

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**2021 Victoria One Design Class National Championship Regatta  
October (22), 23, and 24, 2021  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Sponsored by the Rocket City Model Yacht Club, AMYA Club #228**

### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, Appendix E for RC sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, Revision 11 January 2016 of the Class Rules of the Victoria One Design Class and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Changes to the Racing Rules or Class Rules are noted in the specific instructions where they apply.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be available at the Scorer's table at least 15 minutes before the first race of the day and will be announced at the skipper's meetings each day.

### **3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time by the RD or Race Committee. All competitors shall be notified of these changes by the RD. This changes rule 89.2(c).

### **4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

4.1 Dates of racing are those described in the NOR

4.2 The race committee will determine the number of races for each day after considering weather, course and equipment conditions. No race shall start after 4:00 pm, except on the last day no race shall start after 3:00 pm.

4.4 When there has been a postponement lasting over 15 minutes, the Warning Signal for the first race following the postponement and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practical, at the RD's discretion. An audible signal will be sounded at least 5 minutes before the Warning Signal for the first race following the postponement.

### **5 RACING FORMAT**

5.1 The racing format will be a single fleet if there are less than 18 registered boats. If the number of registered boats is greater than 18, the racing format will be HMS.

5.2 If the number of registered boats is greater than 18, the boats will be divided into two fleets by random draw. Each fleet will race a seating race. The scores for these seating races will be scored as a race in the regatta.

## **6 THE COURSE BOARD**

6.1 A Course Board, if used, will be at the scorer's table or as indicated by the RD.

## **7 THE START**

7.1 The AMYA two-minute starting sequence will be used. The "*Preparatory*" signal is defined as when the auditory sequence begins; the "*Warning*" signal is defined as when the two minute countdown begins. This changes rule E3.5. 2

7.1 The starting line will be between the starting marks identified on the Course Board.

7.2 Boats whose Warning Signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area.

7.3 OCS (on course side) If any part of a boat's hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line after the preparatory signal, the line judge [or RD] will attempt to hail that boat. Failure of the line judge to make a hail or a skipper to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a Protest, or request for a redress hearing. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

## **8 HOLDS**

8.1 Prior to the Warning Signal, a skipper may request that the Race Director delay the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown.

8.1.1 When such a delay is granted; it will be announced, and the Warning Signal will not be sounded until the expiration of five minutes from the commencement of the delay.

8.1.2 Each skipper may be granted 1 such delay(s) per day. Delays for tuning, adjusting sails or for changing batteries will not be granted.

8.1.3 Holds will be announced periodically by the Race Director, at his discretion, for restroom and other breaks such as for changes in weather conditions, and for scheduled lunch breaks etc. Holds may not be requested by competitors.

## **9 TIME LIMITS**

9.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

9.2 If no boat has finished within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

9.3 If all but one boat have finished a heat, the RD may finish the last boat in place.

9.4 The RD's watch is official for purposes of signals and time limits.

## **10 THE FINISH**

10.1 The finishing line will be between the finishing marks as describe on the Course Board.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

11.1 OCS- A boat with any part of her hull or equipment on the course side of the starting line or its extensions after the Warning Signal shall return to the pre-start side as required by Rule 30.1 and modified by rule E3.6.

11.2 A boat touching a mark as defined by Rule 31.1, shall take a penalty turn as required by Rule 31.2. Any mark declared as touchable by the RD is not subject to this rule. (A mark may be declared as touchable because the mark is at a long distance from the shore, hard to see because of its position.

11.3 A boat breaking a Rule in RRS Part 2, shall take a one-turn (360) alternate penalty as required by Rule 44 and modified by E4.3.

## **12 PROTESTS**

12.1 A boat protesting another boat, while sailing, shall hail the other boat, as required by Rule 61.1(a) as modified by Rule E5.2.

12.2 Boats filing a protest with the protest committee shall do so within 5 minutes of when the last boat finishes the Heat in which the incident occurred and shall also inform the race committee (scorer, or RD) within five minutes of the finish of the relevant Heat, as required by Rules 61.3 as modified by E5.3.

12.3 Protests will be heard immediately following the Heat in which the incident occurred, and before the next Heat.

12.4 As provided by RRS Rule 70.4, in a regatta being sailed under the HMS or EORS type format, there shall be no appeals on decisions made by the protest committee.

12.5 The RD will inform any boat or boats that he sees breaking a rule, that the boat or boats have broken a rule. If the boat or boats do not resolve the infraction, the RD may protest any boat or boats that he sees breaking a rule and inform them of the penalty. The penalty will be one penalty turn. The penalty may not be appealed.

## **13 SCORING**

13.1 The Low Point System described in RRS Appendix A shall be used, with the following modification: Discards: The score for one Race shall be discarded after completion of 5 Races, two scores after completion of 10 Races, three scores after completion of 15 Races etc.

13.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

## **14 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

14.1 A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Victoria One Design Class Rules Revision 11 January 2016, and the sailing instructions.

14.2 If any measured equipment is found to have been modified, the skipper involved will be scored "DNS" for all races to the point when the modifications were discovered in the regatta.

**15 AWARDS:** Awards will be given as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers at the Awards ceremony. The 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher will be given the Victoria One Design Championship Trophy for one year to display and will return it to the Class Secretary prior to the next NCR.

**16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**17 SKIPPERS' REPRESENTATIVE.**

17.1 The RD will appoint one skipper as the Skippers' Representative.

17.2 The skippers will speak to the Skippers' Representative about an issue that they wish to bring to the RD. The skippers will not bring these concerns to the RD directly.

17.3 The Skippers' Representative will listen to any skippers' request and then relay the concerns or suggestions to the RD.

**18 SPORTSMANSHIP and CORINTHIAN SPIRIT**

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18.1 In the event of any protested behavior which is deemed to be a breach of good manners or sportsmanship, or which may bring the sport into disrepute, the Race Director, any designated race officials, or competitor may protest the party or parties in accordance with RRS #2.

18.2 Penalties available to the RD and/or Protest Committee, include exclusion, disqualification from the Race in question, or expulsion from the regatta as per RRS #69.2 and #69.3.

18.3 In the event a skipper is penalized under RRS #2 at an AMYA event, a report of the incident shall be sent to the AMYA Class Secretary of the Class being sailed and the AMYA Executive Board for review. As adopted by the AMYA Board of Directors (2018)