



## **Sailing Instructions**

### **J/70 Great Lakes Championship Regatta**

### **August 10 -11, 2013**

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the class rules of the J/70 Class Association and by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **2 Notice to Competitors**

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2** The official notice board will be located in the Northern most window on the Westside, lower deck of the Buffalo Yacht Club Porter Avenue Facility.

#### **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1** On shore Changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day the change will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 22:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2** On the water changes to the sailing instructions will be made using the VHF radio and the raising of the lima flag on the signal boat before the warning signal of a race

#### **4 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Buffalo Yacht Club.
- 4.2** When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, one minute is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.

#### **5 Schedule of Races**

- 5.1** Saturday August 10, the warning signal for the first race will be 10:00, there will be no limit to the number of races on Saturday. No warning signal will take place after 16:00.
- 5.2** Sunday August 11, the warning signal for the first race will be 09:30, there will be no limit to the number of races on Sunday. No warning signal will take place after 14:00.
- 5.3** Code Flag R will be displayed on the signal boat after the finish of a race when another race is to follow. Code Flag R will be lowered on sound signals approximately 30 seconds before the warning signal for the start of the next race.
- 5.4** Code Flag H will be displayed on the signal boat to indicate no further racing for the day.
- 5.5** Before the first warning signal of the first race each day, each competitor shall pass the signal boat and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the committee.

#### **6 Class Flags**

- 6.1** Class flag will be the J /70 class flag or a white flag.

## 7 Race Area

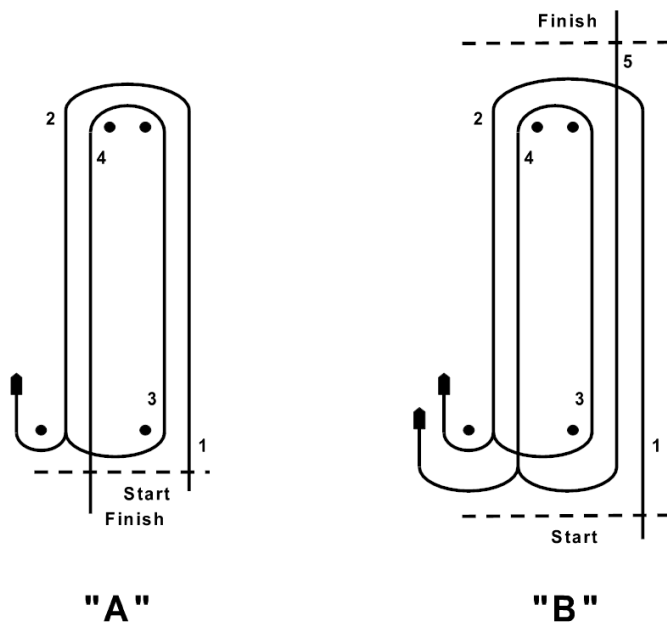
- 7.1 The Races will be conducted in the vicinity of the Buffalo Departure buoy, as depicted as mark C in the heavy seas course in 9.3 of these Sailing Instructions.

## 8 Marks

- 8.1 All weather and leeward marks will be inflatable marks, except for the heavy seas course.

## 9 Courses

- 9.1 No later than the warning signal the signal boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark.
- 9.2 The courses will be as shown in the diagrams (not to scale).



9.2.1 For both courses an offset mark shall be used at the weather mark and will be set 5-7 boat lengths to port of the weather mark.

9.2.2 On both courses, boats shall pass through the leeward gate from the direction of the previous mark leaving either the starboard gate mark to starboard or the port gate mark to port.

