Nevada Yacht Club Sailing Instructions

2024 Ostrom Cup Regatta

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1. Rules

The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the US Sailing (USSA) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the prescriptions of USSA PHRF and by these sailing instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Nevada Yacht Club MeetUp.com page, and distributed via email.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted no later than one (1) hour prior to the first warning signal of the day to take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Lake Mead Marina patio or RC boat at dock.
- 4.2 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 (personal buoyancy) applies at all times while afloat. This changes the part 4 preamble.

5. Schedule of Racing

- 5.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal is 11:30am.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 3:30 PM.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 "Cup" Fleet Starts under Red flag.
- 6.2 "Novice" Starts Yellow Smiley Face flag.

7. The Course

- 7.1 Point-to-point courses will be sailed, as determined by Race Committee.
- 7.2 The diagrams on Page 3 shows the start and finish line setup.
- 7.3 Prior to the midpoint of each race, the race committee signal boat will communicate the location of the finish line for that race via VHF radio channel 72 to the fleets.

8. Marks

8.1 The Start and Finish line will be between a small yellow tetrahedron (pin) on the port end and the line/on-station flag on the RC boat on the starboard end of the line.

9. The Start

- 9.1 The location of the starting line will be given at the Competitors' Meeting.
- 9.2 "Rolling" starts will be used in the case of multiple starts. That is, the starting signal of one fleet shall be the warning signal of the next.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.

10. The Finish

The finish line will be between a yellow tetrahedron (pin) on the port end and the line/on-station flag on the Race Committee boat.

11. Weather

- 11.1 Racing will be started in sustained winds of 3.5 Knots as measured on the Committee Boat, or at the discretion of the RC.
- 11.2 Racing will be postponed, rescheduled, or cancelled in sustained winds of 22 Knots or more as measured on the Committee Boat, or at the discretion of the RC.

12. Time Limits

- 12.1 Race Committee will determine and announce all time limits, if any, prior to the start of each race.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will receive a score equal to the number of boats starting that race +1 (DNF).

13. Protests

13.1 All protest are "handled on the water."

14. Scoring

- 14.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 14.3 If three (3) races or less are completed there will be no throw out. If four (4) races or more are completed in the series then there will be one (1) throw out. There will only be (1) throw out per series/regatta.
- 15. Safety Regulations

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- 15.1 The RC performs verbal communication as a courtesy on VHF channel 72.
- 15.2 Failure to hear radio communication from the RC shall not be grounds for redress.
- 15.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.4 Every boat participating in race must have on board and monitor an operable VHF Radio (Temple Bar / Echo Bay)

16. Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers of the Cup Fleet in the event.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

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

Course Set-Up

Wind Direction Start Only

