



# 2024 AMYA *dragonflite* 95 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Hosted by the San Diego Argonauts  
San Diego Model Yacht Pond, Vacation Island, Mission Bay  
San Diego, CA

## 1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Appendix E for RC Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Class Rules of the DF95 Class and these Sailing Instructions.

### 1.2 CHANGE TO RULE 90.3(e)

Replace “24 hours” with “15 minutes”.

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Course Board and the San Diego Argonauts website.

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10:00am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 3:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time. All competitors will be notified before they take effect. This changes Rule 90.2.

## 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Dates of racing: Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

4.2 The race committee will determine the number of races for each day after considering weather, course and equipment conditions. No race shall start after 4:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and 3:30pm on Sunday.

4.3 The first heat will start at 11:00am Friday, and at 10:30am on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting.

## 5. RACING FORMAT

5.1 The racing Format will utilize the current Heat Management System (HMS) with the number of boats subject to Promotion and Relegation being four (4).

## **6. COURSE BOARD**

**6.1** A Course Board will be located in the Control Area adjacent to the Start/Finish portion of the race course. The Course Board will display the Course to be sailed, boat assignments for upcoming heats and any changes to the Sailing Instructions. It is the responsibility of all competitors to regularly check the Course Board to ensure they are competing in their assigned heat.

**6.2** Any changes to the Course to be sailed or the Sailing Instructions will be announced by the Race Committee and displayed on the Course Board prior to the Warning Signal for the heat affected.

## **7. THE START**

**7.1** The AMYA two-minute starting sequence will be used. The "Preparatory" signal is defined as when the auditory sequence begins. The "Warning" signal is defined as when the two-minute countdown begins.

**7.2** The Starting Line will consist of an imaginary line tangent to the course side of the flotation rings of the two identified starting marks.

**7.3** All boats whose Warning Signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area.

**7.4** A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes Rule A5.2.

**7.5** If any part of a boat's hull or equipment is On the Course Side (OCS) of the starting line after the preparatory signal, the line judge or Race Director will attempt to hail that boat.

Failure by any member of the race committee to make a hail or a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for a Protest or a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

**7.6 Control Area:** While racing, competitors may control their boats from any convenient location along the shore adjacent to the race course provided they do not interfere with activities of the race committee and stay in sufficiently close proximity to hear hails from other racing skippers and the Race Director. This changes Rule E3.1.

**7.7 Practice Area:** While competitors are racing, a non-racing competitor may launch and practice sail their boat only in a practice area designated by the Race Director. A non-racing competitor shall not sail within fifty (50) feet of either a racing competitor or any mark of the race course.

## **8. HOLDS**

**8.1** Competitors are expected to maintain their boats in race-ready condition throughout the Championship. It is the responsibility of each skipper to know when they will be sailing and have their boat rigged and tuned for current conditions and equipped with sufficient batteries.

**8.1.1** A skipper sailing in consecutive heats may request a Hold to repair a technical problem or breakdown.

**8.1.2** The request for a Hold must be made to the Race Director Prior to the Warning signal for the next heat.

**8.1.3** When a Hold is granted, it will be announced and the Warning Signal will not be sounded until the expiration of five (5) minutes from the commencement of the Hold.

**8.1.4** Each skipper will be granted no more than one (1) such Hold per racing day.

**8.1.5** Competitors may make tuning or other adjustments to their boats during the Hold period.

## **9. TIME LIMITS**

**9.1** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes, the race may be abandoned at the PRO's discretion.

**9.2** If no boat has finished within 30 minutes, the race may be abandoned at the PRO's discretion.

**9.3** The PRO's watch is official for purposes of signals and time limits.

## **10. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the two identified finishing marks.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**11.1** A boat touching a mark as described in Rule 31 shall take a one-turn penalty as set forth in Rule 44.1 as modified by Rule E4.3.

**11.2** A boat breaking a Rule in RRS Part 2 shall take a one-turn penalty as set forth in Rule 44.1 as modified by Rule E4.3.

## **12. PROTESTS**

**12.1** A skipper protesting another boat while sailing shall hail the other boat, as set forth in Rule 61.1(a) as modified by Rule E6.3.

**12.2** Skippers filing a protest shall notify the PRO immediately upon finishing or retiring, but no later than the next Warning Signal. This changes Rules 61.3, E6.4 and E6.5.

**12.3** Protests will be heard immediately following the heat in which the incident occurred and before the next heat begins.

**12.4** As provided by Rule 70.5, in a regatta sailed under the Heat Management System (HMS), there shall be no right to appeal a decision of the Protest Committee.

## **13. SCORING**

**13.1** The Low Point Scoring System described in RRS Appendix A shall be used.

**13.2** Discards: Each skipper's highest score for one (1) race will be discarded after the completion of four (4) races; two (2) races will be discarded after the completion of eight (8) races; three (3) races will be discarded after the completion of sixteen (16) races; and four (4) races will be discarded after the completion of twenty-four (24) races.

## **14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

**14.1** A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

**4.2** If any measured equipment is found to have been modified subsequent to its measurement, the skipper will be scored DNS for all races occurring prior to the discovery of the modification.

## **15. AWARDS**

Awards will be presented immediately following the final race on Sunday.

## **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, "Decision to Race." All those entering or taking part in this regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. AMYA, the San Diego Argonauts, Regatta Staff and any other parties involved in the organization of this event disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water as a consequence of entering or participating in this regatta.