

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HELLY HANSEN NATIONAL OFFSHORE ONE-DESIGN REGATTA
ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB APRIL 2-4, 2021 ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Presented by Mount Gay Rum & Sailing World

THE NOTATION "[DP]" IN A RULE IN THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS MEAN THAT THE PENALTY FOR A BREACH OF THAT RULE MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE, BE LESS THAN DISQUALIFICATION.

THE HELLY HANSEN NOOD REGATTAS ARE OFFICIAL US SAILING SANCTIONED EVENTS.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 For the J70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply. [DP]

1.3 For the Sonar Class: This is an SCA Appendix B – Alternative Rules event.

1.4 The US Sailing Prescriptions to 63.2 shall not apply.

1.5 RRS Rule 55, prohibiting the practice of allowing bands on spinnakers to fall in the water (even if the material used is biodegradable), will be in effect. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has confirmed that this practice breaks Florida law.

1.6 For the J/88 Class: Competitors are not required to carry all of the sails described in C.R. 5.3. However, once a competitor leaves shore for the final time before the first race, no sail may be added, removed or substituted during the event unless it is lost or damaged beyond what could reasonably be repaired overnight. In this case the sail may be replaced with the same type (as defined in C.R. Appendix A) for subsequent days.

1.7 All boats are required to abide by the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus. Links to these documents will be posted on the Official Notice Board https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=13224 as they become available. [DP]

1.8 Social events and fees. Due to unpredictable social restrictions due to the pandemic, NOOD Regattas and SPYC are unable to commit to a social schedule or fees at this time. Information about social events and ticket prices will be posted on the event website.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=13224. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the yardarm at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Flag AP (Answering Pennant), with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means "The race is postponed. Do not leave the harbor area.". The first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

4.2 When the AP is flown with a division flag, the AP applies only to that division. When no division flag is flown the AP applies to all divisions.

Division flags are as follows:

Division A - Pink with an 'A'

Division B - Blue with a 'B'

Division C - Purple with a 'C'

Division D - Green with a 'D'

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 each day. There will be no warning signal after 1400 on Sunday.

5.2 No Warning Signal for the A-Cats, Thistles & or the Lightning Class will be made prior to 1200 on Friday April 2nd. This change only applies to A-Cats, Thistles, and Lightning classes racing on Friday.

5.3 The race committee intends to run as many races as viable each day.

6. DIVISION ASSIGNMENT, INITIAL STARTING ORDER AND CLASS FLAGS

All will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7. COURSES

7.1 Windward/Leeward and Triangle Courses (see course diagrams)

7.2 The course number, approximate compass bearing, and distance from the starting line

to the first windward mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat for each division. Except when passing through a gate, all rounding marks shall be passed to port.

7.3 An Offset Mark, Mark 1a (a small orange tomato), will be placed approximately 75 yards from mark 1 perpendicular to the course axis (see the diagrams).

7.4 The leeward mark will be a gate. In the event where there is only one leeward mark, it shall be rounded to port.

8. MARKS

8.1 The starting marks will be race committee boats at each end of the starting line. In the event that the port-end line race committee boat is not in place, it will be replaced with an inflatable buoy.

8.2 For Division A, original turning marks will be orange tetrahedron with a small orange ball as the windward offset. The starting mark may be an orange ball. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable marks. Change marks (see SI 10 and 11) will be yellow tetrahedrons.

8.3 For Division B, original windward mark and offset will be Red Helly Hansen tomatoes and original leeward marks will be orange tetrahedrons. The starting mark may be an orange ball. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable marks. Change marks (see SI 10 and 11) will be yellow tetrahedrons with the offset a small orange ball.

8.4 For Division C, original windward mark and offset will be Red Helly Hansen tetrahedrons and leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. The starting mark may be an orange tomato. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable marks. Change marks (see SI 10 and 11) will be green tetrahedrons with the offset a small orange ball.

8.5 For Division D, original turning marks will be green tetrahedron with a small orange ball as the windward offset. The starting mark may be an orange ball. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable marks. Change marks (see SI 10 and 11) will be orange tetrahedrons with the offset a small orange ball.

8.6 When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

9. THE START

9.1 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

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9.2 The race committee will attempt to broadcast any boat recalled. Division A will broadcast on VHF channel 68, Division B on VHF channel 69, Division C on VHF channel 72, and Division D will broadcast on VHF Channel 05.

