

**SAISA SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP  
& Qualifier for the CRESSY TROPHY  
St Pete YC September 19-20, 2015**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the ISSA Cressy Championship Conditions, the SAISA Supplemental Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2. RRS appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Official notices including changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located at the St Pete Sailing Center (SPSC). Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

**3. SCHEDULE**

- 3.1 **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
  - 4:00-7:00 Check-in at SPSC
  - 4:00-7:00 Venue open to competitors for practice
- Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
  - 8:00-9:00 Check in at SPSC
  - 9:30 Skippers meeting at SPSC
  - 10:30 First warning of the day
- Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
  - 9:30 First warning of the day
  - 3:00 No race will start after this time
  - 4:30 Awards presentation
- 3.2. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chair. No race will start after 1500 September 20, 2015.
- 3.3 The race committee will attempt 18 races.

**4. COURSES AND MARKS**

- 4.1. Racing area will be to the north of the St Pete Pier, in close proximity to the Vinoy Basin and North Shore Park.
- 4.2. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.7.
- 4.3. The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 4.4. All marks will be orange balls.
- 4.5. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course

configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required.

## **5. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES**

In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(d) races will not be shortened. They will be abandoned. No signals are required. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee.

## **6. START AND RECALLS**

- 6.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(a).
- 6.2. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6.
- 6.3. General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. After a general recall, the round the ends provision of RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(b).
- 6.4. The start line for the Radial fleet will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an orange flag on the Pin Boat.

## **7. BREAKDOWNS**

- 7.1. There are no Breakdowns

## **8. TIME LIMIT**

- 8.1. The time limit for the first boat in each fleet to finish is 45 minutes.
- 8.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired, TLE. All boats that are scored TLE will receive the number of boats that have finished plus 4. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.
- 8.3. If a boat(s) in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race before the 15 minute limit is reached and score the boat(s) in the place she would have finished.

## **9. PROTESTS**

- 9.1. Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
- 9.2. Competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.

## **10. SCORING**

Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

## **11. COACHING**

- 11.1. Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless granted equal access and explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing personnel.

- 11.2. Any interaction – both direct and indirect – from any non-sailors afloat and non-RC members to sailors afloat in the racing area shall be considered a violation of Sailing Instruction 11.1 and the penalties for such violation shall apply. The Regatta Chair, Judges or RC Chair shall have the sole discretion to judge violations and apply due penalties without requirement for a protest or hearing.
- 11.3. Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only while on shore.

## **12. SAFETY**

- 12.1. Competitors shall wear a USCG approved Type III lifejacket at all time while afloat in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 2.2.
- 12.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

## **13. TROPHIES**

- 13.1. Sailors finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the full rig and the radial fleets will be invited to the ISSA Cressy Singlehanded National Championships.

## **14. WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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

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 recordings, 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.