



2016 Dragon Force 65

OPEN SERIES

Saturday May 28th 2016

South Florida Model Sailing Club

C. B. Smith Park, Pembroke Pines, FL

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1 The 2012- 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix E and the Rules of the Dragon Force 65 Class will govern the event, with changes and exceptions as noted in these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The RRS and Class Rules are emphasized and/or amended as follows:

- a) Rule 2 - Fair Sailing and Rule 69.1 – Obligation not to Commit Gross Misconduct. Sailors will exhibit sportsman like behavior at all times during this regatta. Any sailor deemed to be in violation of Rule 2 or Rule 69.1 may be issued a warning from the Race Committee. If the competitor's unacceptable behavior continues, the Race Committee may call a hearing in accordance with Rule 69 and may rule to disqualify the competitor from the race with a DNE or exclude the competitor from further participation in the regatta.
- b) Boats may touch marks except the start and finishing marks and any mark designed by the RD to be "hot". This amends Rule 31.
- c) Rule E4.2 b) outside help (Appendix E). Boats aground or entangled may be freed by anyone.
- d) While ashore or at the waters edge, boats may be adjusted, drained, repaired, have entangled objects removed and or battery's replaced. They **are not allowed** to: relocate batteries 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 the damaged boat with the approval of the Race Committee prior to sailing their next scheduled heat.
- e) Protests: A boat wishing to protest another shall twice hail, "(Her own sail number) protests (the sail number of the protested boat)". The protested boat may respond that she will or will not accept the protest. No further dialogue will be allowed.

If the protested boat chooses to accept the protest and exonerate herself, she must sail well clear of other boats and complete a penalty turn consisting of one



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tack and one jibe. Note that Rule E4.3 states that "if the boat gained a significant advantage ... despite taking a penalty (turn), her penalty shall be an additional One-Turn Penalty." Thus, for example, if you end up ahead of the protesting boat even after taking the first penalty turn, you must take a second penalty turn.

If the protested boat chooses not to accept the protest, she must inform the RC immediately following the heat. The RC will hear the protest following the "3 minute format" of one minute for the protestor, one minute for the protestee and one minute for the RC to issue its ruling, which may not be appealed. Alternatively, the offending boat may inform the RC immediately after finishing that she wishes to acknowledge the foul and retire. She will be scored RAF (Retired After Finishing), which score is excludable.

- f) Redress> RRS E5.5 is amended: Entangled shall be 5 seconds or longer to qualify for redress; scoring for redress shall be the average points of all races completed at the time of the redress event. Request for redress will be addressed following the heat in which the even occurred.
- g) Bow bumpers are required to compete. Type and design are limited to those approved by the class.
- h) All boats will be inspected to insure compliance with the class rules.
- i) A three 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 and acknowledged by the RC before the starting sequence of that heat has begun.

You may attempt to repair your boat and rejoin the race if possible

2. Entry. Open to registered Dragon Force 65 owners skippering a class registered Dragon Force 65 and invited skippers sailing a class registered boat.
3. Format. The regatta will be sailed in a single fleet
4. Scoring. The RRS Low Point System will be used, with one race score excluded after six races are completed, two exclusions after 12 races, three after 18 races and four after 24 races are completed.
5. Control Area. The RD may restrict the control area



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6. The courses. The courses will be drawn and shown on the board at the skippers meeting. Letters "A", "B" or "C" will indicate 2 times around, 1 ½ times around or 1 time around, according to the drawing.
7. Launching and Retrieving. The starting line will be located approximately equally distant between the East and West extremities of the course. (The windward and leeward marks, depending on wind direction). The Launching area is on the west side of the grass and weed area in the water in front of the RC table. Retrieving is on the East side of the Grass/weed spot, to the left of the RC table. This will be explained during the skippers meeting
8. Starting. Rule 30.1, the "I Flag" or "Around-the-Ends" Rule shall be in effect. Namely, if any part of a boat's hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.
9. Finishing recovery. The boats that remain in the water after a heat should remain on the windward side of the course. If a competitor re-crosses the finish line, the RC may elect to award that finishing position.
10. Rosettes will be awarded 1st through 3rd (Top three finishers)
11. Changes to Sailing Instructions. In accordance with Rule 90.s(c) as modified by Rule E1.3, any changes to these Sailing Instructions may be communicated orally to all affected competitors before the warning signal of the relevant Race or Heat. Changes also will be issued during the registration cycle and discussed at the morning skipper's meeting.