



**2009 CR 914
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
October 16, 17 & 18 2009
San Diego Yacht Club**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Issue # 2 (10/02/09)

1. Rules

- 1.1 The 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix E, HMS dated 2007 and the rules of the CR914 Class will govern the event except as noted in section 1.2 of these Sailing Instructions.**
- 1.2 The RRS, HMS and class rules are amended as follows:**
- a) Rule 2 Fair Sailing. Sailors will exhibit sportsman like behavior at all times during this regatta. Any sailor deemed to be in violation of Rule 2 may be issued a warning from the Race Committee. If the competitor's unacceptable behavior continues, the Race Committee may request that three present members of the Class AdCom to rule to disqualify the competitor from the race with a DSQ or further participation in the regatta.**
 - b) Rule 31. Boats may hit marks without penalty except the starting and finishing marks when starting or finishing.**
 - c) Rule E4.2 (b) Outside Help(Appendix E). Boats aground or entangled may be freed by anyone.**
 - d) Rule E4.5 (b) is amended to read: While ashore or at the waters edge, boats may be adjusted, drained, repaired, have entangled objects removed and or battery's changed. They are not allowed however to: relocate batterys or; change, reef, or un-reef sails during the regatta. A damaged sail may be replaced with the approval of the RC. A back-up/spare boat, that has been measured, may be used to replace a damaged boat with the approval of the Race Committee prior to sailing in their next scheduled heat.**



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e) Protests. If protested by another competitor, you may choose to do the following: clear and complete a penalty turn consisting of one tack and jibe or, before you exit the water you alert the RC that you would like to retire from that heat. You will receive a DNF/RAF, which can be thrown out OR, you can proceed to the protest hearing and if found at fault, you will be awarded a DSQ which cannot be thrown out.

f) Protests. There will be no on course discussions of protests. A boat shall twice hail protest, its sail number and the sail number of the protested boat. The protested boat may respond that he will or not do a penalty turn. No further dialogue is permitted. A competitor intending to protest another competitor must inform the RC immediately following the relevant heat. A protest form is not required. The protest hearing will be conducted using the “three minute format”. One minute for the person lodging the protest to be heard, one minute for the offending boat to rebut and one minute for the committee to issue their findings. The finding of the protest committee is final and cannot be appealed.

g) Redress. RRS E5.5 is amended;: Entanglement shall be 5 seconds or longer to qualify for redress; Scoring for redress shall be the average of points of all races completed at the time of the redress event. Request for redress will be addressed following the heat in which the event occurred.

h) Bow bumpers are required in order to compete. Type and design are limited to those approved by the class and will be available from CPM at registration as well as during the event.

i) All boats will be measured to ensure compliance with the class rules and a copy of the official measurement form is shown for reference on the regatta website.



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j) A five minute hold may be requested by a competitor who is unable to make it to the starting line. One hold request is allowed per competitor per day. The request must be made to and acknowledged by the RC before the starting sequence for that heat has begun. You may attempt to repair your boat and rejoin the race if possible.

2. Entry

To be eligible to race, competitors must be CR914 owners in good standing in the class, members of the AMYA , have completed and submitted an official entry form with all fees paid and boats must comply with the class rules as designated on the official measurement form.

3. Format

Each skipper will be seeded, using the best performance data available or randomly, into two seeding heats (heat A & heat B). At the completion of these heats their performance will be used to position them into the three (red, white and blue) HMS heats, as noted in Schedule "B", for the first officially scored HMS race. The scores for the seeding heats will not be scored as part of the regatta.

4. Scoring

Scoring will be conducted using the "Heat Management System" or HMS. After the seeding heats, placement will be issued into Red, White and Blue heats and scored racing will officially begin. The top four boats in a heat will be "Promoted" into the next higher heat and bottom four boats will be "Relegated" into the next lower heat and will continue until the completion of racing.

One (1) throw out after five (5) HMS races have been completed.

Two (2) throw outs after eleven (11) HMS races have been completed.

Three (3) throw outs after eighteen (18) HMS races have been completed.



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4. Scoring (cont'd)

DNS, OCS, DNF/RAF or a DNC will be scored as noted in HMS 3.4. A DSQ will be scored as; the total number of boats in the Regatta plus one and may not be discarded as a throw out.

5. Control Area

The control area is unrestricted from the leeward gates to the windward mark

6. The Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward with an offset mark at the windward end and a gate at the leeward end. The starting/finishing line will be located midway between the windward mark and the leeward gate. There will be three basic courses: (1) windward-leeward once around; (2) windward leeward twice around and (3) a one and one half lap windward leeward. The courses will be discussed at the skippers meeting and you will be audibly notified before the start of each race of the course configuration.

Course, race number and heat color will be announced by the RC prior to the start of each sequence.

The windward offset mark will be greater than four boat lengths from the weather mark and it will have its own ROW zone. Both weather marks are to be rounded to port. The leeward end gate will be wider than eight boat lengths' each have its own ROW zone, and rounding will be from inside to outside of the gate. All mark rules apply until the boat has exited the zone.

7. Launching

The starting line will be located approximately equally distant between the windward and leeward marks. The launching and retrieving docks will be slightly above the starting line and their positioning and prescribed usage will be conveyed during the skippers meeting



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8. Starting

The starting line is on the course side of the start/finish marks. If a boat is OCS (on course side) of the starting line after the one minute countdown begins or before the start signal, the competitor must go around either end of the starting line before returning to the starting area. Competitors failing to observe this rule will be awarded an OCS at the start signal and must round either end of the starting line before starting to remove the OCS.

9. Finishing / Recovery

In order maximize the number of races in this regatta: Boats that have finished in the top 4 of either the Blue or White heats should remain in the water for the start of the next heat; The remaining competitors are asked to remove their boats at the recovery dock as soon as they have completed racing and turn off their electronics. If a competitor re-crosses the finish line the RC may elect to award that finishing position.

The finish line is on the course side of the start/finish marks.

10. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to 1st thru 8th place and AMYA chevrons will be awarded to the top three finishers. In addition, in the Masters group (65 and older) trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. .

11. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be issued during the registration cycle and discussed at the morning skippers meetings.