

Sailing Instructions

SAISA

**Doublehanded Fleet Racing District Championship
And Qualifier for the
ISSA National Fleet Racing Championship for the Mallory Trophy
March 29th and 30th, 2014**

Hosted by: Savannah Sailing Center and SAISA

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The ISSA Procedural Rules and SAISA Supplemental Rules will apply. In the event of a conflict between the governing ISSA documents and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall take precedence.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 is in effect as modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c). However, the US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not be in effect.
- 1.4 Attached Expedited Protest Procedure for Fleet Racing may be used.
- 1.5 Decisions of the protest committee will be final with no appeal as provided in rule 70.5(a).

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the Official Notice board.

3 BOATS

- 3.1 Collegiate 420s will be used.
- 3.2 ISSA Procedural Rules regarding equipment shall apply. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted. The penalty for infringement of this rule will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these instructions.
- 3.3 Breakdowns shall be handled as per ISSA procedural rules. Competitors shall report any damages or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee (regatta organizing authority's representative) – immediately upon completion of the race in which it occurs. . The penalty for infringement of this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, may be disqualification from the race, or the series, or disqualification of the crew or the entire team at the direction of the jury.
- 3.4 Any collision between two boats must be reported to the race committee at the completion of the race in which the collision took place, no matter how slight the collision. . The penalty for infringement of this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, may be disqualification from the race, or the series, or disqualification of the crew or the entire team at the direction of the jury. Serious Damage will be handled in compliance with ISSA Procedural Rule 15.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday	1500	Check in and registration at the Sailing venue.
	1500-1800	Boat checkout - Practice time; practice races may be held between 1530 and 1730
Saturday	0800	Check in and registration, Continental Breakfast
	0830	Rigging of Boats
	0915	Competitor's Meeting; racing to follow as soon as practicable; be prepared to race well into the early evening.
Sunday	0830	Report time, rig boats, Continental Breakfast
	0900	Launch boats
	0930	Warning signal with races to follow
	1500	No "A Division" Race to start after 1500

Note: The R/C reserves the right to start any race if it feels teams have been given ample time to transit to the starting area from the rigging area or rotation location.

4.1 RC intends to complete one full round robin rotation. Each team will occupy boats as stated in the rotation and rotate divisions after two races.

4.2 It is the responsibility of each team to insure that they rotate correctly, occupy the proper boat and before leaving the transport boat their 420 is in working order.

5. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be on the Medway River in near vicinity to the Sunbury Public Ramp.

6. COURSES

6.1 Courses will be windward-leeward (once or twice around), triangle or Gold Cup to be announced prior to the start sequence. Attachment "A" shows the course description, rounding marks, and letter designation that will be used. The Course to be sailed in each individual race shall be designated verbally by the race committee and visually, if possible. Additionally, windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

6.2 The starting and finishing marks are not marks of the course except when starting or finishing.

7. MARKS

Marks will be round orange spheres.

8. STARTS

8.1 Starting sequence will be 3 minute whistle or horn starts in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8.

8.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the adjacent mark, or an orange flag on an anchored boat.

8.3 Individual recalls will be signaled by one sound signal, the verbal hail of the boat's hull number and the individual recall flag may be displayed. A missed sound signal, failure to hear the hailed boats

hull #, an untimely hail, the order of the boats in the hail, or a missed recall flag is not grounds for redress.

8.4 General recalls will be signaled by multiple sound signals. The new warning signal will follow as soon as possible after the general recall. The General Recall Flag may be displayed. ISSA PR 7.8 (b) will apply after a General Recall.

9. FINISH

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the adjacent mark or orange flag on an anchored boat.

10. RACING

10.1 The minimum number of races to constitute a regatta shall be three (3) in both divisions. Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules 9 and 11. Ties will be resolved per procedural rule 11(c).

10.2 The Race Committee may abandon any race in progress when a change in weather conditions has, in the sole discretion of the Race Committee, made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill.

10.3 The Race Committee may give oral instructions on the water at any time.

10.4 If a boat is delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, terminate the race and score her with points equal to the last place. After being informed that the boat is being "scored in place," the boat shall immediately either: (a) return to the starting area, or (b) return to the boat rotation area as directed by the R/C

10.5 A boat that retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area.

10.6 The time limit for the first boat to finish a race is 30minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF for that race.

11. PROTESTS

11.1 Protest Procedure will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 16.

11.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 is in effect as modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).

