

**2019 Sprint to Dana Point  
April 26, 2019**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The notation **[DP]** in a rule in the 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 means this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.*

**1. GENERAL [NP]**

- 1.1 Newport Ocean Sailing Association (NOSA) is the organizing authority (OA) for the Sprint to Dana Point race. The OA invites skippers of eligible boats to enter under the conditions of the Notice of Race (NOR).
- 1.2 NOSA address: P.O. Box 7485, Newport Beach, CA 92658; website: [www.nosa.org](http://www.nosa.org)
- 1.3 PHRF of Southern California (PHRF) is the Rating Authority (RA) for monohulls.
- 1.4 Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) is the Rating Authority (RA) for multihulls.
- 1.5 The term Skipper as used herein is defined as the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form, and for the purpose of RRS 46, is the person in charge as it relates to the Racing Rules of Sailing or any matters related to the Race. The Skipper is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of its crew before, during, and after the race, and compliance with the rules.

**2. RULES**

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The following Prescriptions of the national authority do not apply: RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4
- 2.3 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) Near Shore Category will apply, except as modified in the NOR.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors, including protest notification, will be posted on the NOSA website at [www.nosa.org](http://www.nosa.org)

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and/or Notices to Competitors will be posted on [www.nosa.org](http://www.nosa.org)

## **5. YB TRACKERS**

- 5.1 Each boat shall carry a YB Tracker (active position transponder) as supplied by NOSA. The YB Tracker shall be on and functioning while a boat is racing.
- 5.2 YB Trackers will be available at the Skipper Packet pickup times and locations.
- 5.3 Turn in your YB Tracker at the front desk of Dana Point Yacht Club or at a listed return site. Additional return site information will included with each tracker.
- 5.4 Boats are responsible for returning the YB Tracker in working order. Broken or lost transponders may be subject to replacement/damage charge of up to £650 (approximately \$850 USD).
- 5.5 The Race Committee may use the YB Tracker data to resolve any issues regarding finish times.
- 5.6 YB Tracking will not provide tracking data after the race. Signal tracking will be turned off at 11:00 am on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

## **6. CLASS DIVISIONS AND IDENTIFICATION FLAGS**

- 6.1 Class Breaks, Starting Assignments and Class Flag information will be posted on [www.nosa.org](http://www.nosa.org).
- 6.2 While in the starting area and while racing, the class identification flag shall be flown.

## **7. SCHEDULE OF RACE**

- 7.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1235 hours on Friday, April 26, 2019.
- 7.2 To alert boats that a sequence will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal.
- 7.3 All subsequent starts are at ten (10) minute intervals until all classes have started.

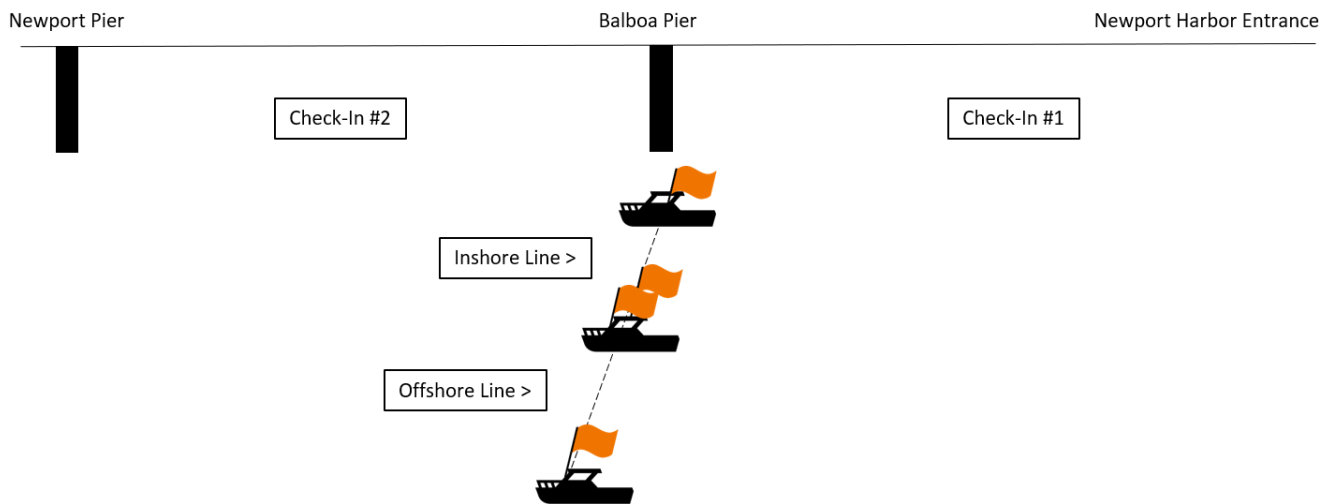
## **8. COURSE**

- 8.1 The race will start off Balboa Pier in Newport Beach, CA and finish off Dana Point, CA.
- 8.2 Leave Dana Point Red Whistle Buoy "2SJR" to port
- 8.3 The finish line will be located at the Dana Point Approach Green Lighted Buoy "G1" located at approximately 33° 27.01 N – 117° 41.90 W
- 8.4 For scoring purposes, the handicap distance is 14 nautical miles.

## **9. CHECK-IN**

- 9.1 As shown below, there will be two Check-in boats; Boat #1 will be at approximate GPS coordinates 33° 36.052 N and 117° 55.103 W. Boat #2 will be at approximate GPS coordinates 33° 35.621 N and 117° 53.492 W.
- 9.2 Each entrant must pass close-by one of the check-in boats and hail the boat's SAIL NUMBER, BOAT NAME and the NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON BOARD to a Check-in boat and obtain a verbal acknowledgement by return hail from the Check-In boat. After checking in, clear the area and keep a watch for classes starting.
- 9.3 A boat that fails to Check-In as described above, may be protested by the Race Committee and may be penalized by having sixty (60) minutes added to her elapsed time by the Protest Committee following a hearing. This constitutes the "other penalty" in rule 64.1 for a breach of SI 9.