10. CHANGE OF THE FIRST LEG OF THE COURSE (DURING A STARTING SEQUENCE)

The race committee may signal a change of the first leg of the course for a class as follows: At the preparatory signal, flag C will be displayed on the signal boat with repetitive sound signals, and will remain displayed until the starting signal.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of the next leg of the course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark. For Courses "3", "5" and "7," the finish line will be located approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark. For Courses "4", "6", and "T", the finish line will be located approximately 100 yards to leeward of the leeward mark or gate and will be placed on the side at the RC signal boat opposite that of the starting mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For the Melges 24, S2 7.9, and A Cat classes, ONLY, US Sailing Prescription V1 (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) will apply.

13.2 RRS Appendix T (ARBITRATION) will apply.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail a windward/ leeward course in accordance with RRS 28.1 is 2 1/2 hours.

14.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). This changes RRS 35.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests and requests for redress, shall be written on US SAILING protest forms

(available at the protest desk in the Regatta Room) and delivered there within one hour of the docking of the race committee finish boat for the division involved.

15.2 The times of hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing).

16. SCORING

16.1 One race will constitute a series.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard.

16.3 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

16.4 Boats retiring from a race are requested to inform the race committee before leaving the racing area. [DP]

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

17.2 A designated observer may report visual signals displayed by the race committee over VHF channel 68 for Division A, VHF channel 69 for Division B, VHF channel 72 for Division C, and VHF channel 05 for Division D. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18. PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded by class.

18.2 Each class winner is eligible for the 2021 Helly Hansen Caribbean NOOD Championship. The designated Challenger will be drawn at the conclusion the event.

19. PARKING

Competitors' vehicles (other than those belonging to SPYC members) shall not be parked in the St. Petersburg Yacht Club parking garage. Competitors' vehicles shall not be parked at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center or elsewhere on Demens Landing from Thursday, April 1, 2021, through Sunday, April

4, 2021. The penalty for breaking this rule will be the disqualification of the boat with which the competitor is associated from all races on the racing day closest to the breach. A boat may not protest under this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Parking is available for a fee at the Al Lang Field parking lot, on the mainland just West of the Sailing Center. The hourly restrictions on street parking are strictly enforced.

20. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

21. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVERS, PERSONAL CONDUCT

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA and St Petersburg Yacht Club 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.

21.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

21.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

COURSE 3

"3" (three legs): Windward, leeward, finish to windward. Mark 2 may be passed on either side on the first upwind leg and mark 1 may be passed on either side on the finishing leg.

COURSE 4

"4" (four legs): Windward, leeward, windward, finish to leeward. Mark 2 may be passed on either side on the first windward leg and the finishing leg.

COURSE 5

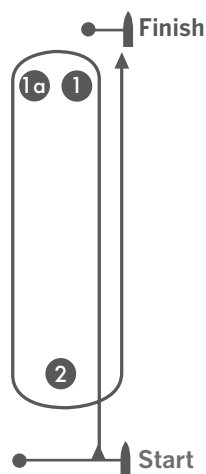
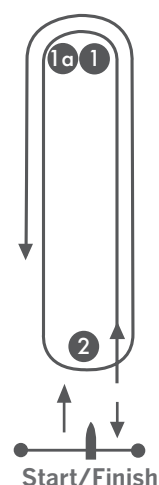
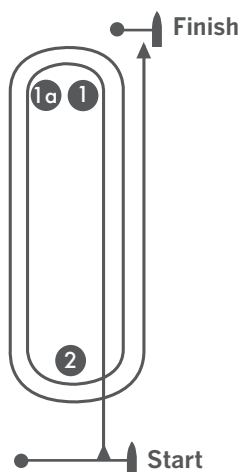
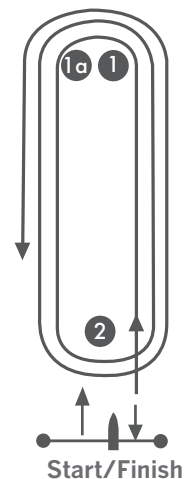
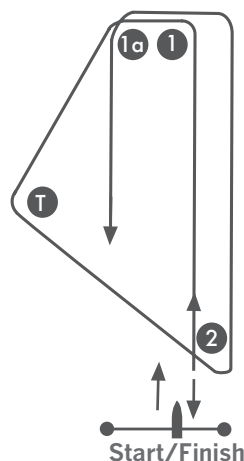
"5" (five legs): Windward, leeward, windward, leeward, finish to windward. Mark 2 may be passed on either side on the first windward leg and mark 1 may be passed on either side of the finishing leg.

COURSE 6

"6" (six legs): Windward, leeward, windward, leeward, windward, finish to leeward. Mark 2 may be passed on either side on the first windward leg and the finishing leg.

COURSE T

"T" (Triangle): Windward, reach to Mark "T", reach to Mark 2/gate, windward, leeward to the finish. Mark 2 may be passed on either side on the first windward leg. And the finishing leg.

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