

# **Rebel National Championship Regatta**

**July 13-15, 2018  
National Rebel Class Association  
Grand Rapids Yacht Club  
Grand Rapids, MI**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, which may be viewed or downloaded at: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php> and by the by-laws of the National Rebel Class Association, which may be viewed or downloaded at: <http://rebelsailor.com/C&B Jan 10 2016.pdf> except as they may be changed herein.

### **2. Notice to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east window of the clubhouse to the north of the entrance door.

### **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

**3.1** Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except

- 3.1.1** Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.1.2** Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions made on the water under Rule 90.2c shall be communicated by the race committee to each boat before her warning signal.

### **4. Signals made Ashore**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be made from the GRYC committee boat at the dock.
- 4.2** When AP (Postponement) is displayed on shore, the Warning Signal will not be made less than thirty (30) minutes after AP is lowered.

## **5. Schedule of Races**

### **5.1 Four (4) Junior Races are scheduled as follows:**

Friday 7/13 0830 – Junior National Championship Competitors meeting  
1000 – Warning Signal with two races to follow  
Saturday 7/14 1600 – Warning Signal with two races to follow

### **Up to Seven (7) Senior Races are scheduled as follows:**

Friday 7/13 1130 – National Championship Competitors meeting  
1300 – Warning Signal with 2 races to follow  
Saturday 7/14 1000 – Warning Signal with 2 races to follow  
1400 – Warning Signal with 2 races to follow  
Sunday 7/15 1000 – Warning Signal with 1 race to follow if necessary

**5.2** One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the series is no more than one race ahead of schedule.

**5.3** On Sunday 7/15, 2018 no Warning Signal will be made after 1130 hours.

**5.4** A maximum of 7 races will be completed.

## **6. Class Flag**

The Class Flag will be a red R on a white background.

## **7. Racing Area**

The racing area will be on Reeds Lake. See attached diagram map of Reeds Lake.

## **8. The Courses**

Marks are numbered according to the quadrant of the lake in which they are set. See attached diagram map of Reeds Lake. The courses will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat using a number system, each number designating marks to be taken consecutively. The background color of the number represents the side of the boat on which to leave the mark when rounding – red for port, green for starboard. The finishing mark will be displayed with a yellow background, the number designating the approximate location of the finish mark.

## **9. Marks**

The marks of the course will be orange inflatables.

## **10. Prior to the Warning Signal**

Prior to the start of the first race of the day and prior to the start of the first race after lunch, each competitor shall check in by sailing past the RC Signal boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. Protests for breach of this Instruction may be filed only by the National Race Committee. This changes Rule 60.1a.

## **11. The Start**

- 11.1** The races will be started according to Rule 26 with the Warning Signal five (5) minutes before the Starting Signal. There will also be a sound-only, courtesy signal made approximately 60 seconds before the Warning Signal.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between the mast displaying the RC flag on the race committee boat and a yellow mark.
- 11.3** Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee will attempt to hail all OCS boats. Failure to be hailed, the timing of such a hail, or the failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress under Rule 62.

## **12. Changes of the Position of the Next Mark**

When changing the course after the start, the race committee will lay a new mark and lift the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, though the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

## **13. The Finish**

The finish line will be between the committee boat mast displaying the RC flag and a yellow mark.

## **14. Penalty System**

- 14.1** Penalties as provided in Rule 44.1 and 44.2
- 14.2** Scoring penalties only as provided in SI 16.4 – Rule 44.3 does not apply.

## **15. Time Limit**

- 15.1** The time limit for a race will be 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- 15.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.
- 15.4** Any boat in last place in a specific race may be asked by a race support boat if she wishes to withdraw and be scored in the position she currently holds. The skipper may declare her withdrawal by responding in the affirmative to the race support boat. The next boat ahead in the race may be offered the same option.

## **16. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 16.1** A competitor's intent to protest shall be reported to the race committee promptly upon finishing that race.
- 16.2** Protests shall be written on Protest Forms available at GRYC and lodged within 60 minutes of the committee boat's docking at the end of racing for the day. The docking time will be posted on the notice board.
- 16.3** Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are interested parties or witnesses. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
- 16.4** Protest Arbitration - Competitors may elect to have protests involving Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing settled by arbitration. After a protest form is delivered, one designated representative of each party will appear before an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted. After hearing testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
- There was no breach of a rule. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If the representatives do not agree the protest is forwarded to the protest committee for a hearing;
  - There was a breach of a rule by one of the boats involved and she is not exonerated. The representative of the offending boat may elect to take a scoring penalty of: 40% of DNF added to her finishing place in that race. She shall not, however, be scored worse than DNF. If the penalty is accepted, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened.
  - The matter should go to a protest committee for a hearing.

When the protest is referred to the protest committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee, but can be an observer and can be called as a witness.

This changes Rules 60.1b, 63.1, 63.6, and 66.

## **17. Scoring**

- 17.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that a boat scored DNF or RAF will score points equal to the number of boats starting that race plus one. This changes Rule A4.2.
- 17.2** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes Rule A2.1.
- 17.4** All results are unofficial until certified by the National Race Committee. If all races have not been started by 1130 on Sunday July 15, the series will be considered terminated and the races officially scored will determine the final results.

## **18. Safety Regulations**

**18.1** Junior National Championship competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times on the water during the Junior National Championship Series.

**18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or support boat as soon as possible.

## **19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

The number and personnel of the crew must remain the same throughout the regatta, except:

- A skipper may alternate crew, maintaining the same number, by filing crew names and the specific races they will sail with the National Race Committee three (3) hours prior to the start of the first race of the regatta. In case of emergency, a skipper may request permission for a crew change from the National Race Committee.

## **20. Prizes**

Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as appropriate.

## **21. Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **22. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk :

Refer to Rule 4 – Decision to Race.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability or material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.