

QUALIFYING REGATTA FOR THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES (PAG) FOR THE LIGHTNING CLASS

BCC September 7-9, 2018

Registration and Measurement September 6, 2018

SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that neither a boat nor a competitor may protest or seek redress for a breach of that rule and if the Race Committee or Technical Committee protests under that rule then the penalty may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. This is a protected competition for the Lightning class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals). Details and various amendments of the Rules are included in this and are found in Appendix 1 of this SSI.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- a. Racing is scheduled to take place on Friday September 7 to Sunday September 9, 2018.
- b. The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 11:00 hrs on Friday, September 7 and 10:00 on Saturday and Sunday. (This changes the NOR for Friday.)
- c. 3 races a day are scheduled but 4 may be held if we are behind schedule or weather predictions indicate that we may not get 8 races in for the series without doing so.
- d. No starting sequences will be initiated after 15:00 hrs on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

3. RACE OFFICE & FLAG POLE:

- a. The Race Office will be at the Front Desk of the BCC Club House.
- b. The Regatta Flag Pole will be in front of the BCC Club House.
- c. The Official Notice Board will be in the front verandah of the BCC Clubhouse.

4. MARKS:

- a. Will be inflatables or MarkBots or combination of those. In the case of the start mark it will be either a pin or a boat with an orange flag or a MarkBot. If it is a pin or boat with flag then the start line will be between the staff with the flag on it and the staff with the orange flag on the RC vessel. If applicable, this modifies SI 9.2. Colours and shapes of the inflatables or MarkBots to be described at the Competitors' meeting and/or posted on the notice board

5. TIME LIMITS:

- a. All classes and courses will have a 30 minute time limit for the first boat in the class to round Mark 1 (the Mark 1 Time Limit), and a 120 minute time limit for the Race Time

Limit. The time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes is 20 minutes (the Finishing Window).

6. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. A number of rule changes were made in the NOR. Please see the NOR on the notice board.
- b. A Competitors' meeting is scheduled at the BCC lawn on Friday September 7th, 2018 at 09:00 hrs.
- c. If a mark is missing from the #2 Gate then the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- d. Supplied Bow Numbers to competitors shall be on the boat bows as instructed by the regatta organizers. [DP]

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT [DP]

The following equipment is required to be onboard while racing at this event:

1. A fluke-type anchor weighing not less than 1.8Kg (4lb)
2. A line not shorter than 15.24m (50ft). The line shall be a minimum of 9.525mm (3/8 inches) in diameter and shall be made of Nylon or Dacron.
3. Compass.
4. Bucket with a minimum capacity of one gallon.
5. Throwable life preserver or cushion with an attached whistle.
6. Paddle.
7. Other lifesaving equipment as required by US government regulations.
8. A life Jacket for each Person Onboard
9. A Centerboard Preventer

APPENDIX 1

PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

1.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

1.2 The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to ", within 24 hours,".
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.

ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered (a) within the

protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; and
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day

iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

1.3 EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used.

(the OA can either insert the following link to the expedited appeals system)

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

or insert the complete system in the NoR and SI's with the following language:

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US Sailing Protected Competition, as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03, Section B, Procedures for Protected Competitions.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Race Administration Director (director) at raceadmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.

R8.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.

R8.3 The appeal shall include: a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.

R8.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card online: http://bit.ly/appeal_fee. The fee can also be paid by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible

a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee,

b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal via email, and

c) send a copy of the appeal via email to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.

In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:

- (a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
- (b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- (c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule R2.2(c);
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
- (e) any other relevant documents.

R8.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

R8.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule R8.6 and R8.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

R8.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.