shall serve as notice per rule 63.2

14.3 A request to reopen a hearing must be delivered to the Chief Judge within 30 minutes of the parties to the protest receiving the Jury's decision. This changes rule 66.

14.4 A boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee Finish Boat at the Finish Line of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat to be protested. This changes rule 61.1(a)

**15. Scoring**

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A shall apply except that each boat's score will be the sum of the scores of all races modified as follows: Ties which affect advancement to a succeeding level shall be decided by a single sail-off race between or among tied entries. The winner will advance to the next level. If the protest committee decides that conditions will not permit a sail-off race, the tie will be decided in favor of the entry that beat the other(s) in the last completed race of the event. This changes rule A8

**16. Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded after the completion of the series.

Schedule A

