



## **2017 Oakcliff Triple Crown Series - Stage 2**

**Proudly Hosted by Oakcliff Sailing Oyster Bay, NY, USA**

**September 30 – October 1, 2017**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The Class Rules for the 49er, 49erFX and the International 470 Class will apply. IHC stickers will not be required on masts and sails and country flags will not be required on sails.

1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures For Rule 42, will apply as changed by Addendum C.

1.4 Races will be conducted using modified Umpired Fleet Racing as described in Addendum C. This changes NOR 1.4.

1.5 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 & 63.4 will not apply.

1.6 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This modifies rule 63.7.

#### **2 IDENTIFICATION**

Appendix G3, Identification on sails, will apply. Boats chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of class rules. In no circumstances will a boat be permitted to race displaying the sail number of another boat in her class that is racing. This changes rule G3.

#### **3 CAMERA AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

Competitors may be required to carry on board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This

changes rule 62.1. All competitors are requested to send video or photos to pr@oakcliffsailing.org to be uploaded to the Oakcliff Sailing Facebook page and website.

#### **4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the door of the green shipping container located on the Oakcliff Sailing beach.

#### **5 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### **6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed off of the green shipping container located on the Oakcliff

Sailing beach. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.

6.2 If AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore or from the signal vessel, rule 40, Personal Flotation Devices, applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

6.4 If a change to the Sailing Instructions or Schedule is posted, a number flag corresponding to the change will be displayed along with code flag Lima.

#### **7 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Saturday, September 30	0900	Competitors Meeting at Oakcliff Beach
	1100	First Signal
	1800	Dinner at Oakcliff Sailing – 2 South Street
Sunday, October 1	0900	Competitors Meeting at Oakcliff Beach
	1100	First Signal
	1500	No races to be started after
	1600	Refreshments on Beach for Boat Pack-Up

Prize Giving at Oakcliff Sailing – 2 South Street, as soon as possible after the end of racing.

## **8 FORMAT OF RACING**

8.1 12 fleet races are scheduled for each class.

8.2 A maximum of 6 races per day for each fleet may be sailed.

## **9 CLASS FLAGS**

9.1 The 49er and 49erFX classes will be combined and started together. The class flag for 49er/FX will be numeral pennant 1.

9.2 The 470M and 470W classes will be combined and started together. The class flag for 470s will be numeral pennant 2.

9.3 The Nacra 17 Class Flag will be the Nacra 17 flag.

## **10 RACING AREA**

10.1 Addendum A shows the location of the race area.

10.2 The course location will be Cold Spring Harbor or Long Island Sound.

## **11 COURSES**

11.1 Addendum B describes the courses to be sailed.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing from the RC signal boat to Mark 1.

## **12 MARKS**

12.1 Mark 1 will be a Yellow Tetrahedron unless indicated as described in SI 12.2.

12.2 The signal vessel shall indicate an extended leg for a particular class by flying flag E no later than their warning signal. When flag E is in effect, Mark 1 will be a green cylinder.

12.3 Mark 2 will be an orange cylinder.

12.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the Oakcliff flag on the Signal boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark on the port side of the line.

12.5 The finish line will be between a staff displaying the Oakcliff Flag on the Signal boat and the course side of a red inflatable mark on the starboard side of the line.

## 13 START

13.1 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

13.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

13.3 Boats whose sails numbers are hailed as BFD by an umpire boat following a Black Flag Start shall retire and leave the racecourse.

## 14 CHANGE OF COURSE

14.1 For the green extended leg course only, to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will signal the change accordingly and move the original mark.

14.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will signal the change accordingly and will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line). When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark. The change mark for the standard course will be a small red inflatable cylinder and there will be no offset mark.

## 15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit and target time for each class (in minutes) are as follows:

Class	First Mark Limit	Race Limit	Target Time
49er	20	45	30
49er FX	20	45	30
Nacra 17	20	45	30
470	25	60	45

15.2 A race in which no boat in a Class rounds the first mark within the above First Mark Limit following the start, or sails the course and finishes within the Race Limit following the start, will be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 16 APPEALS

Decisions of an international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **17 SCORING**

17.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This modifies rule A2.

17.2 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **19 SUPPORT & COACH BOATS**

19.1 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request or at the request of the race committee, support and coach boats shall stay 100 feet outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first Class to start until the time the last boat finishes or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19.2 The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the oral instructions of the race committee or of the protest committee or umpires will be at the discretion of the protest committee. The penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat.

## **20 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

20.1 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the race committee or umpires and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to a member of the Organizing Authority on shore at the launching area or in the Oakcliff office.