11.3 The time limit for filing written protests is 20 minutes after the last transport boat in that Division reaches shore, after the set of races where the infringement occurred. Protest forms are available from the RC delegate at the check in table. Completed forms should be turned to the RC delegate.

Alternatively, per ISSA Procedural Rules Part VI, 16.(d), the Race Committee has waived the requirement for written protests and the judges, at their discretion may hear protests on the water pursuant to the Expedited Protest Procedure for Fleet Racing, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

11.4 Hearings not held on the water pursuant to ISSA Procedural Rules Part VI, 16.(d), will be held between race sets on shore at a location specified by the race committee and/or judges.

12. SAFETY & PFD'S

12.1 Inherently buoyant personal flotation devices meeting **U.S. Coast Guard regulations** for Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) Type III or V, shall be worn, properly secured, by all competitors while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing and foul weather gear, except for a thin T-shirt or team pinnie, which may be worn over a lifejacket to prevent snagging of lines or equipment. Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted. (Changes the preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40.)

12.2 Each sailor must have suitable safety gear for weather and temperature conditions.

13. BREAKDOWNS

13.1 Procedure and compensation for breakdown points will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 9(e) "Breakdowns - Fleet Racing" and ISSA Appendix 3.

14. COACHING

Coaching, assistance, equipment or sustenance will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 8 and take place only from shore. All spectators will remain ashore to watch the regatta.

15. AWARDS & TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to schools placing 1st through 4th as soon as possible after the last race to be sailed in the regatta. In addition, SAISA will issue invitations to four high school teams to represent SAISA at the ISSA National High School Double-handed Fleet Racing Championship for the Mallory Trophy at the San Diego Yacht Club— May 10-11, 2014. If any qualifying high school team cannot attend the ISSA National Championship, the next place competitor (alternate) will be invited.

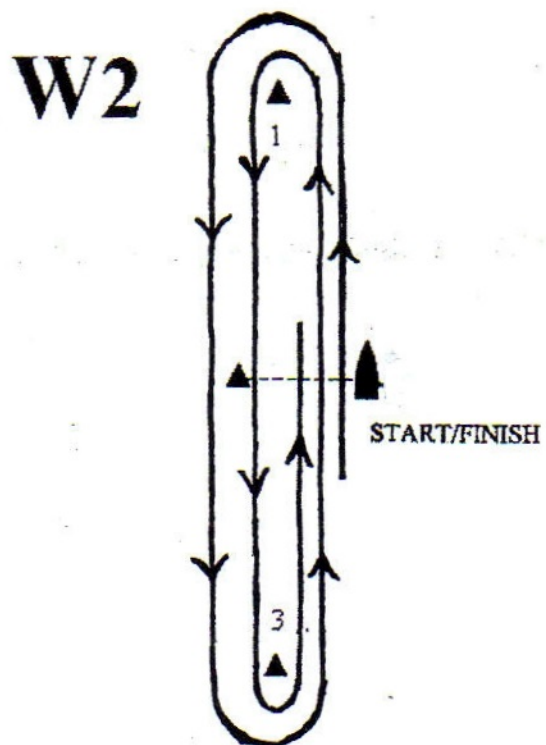
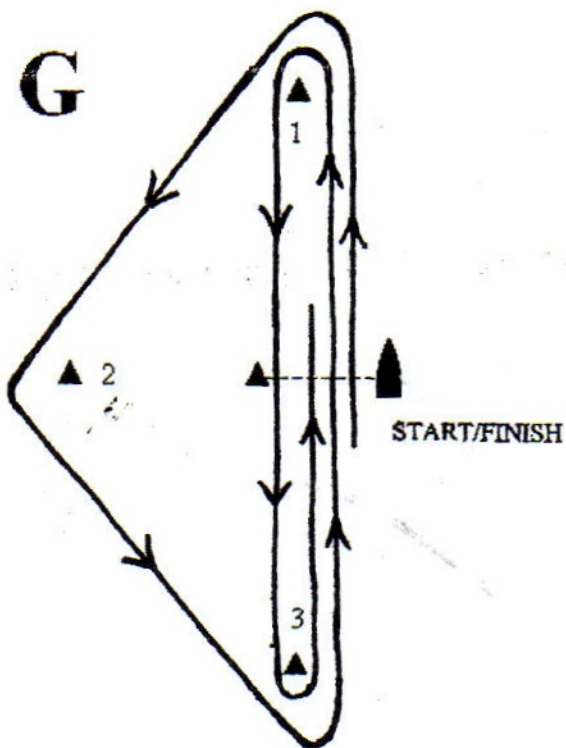
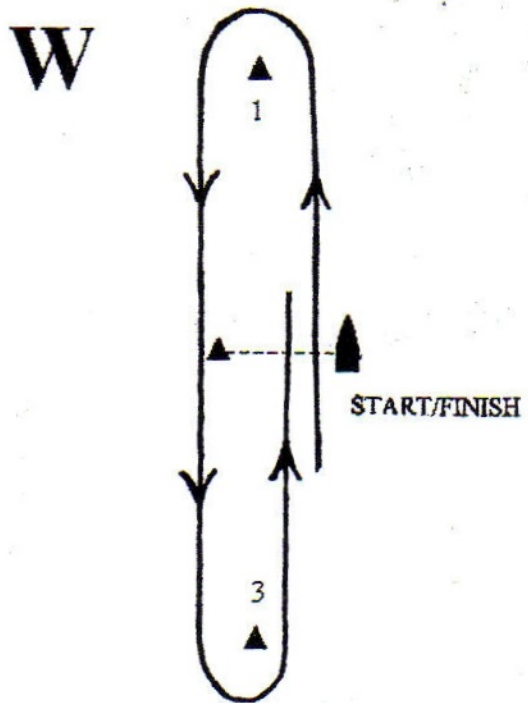
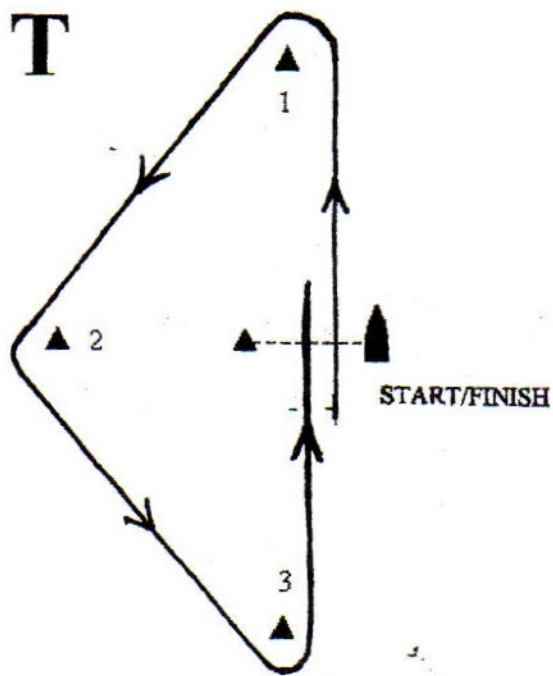
16. USE OF SUBSTANCES

