

## SLALOM SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **1 FORMAT**

- 1.1 The Slalom event will consist of a series of heats and finals. Those that do not qualify for the next round will be knocked out of the competition.
- 1.2 The number of boats per heat and number of finals will be confirmed before [THE COMPETITOR BRIEFING or TIME].
- 1.3 The organising authority will post the lists of competitors allocated to each heat on the official noticeboard prior to the competitor briefing.
- 1.4 The organising authority will post the schedule of races on the official noticeboard prior to the competitor briefing. The first warning signal will be at [TIME] on [DAY/DATE].
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of the sailor to understand the race number relevant to them.
- 1.6 All boats not racing are invited to watch but must stay at least 100m outside of the outer limits of the course and outside of the starting exclusion zone.

### **2 CHANGES TO THE SLALOM SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Changes to the slalom sailing instructions may be made ashore up to two hours prior to the first warning signal.

### **3 START**

- 3.1 The start will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the pin end mark.
- 3.2 The orange flag will be displayed 7 minutes before the first warning signal of the first race of the heats, the quarter finals, the semi-finals and the finals. The orange flag will be removed between each round of races to signify the change in level.
- 3.3 The starting sequence will be as follows. This changes RRS 26.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag displayed	One	Warning signal
2	Uniform or black displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	Uniform or black removed	One	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 3.4 The sail numbers of boats that break RRS 30.3 (uniform flag) or RRS 30.4 (black flag) will be displayed on the finish vessel.

## 4 FINISH

- 4.1 The finish will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finish vessel and the course side of the final mark.

## 5 MARKS

- 5.1 The pin end will be a [DESCRIPTION] mark. The other marks of the course will be [DESCRIPTION] marks.

## 6 SCORING

- 6.1 The organising authority will outline the number of competitors from each heat, quarter final and semi-final that will go through to the next round prior to or during the competitor briefing.
- 6.2 The final series will consist of three races. Each race will be scored using the low points system in RRS A4. All three races will count towards the final series. This changes RRS A2.1. If there is a tie at the end of the series, boats will be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. This changes RRS A8.

## 7 RULES AND UMPIRING PROCEDURE

- 7.1 The Slalom event will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* [as amended in this section].
- 7.2 **Penalties:** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two turns and one turn penalties are replaced by a tack.
- 7.3 **[Protests:** While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously raise an arm at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 7.4 A boat that protests as provided in rule 7.3 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.
- 7.5 **Umpire signals and imposed penalties:**  
An umpire will signal a decision as follows:
- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
  - (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
  - (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.
  - (d) A boat penalized under instruction 7.5(b) shall take her penalty as soon as

possible after the incident, or, if the incident takes place before mark 1, as soon as possible after passing mark 1. This changes RRS 44.2.

- (e) A boat disqualified under instruction 7.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

#### **7.6 Penalties and protests initiated by an umpire:**

When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42 and/or class rule C.1 (pumping),
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more penalties, each signalled in accordance with instruction 7.5(b), or disqualify her under instruction 7.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction 7.6(f), the original penalty is cancelled.

#### **7.7 Protests; requests for redress or reopening; appeals; other proceedings:**

- (a) No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.
- (b) A boat intending to
  - (i) protest another boat under a rule other than rule 28 or a rule listed in instruction 7.3,
  - (ii) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
  - (iii) request redress

shall inform the race committee on the finish vessel by hailing within three minutes of the last boat finishing the race. The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

#### **7.8 Hearings:**

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A party to the hearing under this appendix may not

request a reopening.']

## **8 COURSE**

8.1 Start - 1p - 2s - 3p - 4s/Finish (Course diagram in Race Management Guide)