## 10. THE START



- 10.1 As shown above, the starting area will be located to seaward and westerly of the end of the Balboa Pier, Newport Beach, CA at approximate GPS coordinates in degrees, minutes and decimal minutes 33.35.810 N and 117.54.400 W.
- 10.2 There are two separate starting lines designated the “INSHORE LINE” and the “OFFSHORE LINE” as shown above.
- 10.3 The ends of the two starting lines will be identified with orange flags on staffs attached to the start line boats.
- 10.4 All boats whose warning signal have not been made shall stay clear of the starting area during starting sequences for other classes. A boat failing to stay clear may be protested by the Race Committee and may be penalized by having a sixty (60) minute time penalty added to her elapsed time by the Protest Committee following a hearing. This constitutes the “other penalty” in rule 64.1 for a breach of SI 10.
- 10.5 A boat that does not start shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible at (949) 644-1023. Failure to report a DNS may be cause for her entry rejection from future race participation under rule 76.1.

## 11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 NOSA will broadcast information on VHF Channel 6 regarding class starts, countdown times, “On Course Side” starters, other Race Signals, and any special emergency announcements before and during the starts. Channel 68 will be used if Channel 6 is not working.
- 11.2 During all starting sequences, entrants shall not transmit over Channel 6, or attempt to contact the Race Committee on any other channel. The Race Committee will not respond to any calls.
- 11.3 Failure of any radio announcement shall not constitute grounds for redress.

## **12. RECALL**

- 12.1 The Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over VHF channel 6. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start properly will be penalized at least sixty (60) minutes of elapsed time after a protest hearing. This changes rule A4.2 and constitutes the relevant "other penalty" in rule 64.1.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finish line shall be approximately 150 yards off the Dana Point jetty at a green lighted buoy "G-1" (FLG 2.5 sec.) at approximately 33° 27.10' N by 117° 41.90' W.
- 13.2 The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the green light buoy "G-1" mark at the port end. A proper finish will leave the Race Committee boat to starboard. **DO NOT CONFUSE this buoy with the entrance light to Dana Point harbor.**
- 13.3 The area in the vicinity of the Finish Line shall be kept clear of all boats except those finishing. A boat failing to stay clear may be protested by the Race Committee and may be assigned a thirty (30) minute time penalty by the Protest Committee following a hearing.
- 13.4 Boats reporting a Did Not Finish (DNF) or acceptance of a Scoring Penalty at the Finish Line shall stand by and hail the Race Committee, while remaining outside the Finish Line.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish by 1830 Friday, April 26, 2019 will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rule 35.
- 14.2 Any boat that starts but retires before finishing shall report her retirement as soon as possible, but in no case later than 1100, Sunday, April 28, 2019 by using at least one of the following methods:
  - (1) Informing the Race Committee at the Finish Line
  - (2) Notifying Race Headquarters by radio (Channel 16)
  - (3) Calling NOSA at 949-644-1023.

## **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 The Two-Turns Penalty and One-Turn Penalty in rule 44.1 are replaced with an Elapsed Time penalty. The penalty will be 10% of a boat's Elapsed Time, added to her Elapsed Time for each incident.
- 15.2 Boats protested and found by the Protest Committee following a hearing to have broken a rule for equipment or safety violation under US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER) or US Coast Guard (USCG) requirements, shall be penalized. The Protest Committee will apply a minimum of ten (10) minutes added to the boat's recorded elapsed time, up to a maximum of disqualification (DSQ) for each found violation. This changes constitutes the "other penalty" in rule 64.1 for a breach of these rules.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 The Protest Committee and Protest Committee Hearings will be located at Dana Point Yacht Club.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Front Desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 1.5 hours after finishing. This changes rule 61.3
- 16.3 Protests and Requests for Redress hearings will be heard April 26, Friday afternoon, in the Protest Room.
- 16.4 Protest notification will be posted at the Front Desk Scheduled times for the hearings, sail numbers of the protested boats will be posted on the Protest Notice Board.
- 16.5 It is the responsibility of competitors to observe the posted Notice of Protest to determine if their boat is involved in a Protest. Scheduled times and location of Protest Hearings will be posted on Protest Notice Board. Protest posting meets the requirements of notification of rule 61.1(a)(1), and rule 61.1(b), and rule 61.1(c). Protest hearings shall proceed at or as close as is possible to the scheduled hearing time whether or not a representative from the boat(s) is/are present.

## **17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 17.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the US Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER), The Racing Rules of Sailing, Class Rules, NOR and the Sailing Instructions. After finishing a boat may be inspected by a member(s) of the Race Committee either on the water, at a dock or slip, or at a designated inspection area.
- 17.2 Notwithstanding any other penalties already specified in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, the Protest Committee may, after a hearing, assess an additional penalty(s) up to and including disqualification.

## **18. EVENT ADVERTISING [DP]**

Any NOSA supplied race participation flags shall be flown in accordance with instructions provided in the NOSA Skipper Packet.

## **19. PRIZES**

- 19.1 NOSA will present Perpetual Trophies as listed in the NOR.
- 19.2 NOSA will present take-home trophies based on the number of entries in each start class as listed in the NOR.

## **20. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid combined single limit watercraft liability insurance in an amount not less than \$300,000 USD.

## **21. DISCLAIMER**

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