

# **Catch 22 Ensign Mid-Winter Regatta Hosted by Lake Murray Sailing Club March 16-18, 2018**

## **Sailing Instructions**

### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions, and the rules of the Ensign Class Association.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### **2 Entries**

- 2.1 Open to Ensign boat owners. Competitors must be current members of the Ensign Class Association and may enter by delivering a completed entry form and payment of a \$120 entry fee (*\$150 if registered after March 3*) to the Lake Murray Sailing Club registry station before 0945 hours on March 16, 2018.
- 2.2 If feasible, to address contingencies beyond a competitor's control, the Organizing Authority (OA) may, at its discretion, elect to accept a competitor's application later than 0945. Any such decision by the OA shall not be grounds for redress.

### **3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the patio under the LMSC clubhouse. Notices for Friday's racing, including changes to Sailing Instructions, may be posted no later than 30 minutes after the Competitor's Meeting. Notices for Saturday's and Sunday's racing may not be posted after 0730 hours on the affected Saturday or Sunday.

### **4 Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn (lakeside) of the clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

## 5 **Schedule**

### Thursday March 15

0800	Club grounds open
1700	Registration begins
1700	Snacks and beverages
2000	Registration closes

### Friday March 16

0730	Continental breakfast
0800	Registration
0945	Registration closes
1000	Competitors meeting
1200	First warning
1730	Snacks and beverages
1830	Dinner

### Saturday March 17

0730	Continental breakfast
0930	First warning
1730	Snacks and beverages
1830	Dinner

### Sunday March 18

0730	Continental breakfast
0900	First Warning
1300	No races will begin after 1300
1400	Trophy presentation

## 6 **Class Flag**

The class flag will be the standard Ensign insignia on white flag

## 7 **Racing Area**

The racing area will be the large body of water to the east of LMSC. It is approximately 20 to 30 minutes sailing time to the course area. Refer to the attached map.

## 8 **Courses and Marks**

**8.1** Courses will be windward-leeward. Refer to Appendix "A" for courses and course diagrams. Windward and leeward marks will be yellow cylinders. A small red tetrahedron will mark an offset at the windward mark. Windward and Offset marks shall be rounded to port. The race committee may shorten course as deemed necessary.

**8.2** In the event the course is changed during a race, the mark will be an orange tetrahedron. An offset will not be used for a changed windward mark. When, in a

subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

- 8.3 The Race Committee intends to set a gate at the leeward mark however a single leeward mark may be set in which case it shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, courses will be displayed in yellow numbers on a black placard at the stern of the signal boat.

## **9 Starting and Finishing Lines**

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of an orange tetrahedron at the port end. The starting sequence outlined in RRS 26 will be used. The warning signal will be 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the port end of the line and the course side of an orange inflatable tetrahedron at the starboard end.
- 9.3 In the event the course is shortened, the finish will be between the "S" flag on a Race Committee boat and a mark of the course.

## **10 Time Limit**

- 10.1 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A.4.
- 10.2 The course length will be set to allow for an approximate race time of 60 minutes. Actual race time will not be grounds for redress. This changes ECA Rule III – 10.C.
- 10.3 The time limit for each race will be 105 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat sailing the course in her division has finished will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, and A5.

## **11 Radio Communication**

- 11.1 Radio communication between the Race Committee and competitors will be on a channel announced at the competitors meeting.
- 11.2 Information, including countdown to signals or OCS boats, is provided to competitors as a courtesy by the Race Committee. Errors, omissions, failure to hear or timing of these broadcasts shall not be considered improper action or an omission of the Race Committee under RRS 62.1.
- 11.3 Except in an emergency, or to declare retiring from a race, a competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all competitors. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**12 Protests**

Protests shall be delivered to the race committee chair at the official notice board within 45 minutes after the race committee reaches the dock. Notices informing competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the LMSC board room.

**13 Scoring**

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS applies. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes (TLE) after the first boat sailing the course will be awarded points equal to the number of boats finishing within 20 minutes plus one. All scores will count. This changes RRS A.2. All scores will count. This changes RRS A.2. Although ten races are planned, a minimum of one race will constitute a series.

**14 Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers.

# Appendix A

## Courses

### Courses 2 and 4 - Mark rounding and order

Course 2:

START - 1 - offset - FINISH

Course 4:

START - 1 - offset - 2P/2S - 1 - offset - FINISH

Mark 2 may be a gate or a single mark. If a single mark, it is to be rounded to port.

