

2011 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta

July 15-17, 2011

Kettering, Ohio

Sponsored by the Kettering Model Sailing Club AMYA #237

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, Appendix E for RC sailing, prescriptions of US Sailing, class rules of the **V-32** class and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Changes to the racing rules or class rules are noted in the specific instructions where they apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted by the scoring table.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time. All competitors shall be notified. This changes Rule 89.2(c).

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Dates of racing:

- Practice: Friday, July 15, 2001 1:00PM-5:00PM
- **Racing:** Saturday, July 16, 2010 **10:00AM**-4:30PM (Skippers meeting at **9:30AM**)
- **Racing:** Sunday, July 17, 2010 **9:30AM**-12:30PM

- 4.2 The Race Committee will determine the number of races for each day after considering weather, course and equipment conditions. No race shall start after 4:00PM on Saturday and 12:00 Noon on Sunday.

5 RACING FORMAT

The Low-Point scoring system will be used. If the number of entries at the start of racing is determined by the race committee to be too large for a single fleet, we shall employ the [Odds and Evens racing system](#). Otherwise, we shall sail as a single fleet.

6 THE COURSE

A course board is to be located as required by Rule E3.2 and show the Course and Control Area. The order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be as shown on the course board.

7 CONTROL AREA

- 7.1 The control area will be designated by the Race Director and may vary with course changes.
- 7.2 Skippers are to remain in the control area while racing. However, if your vessel becomes disabled, grounded, or entangled, you may leave the control area to recover and/or re-launch your vessel. Note that swimming or wading in the pond is prohibited. After a re-launch outside the control area, the skipper must immediately return to the control area if continuing with the race.

8 LAUNCHING

- 8.1 The launching area is generally limited to the control area.
- 8.2 After recovering a disabled, grounded, or entangled vessel, skippers may re-launch from the recovery location (at a point no further forward than the position where the boat was hauled out).

8.3 When launching or re-launching during the starting sequence or during a race, the skipper may not provide any propulsion, other than the wind, to the boat.

8.4 No swimming or wading is allowed.

9 MARKS

The primary course marks are colored spherical buoys (Red, Yellow, and Green). These may be augmented with additional “throw-in” marks that are cylindrical foam buoys.

10 THE START

10.1 The AMYA one-minute or two-minute starting sequence will be used (at the discretion of the Race Director).

10.2 The starting line will be between the starting marks.

10.3 A boat may request that the Race Director delay the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown. When such a delay is granted, it will be announced and the starting sequence will not be initiated until the expiration of five minutes. Each boat may be granted one such delay per day. Delays for tuning, adjusting sails or for changing rigs due to weather will not be granted (note: breaks between sets of races will be provided for inspection and tuning as a regular part of the schedule, at the discretion of the Race Director). There will generally be only one five minute delay permitted per heat/race.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area.

10.5 A boat starting after the first boat passes Mark 1 will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes Rule A4. An exception may be made by the race director if a very short first leg is set.

10.6 No boat may be launched between the 30 second count and the start signal.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the finishing marks.

11.2 Boats that have finished must stay clear of the finish line and boats still on the course.

11.3 Once finished, boats must not cross the finish line again while other boats are still on the course.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 No starting penalties are in effect (“P” flag). A boat over the line at the start can return through the line or round an end but must keep clear of boats that are not returning. If they fail to properly restart, they will be scored as a DNS.

12.2 A boat touching a start or finish mark shall take a penalty turn as required by Rule 31. However, *boats may contact the other marks* on the course without penalty. This modifies Rule 31.

12.3 A boat breaking a rule in Part 2 shall take a one-turn penalty as required by Rule 44 and modified by E4.4. The one-turn penalty requires a full 360 degree turn with at least one tack and one jibe. Skippers are to *get and stay clear of other boats* and complete the turn as soon as possible.

12.4 As provided in Rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken Rule 42.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The Race Director may abandon a race if an excessive amount of time has elapsed before the first boat has passed Mark 1 or the first boat finishes the course.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within a reasonable amount of time after the first boat finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) at the discretion of the Race Director. This changes Rules 35 and A4. However, when it is possible to determine finish positions, the Race Director, may request that any boat be sailed off of the course so as to allow the next race/heat to commence. Such boat(s) will be given credit for its appropriate finish position.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1** A boat protesting another boat, while sailing, shall hail the other boat, as required by Rule 61.1(a) as modified by Rule E5.2.
- 14.2** Protests not exonerated on the water with a penalty turn may be heard by a Protest Committee. RRS 61.2 is modified in that the protest need not be in writing.
- 14.3** Boats bringing a protest should inform the Race Director immediately after the race in which the incident occurred.
- 14.4** Skippers will be granted additional time, if required, in order to record relevant facts.
- 14.5** The Race Director will select members for the protest committee from those available at the event.
- 14.6** Protests will be heard immediately following race in which the incident occurred.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** The Low-Point System described in Appendix A shall be used with the modification that we will have “throw-outs”. The number of throw-outs will be equal to 1/6 of the total number of races sailed in the regatta (rounded down).
- 15.2** A DNF shall be scored with points equal to the number of starters in the race involved. This is a modification of the Low-Point System.
- 15.3** A minimum of 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

17 PRIZES

Awards will be given to the top 4 finishers. A fifth award will also be given if 15 or more boats are registered at the time when the awards are ordered. AMYA red chevrons will be awarded to the top three finishers in accordance with AMYA procedures. The awards will be given shortly after the completion of racing on Sunday.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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