20.2 Prior to the Warning Signal for the first race a boat is scheduled to sail each race day, the boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat, and shall hail her sail number and skipper last name until acknowledged by the race committee. This changes rule 63.1 and 64.1. The penalty for failing to comply with this instruction will be points equal to half the starters in race one of that day.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.

## **22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

22.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

22.2 Competitors are asked to bring reusable water bottle to be refilled aboard race committee and coach boats. Oakcliff does not support the use of single-use bottles.

## **23 DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, race committee, host club and their officers, employees and volunteers 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.

## **24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum policy limit of US \$500,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

## **25 CONTACTS**

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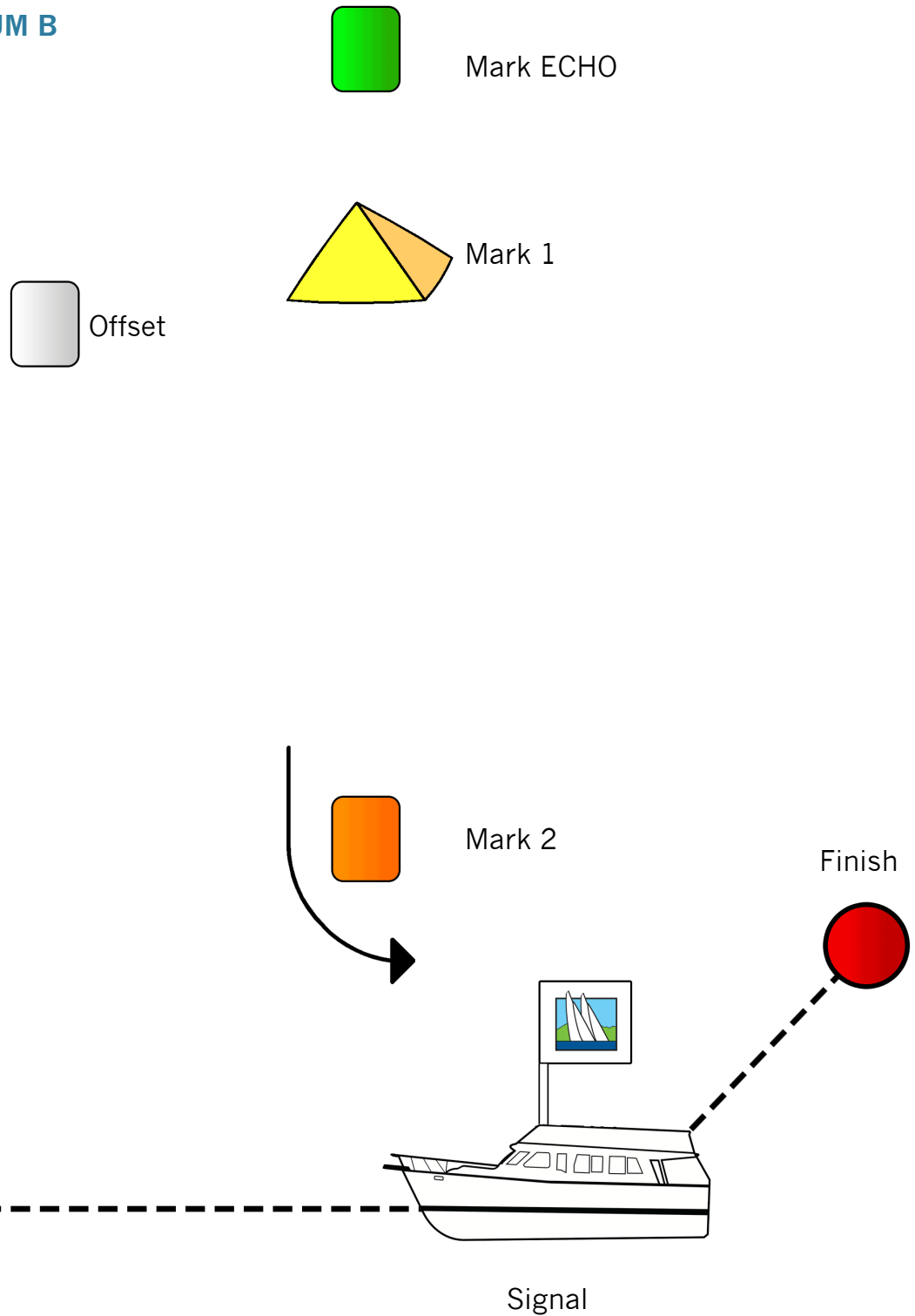
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**ADDENDUM B  
COURSES**



<b>Courses</b>	
<b>3 lap Extended (FOXTROT)</b>	Start, ECHO P, 2 P, ECHO P, 2 P, ECHO P, 2P, Finish
<b>Extended (ECHO)</b>	Start, ECHO P, 2 P, ECHO P, 2 P, Finish
<b>Standard (No signal)</b>	Start, 1 P, Offset P, 2 P, 1 P, Offset P, 2 P, Finish



## ADDENDUM C

### OAKCLIFF FLEET RACE UMPIRING ADDENDUM

*PREAMBLE:* The races in this event will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this addendum. This addendum changes the following rules: 44; 60; 61; 62; 63; 64.1; 65; 66; 70; Appendix P.

