

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS Appendix S

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Minor editing and reordering of RRS Appendix S text. The Appendix S courses are addressed in a separate submission.

Proposal

APPENDIX S

STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This appendix applies only if the notice of race so states.

*These Standard Sailing Instructions may be used at an event in place of printed sailing instructions made available to each boat. To use them, state in the notice of race that 'The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions **in the Supplement** that will be **posted** on the official notice board located at _____.'*

The supplementary sailing instructions will include:

- 1. The location of the flag pole on which signals made ashore will be displayed (SI 4.1).**
- 2~~±~~. A table showing the schedule of races, including the day and date of each scheduled day of racing, the number of races scheduled each day, the scheduled time of the first warning signal each day, and the latest time for a warning signal on the last scheduled day of racing (~~see SI 5 below~~) (SI 5).**
- ~~2. The location of the race office and of the flag pole on which signals made ashore will be displayed (SI 4.1).~~
3. A list of the marks that will be used and a description of each one (SI 8). How new marks will differ from original marks (SI 10).
4. The time limits, if any, that are listed in SI 12.
5. Any changes or additions to the instructions in this appendix.

A copy of the supplementary sailing instructions will be available to competitors on request.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2 Supplementary sailing instructions (called 'the supplement' below) will be posted on the official notice board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, **unless this time is changed in the supplement**, ~~except that a~~ Any change to 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 displayed from the flag pole. The supplement will state its location.
- ~~4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.~~

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The supplement will include a table showing the days, dates, number of races scheduled, the scheduled times of the first warning signal each day, and the latest time for a warning signal on the last scheduled day of racing.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Each class flag will be the class insignia on a **whiteplain** background or as stated in the supplement.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course ~~by displaying one or two letters followed by a number~~, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.2 The course diagrams are on the pages following SI 13. They show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The supplement may include additional courses.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 A list of the marks that will be used, including a description of each one, will be included in the supplement.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
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9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

9.3 The orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange **or blue** flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The supplement will state which of the following time limits, if any, will apply and, for each, the time limit.

- Mark 1 Time Limit Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.
- Race Time Limit Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- Finishing Window Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.

12.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

12.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

13.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

Current Position

See above.

Reasons

1. Changes shown above are made to this appendix to align with the way the majority of organizers are applying the appendix over the last three years. The addition of the display of the blue flag for the finishing line in paragraph 11.1 is made to reflect the growing practice of race committees to use the blue flag for the finishing line at all events.
 2. Some additional requested changes to Appendix S are addressed in the template for the supplementary sailing instructions (the supplement).
 3. Many users suggested that the 60 minutes in SI 4.2 did not work for their venues. The time delay after AP is lowered has been moved to the supplement.
 4. The largest number of requested changes involve providing additional courses in Appendix S. Changes and additions to the Appendix S courses are addressed in a separate submission.
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