

Victoria Desert Invitational Regatta

APRIL 3, 2016

Lake Sahuarita, AZ

Sponsored by Green Valley Model yacht Club, AMYA #333

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix E for RC sailing, the class rules of the Victoria class and these Sailing Instructions.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the control area.

CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time. All competitors shall be notified.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

The total number of races planned is 20. The race committee will determine the number of races after considering weather, course and equipment conditions. No race shall start after 4:00 PM.

RACING FORMAT

The racing format will be Odds & Evens, if the number of entries make it necessary.

THE COURSE BOARD

The course board is to be located as required by rule E3.3 and show the Course, Control Area and Launching Area.

THE COURSE

The course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be as shown on the course board.

Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

CONTROL AREA

The control area will be as shown on the course board, and as marked and identified at the sailing site.

LAUNCHING AREA

The launching area is unrestricted.

MARKS

Marks will be Styrofoam balls with stripes.

AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: The shoreline.

THE START

Races will be started using the AMYA 2 minute start sequence.

The starting line will be between the starting marks.

Prior to the start sequence, a boat may request the Race Director to delay the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown. When such a delay is granted, it will be announced and the start sequence will not be started until the expiration of five minutes from the commencement of the delay. Each boat may be granted one such delay. Delays for tuning, adjusting sails or for changing rigs due to weather will not be granted.

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 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 request for a redress hearing.

Boats over early must restart after going around the end of a start line, no dip-starts.

A boat starting later than two minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the finishing marks.

PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat with any part of its hull or equipment on the course side of the starting line during the minute before the starting signal, shall return to the pre-start around the end of the start line side as required by rule 30.1.

A boat touching a mark as defined by rule 31, shall take a one turn penalty.

A boat breaking a rule in Part 2, shall take a one-turn penalty as required by rule 44 and modified by E4.3.

TIME LIMITS

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

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

Boats failing to finish within ten minutes after the first boat finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

PROTESTS

A boat protesting another boat, while sailing, shall hail the other boat, as required by rule 61.1(a) as modified by rule E6.1. Protests may be resolved on the water by the offending boat taking a one turn penalty.

The protest committee shall consist of the GVMYC commodore, vice-commodore, and race director.

Boats filing a protest with the protest committee shall do so within five minutes of when the last boat finishes the heat in which the incident occurred.

Protests will be heard immediately following the heat in which the incident Occurred, and before the next heat.

There shall be no appeals on decisions made by the protest committee.

SCORING

The Low Point System described in Appendix A of the RRS shall be used [with the following modification: The score for one race shall be discarded for every five races completed. Ten races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

PRIZES

Certificates will be given for the first three places.

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.