**STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

**CRUISING BOATS2021-2024**

***(Version with fields, to be completed)***

[***Event Name***]

[***Dates***] - [***Venue***]

[***Organizing Authority (OA)***] - [***Grade***]

*The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No protest) against another boat when infringing this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be less than disqualification.*

**1. RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 In case of translation of these SIs, the French text will prevail. ***(Delete if not used)***

1.3 Sports events are above all a space for exchange and sharing, accessible to all. As such, competitors and support persons are asked to behave in all circumstances, ashore and on the water, in a courteous and respectful manner regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of other participants or accompanying persons. A competitor or accompanying person who does not respect these principles may be penalized according to RRS 2 or 69.

**2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

##### 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) no later than 2 hours before the warning signal of the race where it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 Changes to the SIs may be made on the water in accordance with <***description of procedure***>. ***(Delete if not used)***

**3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

##### 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB located at [location] ; they will be also posted online at [web address]. (Delete if not used)

3.2 The Race Office is located at <***location***> [phone <***number***>] [email< ***email address***>].

3.3 On the water, the race committee will normally monitor and communicate with the competitors on VHF channel *<channel number>.*

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

4.1 *[DP] [NP]* Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 *[DP] [NP]* Competitors and support persons shall [***handle any equipment***] [or] [***place advertising provided***] by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with it. ***(To be used when the OA provides equipment e.g. beacons or bow numbers) (Delete if not used)***

##### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

##### 5.1 Signals made ashore are displayed on the flagpole at [location].

##### 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will not be made less than [60 minutes] after flag AP is removed (this changes Race Signals).

5.3 [DP] Flag “D” displayed with one sound signal means “Boats are allowed to leave ***[port]*** ***[shore]***”. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than ***<number>*** minutes after flag “D” is displayed”. In absence of flag “D”, boats must stay in their positions. ***(Delete if not used)***

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Dates of racing:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Class | Class |
| [***date***] | [***class***] | [***class***] |

6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race is [***time***].

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.4 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be as follows: [**flags description**].

**8. RACING AREAS**

The location of the racing areas is defined in the **Appendix** RACING AREAS.

**9. THE COURSES**

9.1 The diagrams in **Appendix** COURSES describe the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed or rounded, the side on which each mark is to be left and the indicative length of the courses.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee shall designate the course to be sailed and, if necessary, will indicate the approximate bearing and length, of the first leg of the course. The signals defining the course to be sailed are [**signal description**].

9.3Coastal course:

No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display “D” flag if the course includes an offset mark. It will display a green flag to indicate that it is to be passed or rounded to starboard. Absence of a green flag means that the offset mark is to be passed or rounded to port (this changes Race Signals).

9.4 Gates and marks to be rounded where the course is shortened are described in the **Appendix** COURSES.

##### 9.5 Official ranking at a mark: The race committee may interrupt a race for any of the reasons mentioned in RRS 32.1 and validate the race using for the finishing order the last official ranking at one of the marks to be rounded mentioned in Appendix COURSES (this changes RRS 32). Arrangements are detailed in Appendix OFFICIAL RANKING AT A MARK.

**10. MARKS**

10.1

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Start | Course | Offset | Change | Finish |
| [**description**] | [**description**] | [**description**] | [**description**] | [**description**] |

10.2 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark.

**11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The areas considered as obstructions are specified in the **Appendix** RACING AREAS.

**12. THE START**

12.1 The starting line will be between [**a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end**] and [**a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the port end**]

OR [**the course side of the port-end starting mark**].

12.2[DP] [NP] Waiting boats: Boats whose warning signal has not been given must avoid the starting area while other boats are in starting procedure.

12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may give her sail number on VHF channel [**number**]. The absence of VHF transmission or reception will not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.4 A boat that does not start within [**4 minutes**] after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1 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.

13.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

**14. THE FINISH**

14.1The finishing line is between [***a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat***] and [***the course side of the finishing mark***].

14.2 *[DP]* If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 For the [**class(es)**],RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

15.2 When rules of chapter 2 of RRS no longer apply and are replaced by part B section II of IPCAS, RRS 44.1 does not apply.

**16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

16.1 The times are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Class | Course | Target time | Time limit for the first boat to finish |
| [***class***] | Inshore one-design | [***xxx minutes***] | [***xxx minutes***] |
| [***class***] | Inshore compensated time | [***xxx minutes***] | [***xxx minutes***] |
| [***class***] | Coastal one-design | [***xxx minutes***] | [***xxx minutes***] |
| [***class***] | Coastal compensated time | [***xxx minutes***] | [***xxx minutes***] |

16.2Boats not finishing [***xxx minutes***] after the first boat to complete the course and finish will be scored as DNF (This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5). ***OR***

16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat has sailed the course and finished. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one][two] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

##### 17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is [***60 minutes***] after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the jury office at [***location***].

