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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for a violation of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. **NoR 1 contains a list of rules for this event. Competitors are reminded to take note of these.**
- 1.2. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS)*.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply
- 1.4. Add to RRS 28.1: 'If the Race Committee observes a boat failing to sail the correct course, then she may be disqualified without a hearing.' This also changes RRS A5.
- 1.5. Add to RRS 32.1: '(f) for any reason considered appropriate by the Race Committee.'
- 1.6. Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any reasonable request by a Race Official.
- 1.7. Boats shall notify their intention to race on the sign on available in the clubhouse.
- 1.8. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- 1.9. ~~Breach of RRS 31 shall only incur a 1 turn penalty if the mark is a starting mark or a finishing mark. If a mark is not a starting or finish mark, breach of RRS31 by a boat or its equipment and not by its crew shall result in no penalty.~~

2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club
- 2.2. There will be a briefing for competitors in the Tentola at 1130am on each racing day.
- 2.3. On the water, the Race Committee may broadcast information available to all competitors on VHF radio channel 8, including starting and safety information. Such broadcasts will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.4. [NP] Boats shall not transmit on VHF radio channel 8, except in an emergency or when retiring from a race.
- 2.5. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when retiring from a race, or when using equipment provided by the Race Committee or Organising Authority (OA), a boat shall not make voice, radio or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1100 or no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled race 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.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole located directly in front of the clubhouse.
- 5.2. When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Races are scheduled as per the NOR.
- 6.2. Target number of races per day is 4. No warning signal will be made after 1700.
- 6.3. Extra races may be sailed to maintain the original total number of scheduled races in the series.
- 6.4. When more than one race is scheduled in a day, second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practical.
- 6.5. An orange flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before the first warning signal is displayed.
- 6.6. After a delay between signals multiple sound signals may be used to alert boats that a start sequence or other signal is imminent.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. Class flag will be SB20 class logo on the white background.

8. RACING AREAS

8.1. The locations of the racing area shall be notified to competitors at the sign on sheet on the day of racing, or during the competitors briefing.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. When one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port. This changes rule 34 (b).

9.3. Start and finish line are not an obstruction when sailing in any direction.

9.4. Other areas designated as obstructions will be shown in SI Addendum A if applicable.

10. MARKS

10.1. The marks are described in SI Addendum A.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later.

SIGNAL	FLAG
5 minutes	Class Flag displayed
4 minutes	P, U or BLACK flag displayed
1 minute	P, U or BLACK flag removed
GO!	Class Flag removed

11.2. The starting line and its location are described in Appendix A.

11.3. Individual and General Recall flags will be displayed on the RC vessel in accordance with RRS 29 and may be displayed by other starting line boats as a courtesy. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 29.2.

11.4. Boats subject to individual recall under RRS 29.1 or boats breaking RRS 30.3 (U Flag Rule) or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) will be broadcast on the VHF Channel using sail numbers as a courtesy.

11.5. In the event of a General Recall or abandonment after the start during a RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) start, the RC shall broadcast on the VHF Channel and display the sail number of any boat violating RRS 30.4 before the next warning signal. This changes RRS 30.4.

11.6. The RC will attempt to make the broadcasts described in SI 11.4 and 11.5. However, the timing of such a broadcast, the sequence of the broadcasts or the failure to make or hear the broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.7. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will (a) lay a new mark, (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible.
- 12.2. The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling a change of course. If mark 1 is moved under this rule marks 1S (if set) and 1a will be laid. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3. If a change of course is signalled and mark 1 is moved, mark 1S may not be laid.
- 12.4. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line is described in Appendix A.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Exoneration Penalty.

A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31 or RRS 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts an Post Race Penalty - a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is three and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty is to retire.

- 14.2. When a Post Race Penalty is accepted:

- (a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

- 14.3. RRS Appendix P (On water Judging of RRS 42) will apply.

- 14.4. Penalties when injury or damage is caused, the penalty for a boat found to have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 in an incident that causes injury or damage shall be:

- (a) For the first incident in a series, disqualification, but this may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be not excludable for damage that is more than minor.
- (b) For the second incident in a series, disqualification that is not excludable.
- (c) For the third and subsequent incidents in a series, the protest committee shall act under RRS 69, Misconduct taking the facts of the incidents to be 'information from any source' as in RRS 69.2(c).
- (d) When the race is part of more than one series, the penalty shall apply to all those series.