1. *RULES:*

- A. Add new rule 8 to Part 1: LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY  
The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.
- B. The word “hail” in rule 20 is defined as follows:
  - i. for “room to tack”, a call out of “room to tack” and repeated arm signals by the helmsman clearly pointing to windward; and
  - ii. for “you tack”, a call out of “you tack” and repeated arms signals by the helmsman clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.
- C. The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with the following: a boat may take a one turn penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while racing, she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 [except rule 14 when she has caused injury or damage], rule 31, or rule 42.
  - i. a boat may take a penalty while racing before starting and before finishing
- D. No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires except as permitted below:
  - i. when a boat protests and no boat takes a voluntary penalty and there is no decision signaled by an umpire, the protesting boat is entitled to a hearing if she reports her intention to protest to the Race Committee finish boat as soon as reasonably possible after finishing or retiring from the race. This changes rule 61.
- E. Appendix P1 – P4 will not apply; Appendix P5 will apply.

- F. Rules 60.2[a] and 60.3[a] do not apply to rules for which umpires may impose penalties.
  - G. The provisions for exonerating a boat in rule 21 and in rule 64.1[a] may be applied by an umpire without a hearing and this rule takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this addendum. This changes rule 64.1[a].
  - H. Rule 65 does not apply to decisions made by umpires.
  - I. The time limit in rule 66 for a party to request a reopening of a hearing conducted by a protest committee is changed to 30 minutes after the party is informed of the protest committee's decision.
  - J. A boat may not request redress under RRS 62.1(a). The protest committee may request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress under that rule if it believes that there is a significant reason for doing so. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
  - K. Rule 62.1(b) and (d) are deleted for all knock out rounds, if any.
  - L. The prescriptions to rules 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
2. *SIGNALS BY UMPIRES:*
- A. A green and white flag with one long sound means "no penalty".
  - B. A red flag with one long sound means "the identified boat shall take a penalty as soon as reasonably possible".
  - C. A yellow flag with one long sound means "the incident will be reported to the protest committee".
  - D. A black flag displayed with one long sound means the competitor is disqualified and shall leave the race course.

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

- A. A boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 [except rule 14 unless damage or injury results], 31, and 42 by hailing “protest” and by clearly displaying a yellow flag immediately after an incident in which she was involved; she shall remove her flag as soon as possible after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty turn voluntarily, after a decision is displayed by an umpire, or after a reasonable time when there is no penalty taken and no umpire signal.
- B. A boat may protest another boat under any other rule by clearly displaying a red flag as soon as possible after the incident and reporting her intention to protest to the Race Committee finish boat as soon as reasonably possible after finishing or retiring from the race. She shall display the red flag until the Race Committee or an umpire acknowledges it.
- C. A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise before she finishes or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances and report her intention to request redress to the Race Committee finish boat as soon as reasonably possible after finishing or retiring from the race. She shall display the red flag until the Race Committee or an umpire acknowledges it.
- D. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- E. If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no significant effect on the outcome of the match, it may make an arrangement that it decides is equitable, and that may be to impose no penalty.

### 4. *UMPIRE DECISIONS & PENALTIES*

- A. After a boat protests another boat under 3[A] above, the umpires shall decide whether to penalize any boat and shall signal their decision in compliance with 2 above.

- B. When the umpires decide that a boat has broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, they shall penalize her by signaling in compliance with 2[B] above.
  - i. a boat penalized by an umpire shall take a Two-Turns Penalty except that, when an umpire hails the number of turns, the boat shall take that number of One-Turn Penalties.
  - ii. a boat that does not take a penalty signaled by an umpire in accordance with 2[B] above shall be disqualified in the race without a hearing in accordance with 2[D] above.
  
- C. When the umpires decide that a boat has
  - i. gained an advantage by breaking a rule after allowing for a penalty, or
  - ii. deliberately broken a rule, or
  - iii. committed a breach of sportsmanship, or
  - iv. broken rule 31, or
  - v. broken rule 42,they shall penalize her by signaling in compliance with 2[B], 2[C], or both, above.
  
- D. When the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a rule other than a rule of Part 2, 31, or 42, they shall refer the matter to the protest committee for its action by signaling in compliance with 2[C] above.

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