17.3 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 jury room, located at [***location***], beginning at the time posted on the ONB.

**18. SCORING**

18.1 [***number***] races are required to be completed to complete a series.

* 1. Excluding races
  2. (a) When fewer than [***three***] races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from [***three***] to [***five***] races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When [***six***] races or more have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18.3 The calculation of the compensated time of the boats which are subject to it will be done according to the system [***time on time***].

18.4 The factors to be used for the calculation of the compensated times, as they appear from the competitor’s declarations at the time of their registration or from the FFVoile rating tables, will be posted on the ONB at [***time***], and at the latest one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race. Protests concerning these factors will be lodged before the protest time limit on the first day of racing.

## 19. SAFETY RULES [DP][NP]

19.1 A sign-out and sign-in system may be organized. [***description of procedure***].

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity

19.3 VHF channel when racing is [***channel***].

* 1. **Bowsprit use:**

Unless otherwise specified in the class rules, the bowsprit may be extended only to set and carry the spinnaker.

##### 20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

##### 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee or the jury.

##### 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the technical committee or the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

## 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## 21.2 [DP] On the water, a member of the technical committee may ask a boat to sail immediately to a given area for inspection.

## 21.3 [DP] A boat shall be in compliance with the rules [75 minutes] before its warning signal.

## 22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

## Official vessels will be identified as follows [identification description].

## 23. SUPPORT PERSONS

23.1 *[DP] [NP]* Support persons shall stay outside the areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.2 *[DP] [NP]* Support vessels shall be identified with [***identification description***].

23.3 The regulations governing the conditions of intervention of support persons on FFVoile events shall apply.

23.4 [DP] [NP] Support boats shall have on board:

- Life jackets (mini 50N) worn at all times by all persons on board

- VHF radio

- A knife

- An anchor and a suitable mooring line

- A floating towing line 10mm in diameter and 15m long

- A kill cord which shall be connected to the pilot while the engine is running (in accordance with French regulation division 240).

Support boat pilots shall comply with all requests from the officers or representatives of the organizing authority, particularly those concerning assistance.

Support boats shall comply with local sailing regulations, in particular speed limits in the various zones.

**24. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official **[or support person]** vessels.

**25 BERTHING**

*[DP]* Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in ***[harbor].***

**26. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

## [DP] [NP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee or technical committee.

**27. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

27.1 *[DP] [NP]* Their use will be linked to local regulations (port area, etc.). ***OR***

27.1 *[DP] [NP]* 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 last race of the event.

27.2 *[DP] [NP]* Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means ***[during the event] [from <date ><time> until***  ***<date><time>].***

## 28. PRIZES

## Prizes will be given as follows : [prizes description].

**Race officials appointed:**

## Race committee chair: [Name]

## Technical committee chair: [Name]

## Jury chair: [Name]

**APPENDIX RACING AREAS**

***Marine chart showing the racing zone(s)***

***and the zone(s) which is (are) obstruction(s).***

**APPENDIX COURSES**

***Describe the course(s) including the approximate angles between legs,***

***the order in which marks are to be passed and their required side, the approximate length of the course(s), gates or marks to be rounded where the course can be shortened.***

**APPENDIX OFFICIAL RANKING AT A MARK**

The race committee may interrupt a race for any of the reasons mentioned in RRS 32.1 and validate the race using for the finishing order the last official ranking at one of the marks to be rounded mentioned in Appendix Courses (this changes RRS 32).

If a race committee boat displaying the 2nd substitute and class flags concerned (this changes Race signals) is close to one of the marks specified below, the mark and the race committee boat are a gate where an official ranking of the boats will be made. Boats shall sail through the gate and continue racing.

If the race committee decides thereafter to interrupt the race, he will display flags S over H with two sound signals (this changes Race signals) meaning: “the race is interrupted, and the last official ranking will be used for the finishing order.” If possible, the race committee will confirm these arrangements by VHF.

In an interruption is signaled according to this Appendix, the gate where the last official ranking was taken becomes the finish line for the classes concerned.

If an incident possibly resulting in a protest occurs between the time the boats cleared this finish line and the time the interruption was reported, no boat shall be penalized for a breach of a rule in Chapter 2, except if it breaks RRS 14 when the incident caused injury or serious damage, or RRS 23.1.

An official ranking may be taken at the following marks:

[***List of marks***]