For the purpose of this rule, minor damage is damage that does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

CLASS	RACE TIME LIMIT	FINISH WINDOW	TARGET TIME
SB20	60 min	10 min	40 min

15.2. Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

15.3. Not meeting the Target Time will be no ground for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

16. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2. the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the final protest time limit of the day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 2.2, 3, 11, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.6. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 and other rules are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

16.7. Mediation Hearings are mandatory before going to protest unless damage or injury has been caused.

16.8. 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.

16.9. Unless notified otherwise, full protest hearings will be heard from 1900 on the Monday following the day on which the race concerned took place, except for the last race of the series, when any protests will be heard on the same day.

16.10. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the Protest Time Limit.

16.11. Competitors are requested to advise the finishing boat if intending to lodge a protest or request redress.

17. SCORING

17.1. The number of races required to complete a series will be 3.

17.2. There shall be 1 discard for every 5 races sailed.

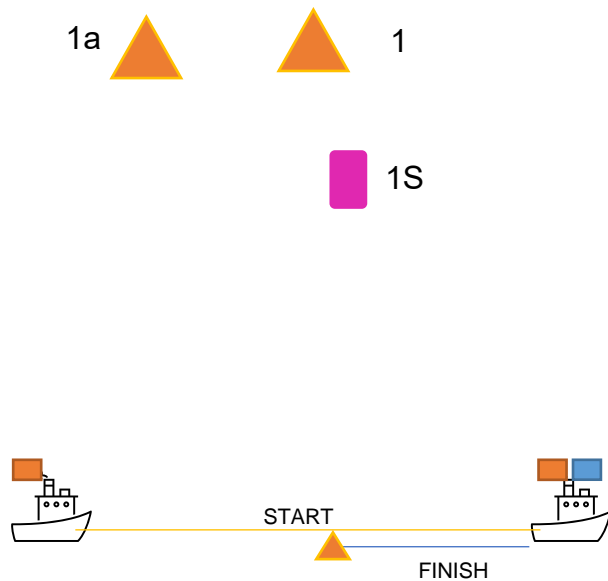
17.3. RRS A5.3 shall apply.

17.4. Scoring penalty applied according to the rule 44.3 shall be 6 places (6 penalty points).

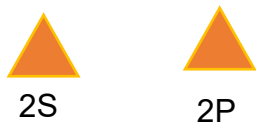
- 17.5. A boat displaying sail numbers different than approved by her respective SB20 district association (country letters and sail numbers) without prior, written Race Committee permission might be scored DNS without hearing.
- 17.6. A boat not having valid local SB20 Class Association membership will be scored DNC without hearing.
- 17.7. A boat that is racing when her time limit expires or a boat that retires before her time limit expires and informs the Race Committee promptly provided her retirement is not caused by her breach of a rule, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS A5.2 and RRS A9.
- 17.8. A boat that is unable to race because a member of its crew is requested to join the Race Committee for that race may be scored average points for up to 2 such race days in the series. The average points will be calculated as the average points score for all races sailed by the boat in that series. A boat sails in a race if she is ever subject to the rules of RRS Part 2 for that race.
- 18. SAFETY REGULATION AND RISK STATEMENT**
- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider the boat, its equipment, helm, or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions.
- 18.3. All boats, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by any DOSC official Committee Boat or patrol boat.
- 19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 19.1. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by Class/handicap or rating rules.
- 20. ADVERTISING**
- 20.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority
- 21. PRIZES**
- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Addendum A – The Course

SB20 Commodores Cup Series – October 2023 to May 2024



MARK	ROUNDING
Start	
1S	Port
1	Port
1a	Port
2S / 2P	Gate
1S	Port
1	Port
1a	Port
2S / 2P	Gate
Finish	



Descriptions

Marks shall be where possible conical autonomous marks, inflatable cylinders, or tetrahedral marks. Colours of the marks on a particular race day may be changed and announced during the race briefing.

The **Start Line** will be between the mast of two committee vessels displaying orange flags or between a committee vessel and dedicated mark.

The **Finish Line** will be between a committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a dedicated mark laid on the port side of the committee boat.

The Start Line and Finish Line **are not an obstruction**.

The course can be shortened according to RRS32.2 using an S flag.