9.2.3 The gate maybe laid after the starting signal.

9.2.4 For both courses the leeward gate is not a mark of the course for the first leg.

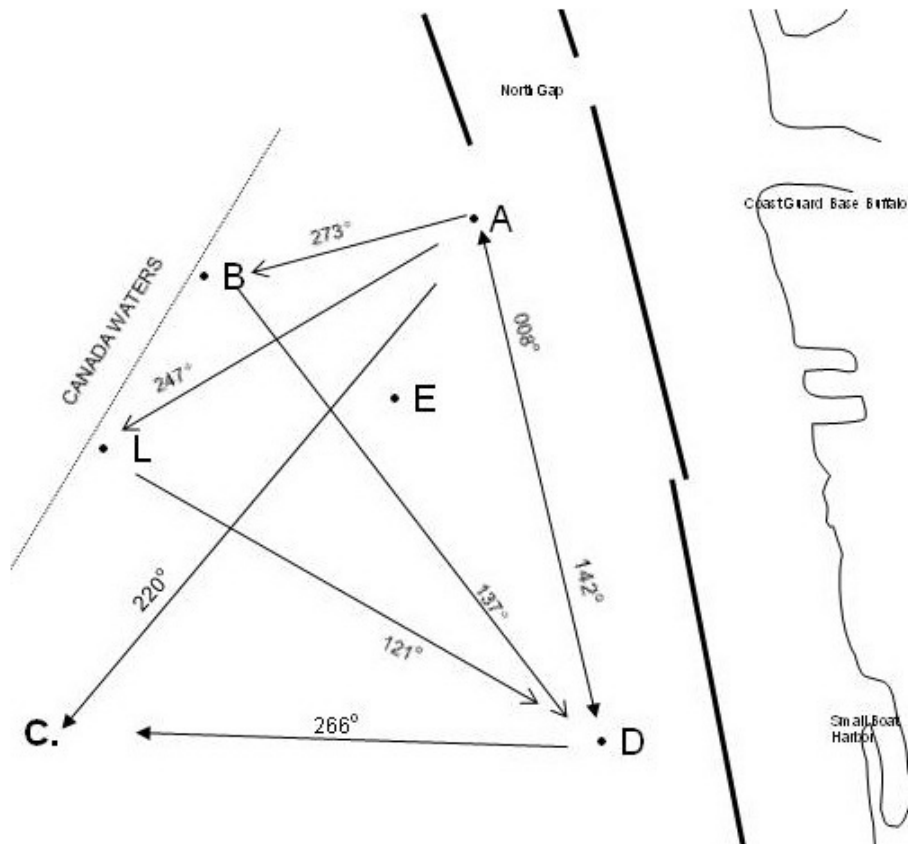
9.2.5 For course "A" the leeward gate is not a mark of the course on the last leg of the course.

9.2.6 For course "B" the weather and offset marks are not marks of the course on the last leg.

### 9.3. HEAVY SEAS COURSE

In the event of very heavy seas the race committee may elect to use a combination of existing permanent marks, dropped marks and a port end start line pin boat. The alphabetical letter, plus description of each mark, is listed below with the approximate location, if applicable. The Race Committee Signal Boat will indicate the course to be sailed by posting alphabetical letters on a board. The letter "O" shall indicate an inflated mark dropped by the race committee. The letter "P" shall indicate the pin boat being used as a mark. Marks displayed in black with a white background shall be rounded to port, marks displayed in white with a green background shall be rounded to starboard. In the event "O" is used as a weather mark, there will be an offset mark present and the approximate nautical mileage and magnetic compass heading from the signal boat will be displayed.

Alphabetical Marks of the Heavy Seas Course with description		GPS Coordinates (Approx)	
		North - Lat	West - Long
<b>A</b>	Government navigational Red Buoy – “R4”	42.52.146	078.53.952
<b>B</b>	Club Mark at “Waverly Shoal” White Post	42.52.03	078.55.22
<b>C</b>	Striped red and white buoy – “Departure Buoy”	42.50.162	078.55.418
<b>D</b>	Club Mark – “Club Mark D”	42.50.62	078.52.781
<b>E</b>	Government navigational Red Buoy – “R2”	42.51.599	078.54.297
<b>G</b>	A Gate (two inflatable marks) that will be placed		
<b>L</b>	Club Mark between Waverly and Departure	42.50.725	078.56.345
<b>O</b>	Inflatable mark		
<b>P</b>	Pin boat as a start or finish mark		



## 10 The Start

- 10.1** The starting line will be the top of the hoist of an orange flag on the signal boat and the top of the hoist of an orange flag on the pin boat.
- 10.2** The Signal Boat may deploy a standoff buoy and shall be considered an extension of the Signal Boat.
- 10.3** A boat starting later than 8 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 11 Recalls

- 11.1** Recalls will be signaled per RRS 26.
- 11.2** The race committee may attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing their bow numbers on VHF Channel 79. Failure to hear or receive such transmissions or hails, or the order of bow

numbers announce, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **12 The Finish**

- 12.1** The finish line will be between the top of the hoist of an orange flag on the signal boat and the top of the hoist of an orange flag on a R/C boat.

## **13 Time Limits**

- 13.1** The time limit for each race will be one and a half hours (1.5 hrs.).
- 13.2** Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF number of finishers plus two (2). This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.

## **14 Protest and Requests for Redress**

- 14.1** The time limit for protests and requests for redress will be 60 minutes after the docking of the signal boat. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board.

## **15 Scoring**

- 15.1** Low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except as modified.
- 15.2** Only one race is required to be completed in order to constitute a series.
- 15.3** When five or more races are completed each boat's worst score will be excluded.
- 15.4** Eight races are scheduled.

## **16 Prizes**

- 16.1** Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishing boats.
- 16.2** An additional prize shall be awarded to the lowest scoring boat with all ISAF category 1 sailors onboard.

