



OAKCLIFF

Double Handed Distance Race

Dates: May 14-15, 2019

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS.
- 1.2. Melges 24 class rules shall not apply.
- 1.3. The Oakcliff Shorthanded Sailing Safety Protocol shall apply.
- 1.4. Changes to the RRS
 - 1.4.1. RRS 33 is changed to allow the RC to change the next leg of the course via VHF Radio and other electronic communications.
 - 1.4.2. 60.1(a) is changed to not allow protests for any breaches of advertising rules
 - 1.4.3. Autopilots powered by an energy source other than manual force to steer to compass bearing may be used. This changes RRS 52.
 - 1.4.4. RRS63 is changed to allow protest hearings via electronic communications as prescribed in SI 10.
 - 1.4.5. Competitors observed by Race HQ, the RC or PC, including through live streaming media devices and recordings of on-board streams, not complying with Part 3: Safety Practices of the Oakcliff Shorthanded Safety Protocol may be disqualified from the Race without a hearing. Boats disqualified under this instruction shall immediately stop racing and return to their mooring. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Oakcliff Sailing and emailed to competitors.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated to competitors via Email and posted to the notice board before 1400 May 14th.
- 3.2. After 1400 May 14th changes to the SI's may be made orally by displaying code flag Lima ashore or from the signal vessel. Changes will then be announced on VHF CH69 as well as sent via text message.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the notice board at Oakcliff Sailing
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 Minute' is replaced with not less than 1 hour in race signal AP.

5. Schedule

- 5.1.1. Racing dates will be May 14 and 15
 - 5.1.2. Briefing for competitors: May 14 at 1400
 - 5.1.3. First Signal is scheduled for May 14 at 1500, the RC may adjust for forecasted weather via notice to competitors
 - 5.1.4. Target finish window May 15 between 1700 and 1900
 - 5.1.5. Debrief and put away boats May 16 and 17
 - 5.1.6. Prize giving May 17
 - 5.2. Unless Excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - 5.2.1. Training programs as provided by the OA
 - 5.2.2. Briefing for competitors
 - 5.2.3. Debrief and putting away boats (boats must be put away as prescribed by the OA before sailors depart).
 - 5.2.4. Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.
6. Class Flag
- 6.1. The Class flag will be numeral Pennant 1
7. Crew
- 7.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be two comprised of one male and one female.
 - 7.2. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall be between 325 and 375 pounds.
8. Boats, Sails, and Equipment
- 8.1. The event will be sailed in Melges 24 type boats.
 - 8.2. Up to six (6) boats will be provided by the OA.
 - 8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
 - 8.4. Each boat will be provided with required safety equipment and electronics, that the sailors must keep in working order. This list of equipment can be found in the Oakcliff Shorthanded Safety Protocol.
 - 8.5. Basic tool kit and sail repair kit will be provided.
 - 8.6. Breakdowns while racing are the responsibility of the competitors. Any assistance by support staff while racing will be considered a breach of RRS 41.
 - 8.7. Cell Phones active on US networks must be provided by each competitor with their numbers registered with the RC.
 - 8.7.1. They may be used for direct communications with the RC and PC for safety and protest matters via text or voice.
 - 8.7.2. They may be used for navigational and weather forecast purposes accessing information that is freely available to all competitors.
 - 8.7.3. Competitors may be required by the OA to run race tracking and/ or live streaming on their devices throughout the race.
 - 8.8. Personal Sailing gear will not be provided.

9. The Course

- 9.1. The course will be located in Long Island Sound.
- 9.2. The start will be in Oyster Bay near Seawanhaka Yacht Club between the course side of a staff displaying the Oakcliff Flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 9.3. The Course will be comprised of government marks around Long Island Sound as distributed by the RC at the skippers meeting.
- 9.4. The RC may announce a course change via VHF radio, and text message before the first competitor starts the leg of the race to be changed. Competitors shall respond via text message that the course change was received. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.5. The Finish will be located in Oyster Bay near Seawanhaka Yacht Club between the course side a staff displaying the Oakcliff Flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 9.6. Government marks are not marks of the course unless specifically designated by the RC.

10. Penalties, Protests, and Requests for Redress

- 10.1. For breaches of RRS Part 2, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2. Protests and Requests for Redress
 - 10.2.1. A boat intending to protest or request redress shall hail on VHF CH 69 the boat they are intending to protest and the RC to inform them of the intent to protest at the first reasonable opportunity. No protest flag is needed changing RRS 61.1.
 - 10.2.2. The protestor must then file a written protest via electronic form within 2 hours of the protest hail. Protest form can be found at: <https://forms.gle/ourR3J77q4M7yf6E6>
 - 10.2.3. The protestee may ask an on the water arbitrator for an opinion on the incident via VHF CH 69 and take a 2-turn penalty instead of proceeding to a hearing. Appendix T: Arbitration does not apply. The arbitrator may gather testimony and use any available information at their discretion.
 - 10.2.4. Requests for redress must be submitted electronically in the same manner as protests as soon as practicable after learning of the circumstances but not later than 2 hours after finishing.
- 10.3. Hearing and decision
 - 10.3.1. A hearing may begin as soon as the Jury has been informed of the protest which may be made by any appropriate means of communication taking circumstances into account. This changes RRS 63.2.
 - 10.3.2. The jury may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate through any communications means practicable i.e. conference call, VHF, text message. This changes RRS 63.6.
 - 10.3.3. If the Jury does not feel that adequate means of communications are present at the time of the hearing, it may postpone the hearing until communication means are adequate to conduct a hearing. This may be ashore in person after finishing.
 - 10.3.4. The Jury's decision will be communicated via VHF and text message to the parties as soon as reasonably possible after a decision has been made.

11. Safety and Communications

- 11.1. The Race Committee and Oakcliff Base will communicate with competitors on VHF CH 69.
- 11.2. Every boat shall be monitoring VHF CH 69 at all times from leaving the mooring to returning to the mooring.
- 11.3. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee or Oakcliff Base as soon as possible.
- 11.4. Except in an emergency and as allowed by the SI's and Oakcliff Short Handed Safety Protocol, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

12. Advertising

- 12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, WS regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 12.3. The OA may allow competitors to display sponsor advertising on personal equipment.
- 12.4. Boats will not be permitted to right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1(a).

13. Prizes

Oakcliff prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) finishers

14. Media, Images, and Sound

- 14.1. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge. This includes, but is not limited to, live internet broadcasting of video and sounds from on board devices, drones, and interviews.
- 14.2. Competitors shall not interfere with or disable any equipment placed on board by the OA.

15. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. The failure of any of competitor to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Official or staff of the OA and its representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the race.

OA Contact Information

For questions or more information regarding this event, please email: regatta@oakcliffsailing.org or go online to www.oakcliffsailing.org. For questions or more information on Oakcliff training programs contact training@oakcliffsailing.org or go online to oakcliffsailing.org.

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