

2011 Rolex Farr 40 North American Championship

May 28-30
The Farr 40 Class Association and the Long Beach Yacht Club
Long Beach, CA

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply except US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 68 and 76.1 and added rules 61.4 and 76.3 shall apply. A copy of the applicable prescriptions is included as Attachment 1.
- 1.3 Yachts shall comply with the 2010-2011 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 (except neither 5.01.1 nor 4.26.4(g) shall apply for this event) and Appendix 3 of the Farr 40 Class Rules. In the event of conflict, designer and manufacturers original standards shall prevail.
- 1.4 Remove the second sentence of RRS 30.2 and replace it with the following: "If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c)."
- 1.5 Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, RRS 31 or RRS 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a rounding mark or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.6 When leaving the dock, boats shall carry a minimum of 1.5 liters of drinkable liquid up to a maximum of 4 liters, per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for moveable ballast in RRS 51, except when being consumed by a crew member.
- 1.7 In RRS 61.1(a), after the second sentence, add the following words: "The red flag shall have the minimum dimensions of 45cm x 45 cm and shall be displayed from the backstay." **This changes RRS 61.1.**
- 1.8 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest or redress hearings. **This changes RRS 63.6.**
- 1.9 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any Class Rules. **This changes RRS 63.7.**

2. NON-COMPETING CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

The non-competing Class Representative will be Geoff Staggs

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Gladstone's Restaurant.
- 3.2 The RC may broadcast race information on VHF 71 before and during each race. Failure of such communication to be given or received, or the order in which OCS calls are broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress, except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the RC or Jury. **This changes RRS 62.1.**

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before they will take effect and shall be approved by the Class representative. Other changes will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day they take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made on the water as allowed by RRS 90.2 (c) will be indicated by the display of code flag L accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing and must be acknowledged by all boats in the racing area.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Gladstone's Restaurant
- 5.2 The Warning Signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore. **This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".**

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag shall be a white flag with the Farr 40 logo.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Long Beach Harbor. Daily racing will occur in one of two locations.

Alpha Course - In the Pacific Ocean, approximately one (1) mile south of the Alamitos Bay Channel Entrance.

Charlie Course - In Long Beach Harbor, between Islands Freeman and Chaffee

THE COURSE LOCATION FOR THE FIRST DAY OF RACING WILL BE THE ALPHA COURSE. LOCATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT RACE DAYS WILL BE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD NO LATER THAN 1800 HOURS ON THE DAY BEFORE THOSE DAYS.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Date First Warning Signal Intended Course Area (Subject to Posting on ONB)

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| May 28 | Cereplast Day | 1300 hrs | Alpha |
| May 29 | Gladstone's Day | 1300 hrs | TBA |
| May 30 | Rolex day | 1300 hrs | TBA |

- 8.2 It is the intent of the RC to conduct as many races as practical on each scheduled day of racing, up to a maximum of eight races for the Series. No initial Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The RC Signal Boat will signal the Course Number with a numeral placard on the stern. The approximate course distance and bearing to Mark 1 will be announced on VHF 71 prior to the warning signal for each race. A course diagram is provided in Annex A attached.

- Course 2: Start - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
Course 6: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
- 9.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.
- 9.3 If mark 1a is not in place, boats shall round mark 1 to port.
- 9.4 If only one Gate mark is set, yachts shall round the single mark to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1,1a, port gate and starboard gate will be yellow inflatable buoys displaying Rolex logos.
- 10.2 The starting mark and finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy displaying Rolex logos.
- 10.3 As provided in instruction 13, new marks 1, 1a and gate marks will be orange inflatable buoys displaying Rolex logos.

11. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange over white flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the starting mark.

12. FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange over white flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 13.2 A change of course will be signaled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a RC boat that will display code flag "C" over a pennant matching the color of the new mark and sound a horn periodically. **This changes rule 33.**
- 13.3 If a change of course is signaled for a windward leg, Mark 1a (the "offset") will also be placed in position and shall be rounded to Port.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit shall be 120 minutes.
- 14.2 Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht sails the course and finishes will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of yachts that finished that race plus 2. **This changes RRS 35 and A4.**

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 The protest time limit in RRS 61.3 is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the jury desk or online at www.ussailing.org
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at Gladstone's Restaurant.
- 15.4 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Jury in consultation with the Class representative, and may be other than disqualification. **This changes RRS 64.1.**

- 15.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress or reopening a protest hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on that day. **This changes RRS 66 and RRS 62.2.**
- 15.6 The protest time limit for sailor classification protests is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks on Day 1.

16. FLAGS, DECALS AND TRACKING DEVICES ON YACHTS

- All materials will be provided to each yacht at registration. Signage should be displayed from no later than 1800 hours on May 27, 2011 until 1800 hours on May 30, 2011 as noted below.
- 16.1 Bow Decals: Bow decals shall be displayed on each yacht in the manner described by the OA.
- 16.2 Backstay flag: It is strongly urged that yachts fly the special Rolex flag on the backstay at a height of 2m from the working deck from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the yacht finishes the last race of the day.
- 16.3 The OA may require boats to carry a supplied tracking device. The boats shall not interfere with or disable the devices while racing. Tracking devices will be provided at registration or prior to the first race by the OA.

17. JURY OBSERVATION

Members of the Jury will normally observe the racing. If a Jury member witnesses what he or she believes to be an infringement, this may be signaled with one long sound signal from the Jury boat.

18. SCORING - Refer NOR 12 and SI 14.2

19. REGISTRATION - Refer NOR 5

20. MEASUREMENT - Refer NOR 7

21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Refer NOR 16

22. PRIZES - Refer NOR 13

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Refer NOR 18

24. SUPPORT BOATS - Refer NOR 15

ANNEX A - COURSES

The number of the course to be sailed will be signaled by displaying a number placard on the RC signal boat. The approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark 1 will be hailed on VHF channel 71 from the RC signal boat before each warning signal. (SI 9.1)

COURSES

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| #2 | Start | 1 - 1a | Finish |
| #4 | Start | 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a | Finish |
| #6 | Start | 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a | Finish |

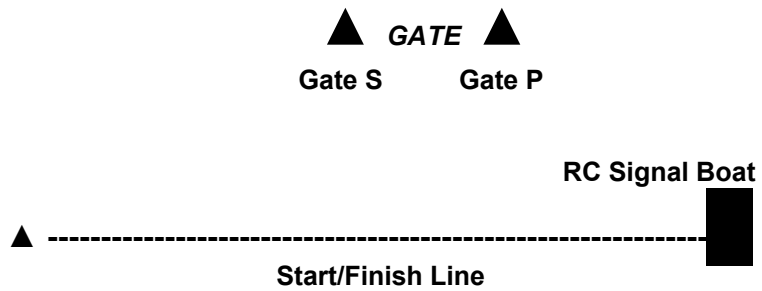


DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE

ATTACHMENT 1

Applicable US SAILING Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 68 After rule 68 add

US SAILING prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Rule 76.3 Add rule 76.3

76.3 US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 6