

MDISA SEVERN TEAM RACE

06 April 2025

Hosted by Severn School @ Magothy Marina

Organizing Authority (OA): MDISA on behalf of the MASSA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 On-the-water umpire decisions are final and not protest-able.

2 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 In accordance with ISAF Advertising Code, advertising on the supplied equipment is only available to the organizing authority.
- 2.2 While racing. MASSA/MDISA rules require pinnies. Second teams may wear alternate pinnies.

3 TEAMS

Teams must be complete, active members of MDISA and ISSA.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Severn sailing shed or on tech score.

5 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 20 minutes before the start of any race to which it applies and will be signed by the Race Officer.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole located in the parking lot.

7 FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 7.1 The regatta format and number of races will be determined by the Race Committee and will be based on the number of teams registered, the weather conditions and time constraints. A complete regatta will be based on conditions and discretion of RC/PRO.
- 7.2 We will attempt 1 complete round robins, and one final four or six if possible. We will attempt as many races as possible. The format may be modified during the event by the race committee after consulting the PRO.
- 7.3 Report time Saturday is 1145. Please do not arrive very early, as there is a crew regatta going on. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is as soon as possible after rigging.

SUNDAY

0830 Report time

1630 No start after this time

- 7.4 The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, extend this cut off in order to complete the final series. RC may also shorten event based on conditions/forecast.
- 7.5 Every race will be assigned a race number in the race schedule.
- 7.6 The race committee after consultation with the chief umpire may decide not to run a re-sail if the result of the race is not relevant to progress of any team to the next round.
- 7.7 The race committee after consultation with the chief umpire may postpone a re-sail indefinitely and score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round.

8 RACING AREA

Magothy River E/NE of Magothy Marina dock.

9 THE COURSE, MARKS AND TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The diagram in Attachment C shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be buoys.
- 9.4 The race committee may move marks of the course at any time. Rule 33 will not apply. The moving of a mark by the race committee will not give grounds for redress. This amends rule 60.1.
- 9.5 The time limit for each race will be 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within ten minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This amends rule 35.

10 THE START

- 10.1 3 minute dinghy start will be used
- 10.4 In the start sequence audible signals will take precedence.
- 10.5 The starting signal of a race may be the warning signal for the following race.
- 10.6 Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1(b).
- 10.7 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the starting committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.8 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.10 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee may hail the over-early boat numbers. This changes rule 29.1.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a finishing boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

12 ABANDONMENT

The race committee may abandon a race for any reason. Abandonment(s) may be advised orally. This amends rule 32 and race signals.

13 UMPIRING AND PROTESTS

- 13.1 All races will be umpired. Rule D2.2 applies. The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2 and Appendix D is modified below as follows: RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase "display a red flag" with "display a raised open hand."
 - 13.2 The single flag protest procedure will apply and rule D2.2 (a) is changed to:
 - (a) When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31 or 42, she is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may promptly acknowledge breaking a *rule* and take the appropriate penalty. If the protested boat fails to take a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat and shall signal the decision in compliance with rule D2.2 (b).
 - 13.5 When the race umpires together with one other umpire decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team by half a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with rule D3.1(c). This changes rule 63.1.
 - 13.8 The protest time limit for protests and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat is 30 minutes after the relevant incident or, if the incident is afloat, within 30 minutes of coming ashore. A written protest form, obtainable from the Jury Secretary, is required for protests not decided afloat. (this changes D2.4(b). Hearing times for hearings ashore will be posted on the official notice board.
 - 13.9 A hearing may be declined if it is not relevant to progress to the next round. This amends rule 63.1.
- ## **14 BREAKDOWNS**
- 14.1 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing.

- 14.2 Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.3 When to continue racing after damage a breakdown risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately.
- 14.4 The race committee after consultation with the Chief Umpire shall decide redress in accordance with rule D5.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Rules D3 (scoring a race) and D4 (scoring a series) will apply.
- 15.2 A boat that capsizes after her starting signal and inverts such that both her gunwales are touching the water or gets her mast stuck in the bottom of the sea will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule A4 and A5.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

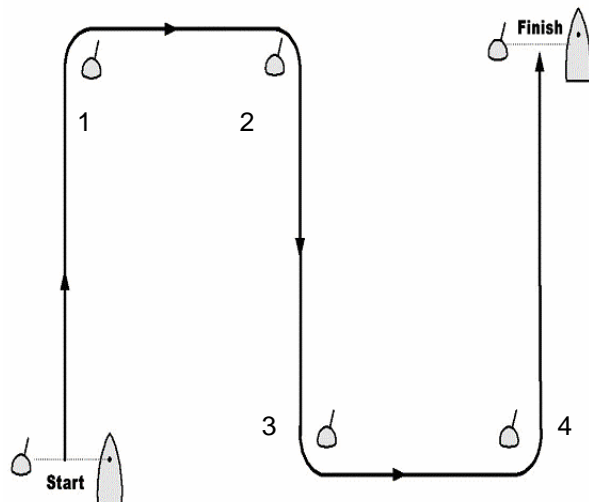
- 16.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility.
- 16.2 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk – see rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 16.3 The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Championship. The OA encompasses everyone helping to run the event.

17 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 17.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.
- 17.2 Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with Attachment B – Handling the Boats.
- 17.3 The penalty for breaking instruction 21.1 and 21.2 is at the discretion of the protest committee and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prize or the withholding of deposits. This changes rule 64.1.
- 17.4 The protest committee may call a hearing other than under rule 69 to investigate a possible inappropriate behaviour of a competitor or any person related to a team. The protest committee may decide to call for a hearing under rule 69 or to deduct a point penalty from a team's score at its own discretion. This changes rules 60.3 and 64.1.

ATTACHMENT C – THE COURSE

The course will be an 'N' course: START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - FINISH



Not to Scale