



2006 Star 45 US National Championship Regatta

**Organized by The Austin Model Sailing Club and
The Houston Model Yacht Club
Hosted by The Clearpoint Model Yacht Club
October 20 - 22, 2006
Pasadena, Texas**

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) Star 45 class rules.

2. ENTRY

Only AMYA Star 45 class boats may enter. Entrants must be members in good standing of the American Model Yachting Association and must have completed registration and paid the fee with the Regatta Organizing Authority before becoming official competitors.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the venue.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Race Committee must approve any changes to these sailing instructions. Approved changes will be posted no later than 0930 hours on the day it will take effect or during any lunch break, except that any changes in the *Schedule of Championship Races* will be posted before 1830 hours the day before the change is to take effect.

5. SCHEDULE OF CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Saturday October 21, 2006: The first warning signal will be given as close to 1000 hours as possible but not before 1000 hours. Additional races will follow. No warning signal for the next race will be given after 1630 hours.

Sunday October 22, 2006: The first warning signal will be given as close to 1000 hours as possible but not before 1000 hours. Additional races will follow. No warning signal for the next race will be given after 1430 hours.

On both days there may be a break for lunch. The starting time and duration of this break will be determined by the Race Committee and announced at the venue

6. THE COURSES

The courses will be a windward/leeward configuration. Attachment "A" diagrams the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each rounding Mark is to be left. The start/finish line shall share the same marks. An Offset Mark (Mark 1A) will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. The Offset Mark will be placed at approximately right angles to the weather leg and approximately 15 feet (4 B/L's) from Mark 1. Mark 2 (2P/2S) will be a gate. Boats must pass through the gate in the direction from the previous Mark and then round 2P to Starboard or 2S to Port. The distance between 2P and 2S will be approximately 30 feet. The Race Director shall announce which course is to be sailed before the warning signal of each heat.

7. MARKS

The Marks will be buoys and/or floating shapes.

8. THE START

The starting line will be located between the leeward gate and weather mark (see attachment "A"). A 2-minute start tape/CD will be used to signal the start sequence in accordance with RRS E3.5. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "did not start" (DNS).

9. STARTING PENALTIES

Rule 30.1 "Round-an-End-Rule" will be in effect for all starts of the Regatta. The Race Director before each individual heat will announce any additional starting penalties.

10. RECALLS

Individual and General Recalls will be signaled according to rules E3.8 and E3.9.

The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- (a) Failure to hear the recall hail.
- (b) A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers.
- (c) The promptness of the hail.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be located between the leeward gate and weather mark (see attachment "A"). After a boat *finishes* she shall sail clear of the finish area and not cross the Finish Line again. If she does, she may be scored in the place of the second crossing. This may not be grounds for redress.

12. TIME LIMIT

If the leading boat does not finish within 20 minutes, the heat shall be abandoned. Boats still racing 10 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) and scored points equal to the number of boats racing in the heat plus one (1) point. This modifies rules 35, A4.1, A4.2, and A5.

13. 5 MINUTE HOLDS

Each skipper may call one five-minute hold each day. A hold may not be called after the Preparatory Signal (the one minute mark in the start sequence). A competitor may not call a hold for another competitor. Two holds may not be called consecutively.

14. SCORING

The low point scoring system, appendix A, will apply modified as stated herein. Twenty-four (24) races are scheduled. Ten (10) scored races shall constitute a completed Championship. The discard profile will be as follows: 1 after 6, 2 after 15, and 3 after 24 scored races a boat sails. The Race Committee may use the odd/even scoring system if deemed necessary. If the odd/even system is used, then Fifteen (15) races (30 heats) are scheduled and five (5) scored races (10 heats) shall constitute a completed Championship. The discard profile will remain the same as above. This modifies rule A2.

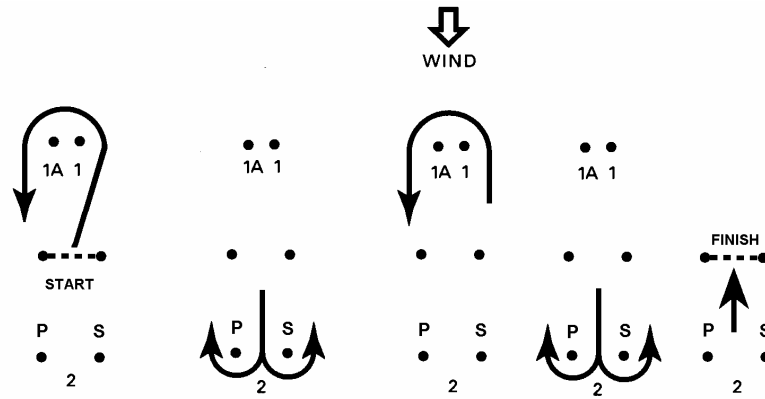
15. PROTESTS

Protests need not be in writing. This modifies rule 61.2. The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

16. AWARDS

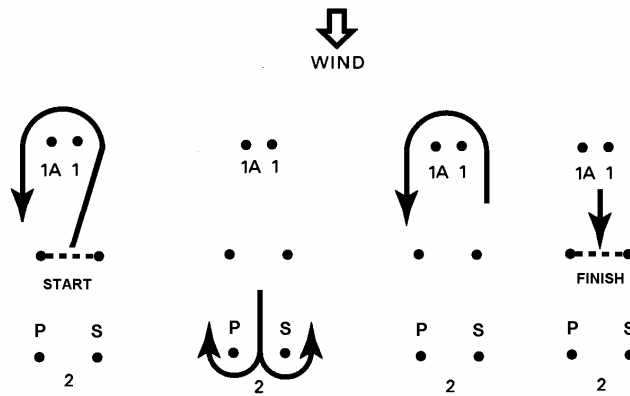
An awards ceremony will be held lakeside after the final scores are tabulated. Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) skippers in the Regatta. Certificates of award will be presented to all skippers finishing in 6th and later places.

2006 Star 45 National Championship Attachment A – Courses



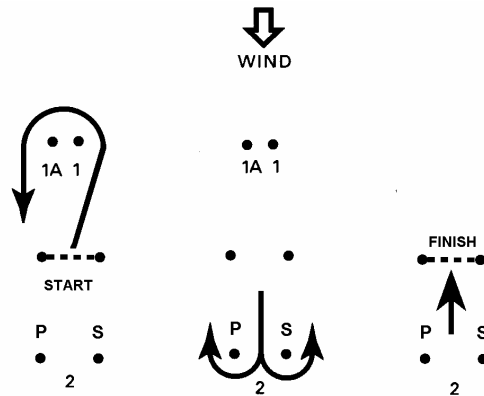
Course 1

Start – 1 – 1A – 2P/2S – 1 – 1A – 2P/2S – Finish



Course 2

Start – 1 – 1A – 2P/2S – 1 – 1A – Finish



Course 3

Start – 1 – 1A – 2P/2S – Finish