

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
ISSA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM RACE CHAMPIONSHIP
for the
TOBY BAKER TROPHY- 2009
Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation, Sequoia Yacht Club & the
Port of Redwood City
May 22-24, 2009

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by Racing Rules of Sailing, including RRS Appendix D, and the ISSA Procedural Rules.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority will be the ISSA.
- 1.3. RRS D2.3 (b), Races with Limited Umpiring, shall apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the rotation dock.
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the PRO and the Chief Umpire (if possible) and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first race in which it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE

	<u>Friday, 5/22/09</u>	<u>Saturday, 5/23/09</u>	<u>Sunday, 5/24/09</u>
Registration/Check-in	1500-1700	0830-0900	---
Team Report Time	---	0830	0830
Mandatory Competitors	---	0900	0900
No warning signal after*	---	---	1600
Trophy Presentation	---	---	1700

* Except for sail-offs as needed.

- 3.2. The time of the first warning for each day will be announced at the daily Competitors' Meeting.
- 3.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be distributed at Registration/Check-in.
- 3.4. The race committee will attempt to complete a full rotation per the approved format.

4. COURSES AND MARKS

- 4.1. The course may be a digital N or any variation on a triangular course, in accordance with ISSA PR Appendix 6.
- 4.2. The course will be announced orally from the RC vessel before the first warning of each race.
- 4.3. 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. There will be no visual or audible signals for a course change. This changes RRS 33 and race signal "Changing the Next Leg."
- 4.4. All *marks* will be orange or white buoys.

5. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES

- 5.1. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32 and race signal “Shorten Course.”
- 5.2. Abandonment will be signaled orally by the RC and/or an umpire. This changes RRS 32.1 and race signal “Abandonment Signals.” Abandoned races may be re-sailed and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical.

6. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS

- 6.1. Races will be started using RRS Appendix S, in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8 (a).
 - 6.1.1 RRS S6 is changed by deleting the last sentence.
 - 6.1.2 Flag ‘X’ will be displayed in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- 6.2. Teams whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 6.3. The start line will be between boat RC #1 and a mark.
- 6.4. The finish line will be between RC Boat #2 and a mark.

7. BREAKDOWNS

- 7.1. RRS D5 is changed so that all instances of the words “race committee” are replaced with “protest committee.”
- 7.2. RRS D5.1 is changed as follows – the words “shall display a red flag” are replaced with “shall notify an umpire or the race committee....”.
- 7.3. Decisions for granting redress as a result of a breakdown shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.
- 7.4. A boat entitled to redress as a result of a breakdown shall be compensated in accordance with RRS Appendix D5, as prescribed in ISSA PR 12.2.

8. PROTESTS

- 8.1. Boats intending to protest or request redress, shall comply with ISSA PR 16 (a) and (b). Also see ISSA PR Appendix 7.
- 8.2. When RRS D2.3 (b) applies, a boat shall inform the protest secretary on the rotation dock to file her protest. The time limit for filing protest is immediately after the race in which the incident occurs.
- 8.3. RRS D2.4 (b) shall apply to all protests and requests for redress.
- 8.4. Competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.
- 8.5. All recorded evidence, including but not limited to: photographs, video and audio, shall not be permissible in protest hearings or appeals. This changes RRS 63.6.

9. SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D, except as modified by ISSA PR 12.1.

10. COACHING

- 10.1. 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 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.
- 10.2. Competitors may receive coaching only while on shore; this includes guidance, instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1. In accordance with ISSA PR 2.2, USCG approved Type III PFD's shall be worn at all times by competitors while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 11.2. 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.

12. Regatta Format

- 12.1. The Race Committee intends to sail a Qualifying Round using a single round-robin between all 12 teams. The top four schools will sail a Championship Division double round-robin with all scores carrying over. Schools placing 5-8 in the Qualifying Round will sail a Silver Division single round-robin with all scores carrying over. Schools placing 9-12 in the Qualifying Round will sail a Bronze Division single round-robin with all scores carrying over.
- 12.2. In accordance with ISSA PR 12.3, if conditions make the announced format unmanageable, the Regatta Chairperson and Chief Umpire may alter the format at any time as they deem fair to ensure an equitable determination of the winner. If it is necessary to change the format, the priority protocol will be as follows:

Plan B: If only the Qualifying Round robin has been completed, the results will stand as the championship. If any of the subsequent round robins (championship or consolations) have been completed, the results up to that point will stand for the regatta.

Plan C: If the Regatta Chairperson and Chief Umpire deem that it is unmanageable to complete the Qualifying Round round-robin in the time allotted, then the regatta reverts back to the results through race #30. At this point, each school has sailed against the five other schools in their pre-determined division (see below). Schools will be ranked first through sixth in their division.

There will be a sail-off as defined below between the top teams depending on time.

Option #1: The top two schools in each predetermined division will sail a “**final four**” round robin (Double or Single depending on time). If time permits the schools ranked 3 and 4 in each predetermined division will sail a round robin for place 5th through 8th and the schools ranked 5 and 6 in each predetermined division will sail a round robin for 9th through 12th.

Option #2: The first place schools in each division will sail off for first and second place

in the regatta. The second place schools in each division will sail off for third and fourth place in the regatta. Other races for places 5-12 in the regatta may happen if time permits using the same formula. Unless otherwise determined by the Regatta Chairperson and the Chief Umpire, a sail-off shall be defined as a best of three series (first team to two wins).

Option #3: If time does not permit any more races, the first place schools in each division will tie for the Championship, and the second place schools in each division will tie for third place in the championship.

The preliminary seedings are as follows (this may be updated after completion of the '09 Mallory).

Division A

A = SAISA #1

B = PCISA #2

C = NESSA #1

D = MASSA #2

E = MWSSA #1

F = NWISA #1

Division B

G = SAISA #2

H = PCISA #1

I = NESSA #2

J = MASSA #1

K = SEISA #1

L = PCISA #3

Plan D: If the qualifying round-robin has not reached race #30 and no other equitable format has been able to be completed by the end of the time limit then the regatta is discontinued and a champion will not be crowned for the year.