

# 2019 Mallory Central Qualifier **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Columbia Sailing School-Monroe Harbor

April 6-7, 2019

#### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017 - 2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), and the Official Procedural Rules for Interscholastic Sailing Competition 2017 – 2020 (PR).

#### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board, located inside the ship on the sliding classroom door.

# 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the Official Notice Board.
- 3.2. In accordance with Racing Rule 90.2 (c) the Race Committee may orally announce changes in Sailing Instructions on the water before the warning signal for each race after displaying code flag "L".

# 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be announced orally to all competitors.
- 4.2. Signals will be made on the Race Committee signal boat at dock.
- 4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. A notice will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board indicating the time when AP ashore was displayed and when it is removed. This changes Signals.

# 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The number of races will be as prescribed by the ISSA Procedural Rule 7.4(c).
- 5.2. The following schedule will apply:

# Saturday April 6, 2019

- 1000 Registration, rigging, and launching of boats
- 1030 Competitors Meeting
- 1100 First Warning

# Sunday April 7, 2019

- 1000 Rigging and launching of the boats
- 1100 First Warning
- 1500 No races will start after this time

The warning for the second and subsequent races will be signaled upon completion of each race.

# 6. RACING AREA

The racing will take place inside Monroe Harbor in the Columbia Bay.

# 7. THE COURSE

All courses will be windward/leewards with a leeward gate. The RC will post the course and number of legs prior to the warning of that race. See the attached course diagram.

# 8. MARKS



The starting mark shall be yellow, course marks shall be orange, and the finish mark white.

#### 9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with US Sailing Prescription Appendix U— Sound Signal Starting System. A series of short sound signals will be made before the starting sequence begins.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 9.3. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

# 10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

After the starting signal, the Race Committee may change the position of any mark, provided that no yacht is on the changed leg. There will be no signal for such change. This modifies RRS 33.

# **11. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a starboard end finishing mark. If finishing to windward, the finish line will be between the windward mark and finish boat.

# **12. PENALTY SYSTEMS**

- 12.1. RRS Appendix P will apply, as modified by the ISSA Procedural Rules (PR 14 (c)).
- 12.2. Protests shall be written on an ISSA protest forms available in the scoring table
- 12.3. Protests shall be filed with the score keeper or a member of the protest committee as soon as possible upon coming ashore and prior to the start of the protestee's next rotation. If the incident occurs in the last rotation of the day, the protest shall be filled within 30 minutes of the Race Committee signal boat docking.
- 12.4. The Jury will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt and as soon as practicable.
- 12.5. ISSA PR 16 shall apply to all protests.

# **13. SAFETY**

- 13.1. Type III U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn and properly secured, by all competitors while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. (PR 2.2) Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification from the race during which the infraction occurred, or, at the Jury's discretion, from the regatta.
- 13.2. The Race Committee or a Judge on the water may, for reasons of safety and health, order a yacht not to start a race, to withdraw from a race it has started, or to stop racing altogether. Yachts affected by such Race Committee orders shall be scored DNF or DNS, whichever applies. Competitor(s) subject to such Race Committee or Judge's order shall not be eligible for redress.
- 13.3. No yacht shall leave the dock without being directed to do so by the Race Committee or the Regatta Chairman at the competitors meeting.
- 13.4. Dry Suits are required unless the regatta chairman decides the weather is suitable to go without.

# **14. SUPPORT BOATS**



Coaches are encouraged to go afloat for safety, though this is not required as rotations and racing will be off the Columbia Yacht Club dock.

#### **15. QUALIFYING**

The top 7 teams earn berths to the MISSA Mallory Qualifier at the Pontiac Yacht Club April 27-28, 2019. Team must accept their berths in accordance with MISSA Rule 5.11.

#### 16. PRIZES

Team overall trophies for first through third will be awarded, as well as first through third in each fleet.

#### **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The Race Committee will be using VHF channel 78, everyone is welcome to monitor. Please direct all comments to the area rep, and they will communicate to the Race Committee and regatta organizers.

#### **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.



THE COURSE