No contestant shall either on or off the water use or possess any alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance. No contestant shall use foul language. Notice is drawn to Rule 3, September 21, 2013 SAISA Supplemental Rules.

17. DECISION TO PARTICIPATE

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

Attachment A



EXPEDITED PROTEST PROCEDURE FOR FLEET RACING

On the Water Hearing Procedure

This appendix represents the recommended protest procedure for on the water judging for fleet racing per ISSA PR 16(d). It is addressed primarily to judges but may be helpful to others connected with protest, redress and breakdown hearings. Protesting boats and those boats that have been notified that they have been protested shall stay in the vicinity of the finish line. When using this procedure no protest forms needs to be filed this changes RRS 61.2 and 62.2.

1. The jury for all protests and redress hearings initiated afloat may use an expedited hearing between races. All other hearings shall follow the procedural rules including filing of a protest/redress form. Expedited hearings shall be held using the following procedure, and may be held onboard a Judge boat:
 - a. The on the water hearing will begin as soon as all parties are assembled.
 - b. If no one raises an objection the protest will be determined to be valid. This changes RRS 63.5.
 - c. Each party will be given about 1 minute to state their case.
 - d. The judge(s) may question the parties and/or call witnesses.
 - e. Each party will be given about 1 minute to question the other party.
 - f. The parties are excused. The Judge(s) will determine the facts and make their decision.
 - g. The Judge(s) shall inform the parties of the decision orally.
2. The Judge boat shall be equipped with the current RRS and ISSA PR for use by the jury and the parties to the protest.
3. Expedited hearings may be used to consider requests for redress involving breakdowns. Competitors are urged to use this procedure in lieu of written protests. The requesting competitor must notify the Race Committee of the intention to use this procedure immediately after finishing or as soon as reasonably possible if unable to finish.