2011 IRC North American Championship August 11-14, 2011 The Royal Canadian Yacht Club 150 Cherry Street Toronto Ontario

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1* The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 IRCF 2011 rules Parts, A, B & C shall apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Main Regatta Tent.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & DIVISION SPLITS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2	Division Splits		Backstay Flags
	IRC Super 0	1.081 & faster	Green
	IRC 0	1.065 - 1.080	White
	IRC 1	1.025 - 1.064	Black
	IRC 2	1.001 - 1.024	Orange
	IRC 3	1.000 & slower	Blue

- 3.3 All boats are required to carry a backstay flag as per 3.2. Flags will be available at registration.
- 3.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to put like boats together even if the rating puts them in another division.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole beside the RCYC sailing office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Grand Prix Race (s), Thursday August 11th, 1st Warning Signal at 1400 hours Day Races, Friday-Sunday August 12-14th, 1st Warning Signal at 1100 hours
- 5.2 Grand Prix Races 2 races are scheduled, with no warning signal after 1600 hours
- 5.3 Day Races 8 races are scheduled, with no more than 4 races per day.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
IRC Super 0	Numeral 1
	pennant
IRC 0	Numeral 2
	pennant
IRC 1	Numeral 3
	pennant
IRC2	Numeral 4
	pennant
IRC 3	Numeral 5
	pennant

7 RACING AREAS

Addendum "B" shows the location of racing area(s).

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagrams in Addendum "A" shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 4S and 4P will be Orange.
- 9.2 The following marks are rounding marks: 1, 2, 3S and 3P.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be orange except as provided in Sailing Instruction 9.5 when code flag E is displayed.
- 9.4 The start mark will be yellow and the finish mark will be red
- 9.5 If the RC signal vessel displays code flag "E" before the warning signal of a race then marks for IRC Divisions Super 0, Zero and 1, course marks one and two will

be green. The course marks for all other divisions shall remain orange as per SI 9.3

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at any time during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 9. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel mark at the starboard end and the nearby finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that except for infringements of Part 2 within three boat lengths of a rounding mark a boat may take a one-turn penalty.
- 13.2 RRS 44.3 (C) is changed so that the penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats entered
- 13.3 RRS 44.1 is changed by adding, "A boat breaking a rule of part 2 of the RRS or rule 31 may take a penalty after the incident and prior to the start of a protest hearing by taking a 40% Scoring Penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c).
- 13.4 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

14. MEDIATION

14.1 A mediation meeting will be held prior to a protest meeting for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of part 2 or rule 31, unless the mediator deems the incident inappropriate for mediation. One representative from each

party, who was onboard at the time of the incident, will meet with the mediator. If all the parties to a protest are not represented, the mediation process shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted

- 14.2 After the hearing the testimony, the mediator will offer one of the following opinions:
 - (A) The protest committee would find the protest to be invalid. The mediator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (B) The protest committee would find no boat broke a rule. The mediator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (C) The protest committee would find that one of more boats represented in the mediation meeting broke a rule of part 2 or rule 31. The mediator will offer each of these boats the option to accept a scoring penalty (as per 13.2), or to retire. The mediator will then give the protestor an opinion about whether the protest committee would be likely to assign any additional penalties. If in the opinion of the mediator all appropriate penalties have been taken, the mediator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest. This changes rule 63.1.
 - (D) A protest hearing is appropriate.
- 14.3 The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that has accepted a penalty in accordance with 13.2 will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing unless the protest concludes that the boat caused injury of serious damage gained a significant advantage in the race or the series, or broke a rule other than a rule in Part 2 or rule 31.
- 14.4 If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held, and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Class</u> <u>Time Limit</u> <u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u> All 2.5 hours 35 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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

- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 120 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race is abandoned
- 16.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located behind the RCYC sailing office, beginning at the time posted
- Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- Breaches of instructions 10.3, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.8 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

17 SCORING

17.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Appendix A. will apply with the following changes: Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time limit expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, not to exceed points equal to the number of starters. This changes Appendix 5. There will be no discard in the series. This changes RRS Appendix 2. One race shall be completed to constitute the IRC Grand Prix event and the North American championship. The distance race will be weighted as 1.5 times the windward leeward races to compute the North American championship series. This changes Appendix A2

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted with ISAF code 20.

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22 SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

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23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

24 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out after 2000 hours on Thursday August 11th until the completion of racing except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

25 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

26 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

27 PRIZES

- 27.1 1/ Grand Prix Races- top 3 overall in each division
 - 2/ Day Races- top 3 overall in each division
 - 3/ Overall- top 5 overall

- 27.2 The 2011 IRC North American Overall Champion shall be determined by the following. The average corrected seconds per mile for all races completed will be calculated for the winner of each class. The class winning boat with the lowest combined corrected seconds per mile is the Champion.
- 27.3 Daily race winners 1st overall
- 27.4 Other awards at the discretion of the organizing authority.

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. Attention is also drawn to ASAF Offshore special regulation 1.02-Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

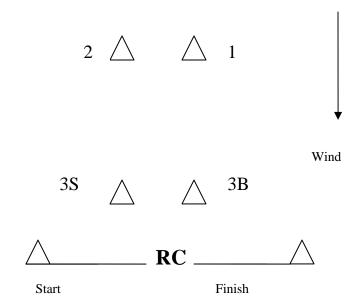
28.2 A crew waiver form- as a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual shall sign a liability waiver/media release and the fully executed Crew waiver form shall be submitted prior to racing.

29 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance

ADDENDUM A- Course Description

Twice Around windward leeward course Start-1, 2, 3s or 3p, 1, 2-finish



Course: From the start, round Mark 1, Mark 2 to Port, through the Gate formed by Marks 3S and 3B, round Mark 1, Mark 2 to port, then to the Finish.

Marks 3S and 3B are not marks of the course on the last leg of the course.

ADDENDUM B - Course Location

The race course for all fleets shall be in the Alpha course circle as shown in the diagram. The centre of the location is approximately 2.5 nm SSW of the Gibraltar bell buoy located .5 nm off the SW corner of the Toronto Islands

