

2019 Victoria National Championship

November 2-3, 2019

Dobson Ranch Lake, Mesa, Arizona

Sponsored by Mesa Model Yacht Club; AMYA Club #146

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

0 MEDICAL

Competitors are encouraged to report medical conditions to the Race Director when registering.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing*, as modified by Appendix E for RC sailing, The Victoria Class Rules (Revision 11, January 2016), The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Changes to the racing rules or class rules are noted in the specific instructions where they apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located between the starting area and the sidewalk.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 The Schedule of Races is as set out in the Notice of Race (All times are Mountain Standard Time)

4 RACING FORMAT

4.1 If there are more than 15 entries, the Race Director will conduct the racing under a Heat Management System (HMS2016 with 4 boat promotion)

5 THE COURSE

5.1 The course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be as shown on the course board.

5.2 Course changes will be announced prior to the starting sequence.

6 CONTROL AREA

6.1 Skippers who, because of physical limitations, cannot walk the course may inform the Race Director that they elect to be “stationary competitors” and, for each race in which they compete, be allowed to sit at water’s edge. Other competitors, while walking, must walk behind “stationary competitors” as they pass by.

7 LAUNCHING AREA

7.1 The launching area is unrestricted.

8 MARKS

8.1 The course Marks will be described at the Skippers Meeting.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: a) The shore of the lake.

10 THE START

10.1 After a general recall, Rule 30.1 **I Flag Rule** will be in effect for the restart. Rule 30.4 **The Black Flag Rule** will be effect for all subsequent restarts of that race.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area

10.3 The starting line will be between the starting marks.

10.4 Each Skipper may request one five minute hold per day for repairs. A hold for tuning is not permitted. No two skippers may request consecutive 5 minute holds and no competitor may call a 5-minute hold for another skipper.

10.5 A boat launched after the Preparatory Signal shall not be propelled forward at a speed greater than the boats that are participating in the race.

10.6 A boat starting later than **5** minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the finishing marks.

11.2 As soon as a boat has finished, it shall clear the finish line area and not impede the finish of any other boat still racing.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 15 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

12.2 If no boat has finished within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

13 PROTESTS

13.1 Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty.

13.2 Radio Control sailing creates unique problems for competitors from depth perception, rapid acceleration/deceleration from velocity changes and boats that respond quicker than competitors can respond to name just a few. Competitors are encouraged to communicate with each other as the on the water situation changes right of way or decreasing room between boats increases the opportunities for a foul. Failure to communicate by a right of way boat does not exonerate the boat required to keep clear.

13.3 Competitors are encouraged to resolve disputes on the water. Competitors who have observed an incident may provide input. Such communications shall be in compliance with rule 41(c).

13.4 A Boat intending to file a protest shall verbally inform the Race Director within 1 minute of the finish of the relevant race. This modifies E 6.4.

13.5 Both parties shall have two minutes to consider their positions. A boat acknowledging breaking a rule may retire.

13.6 To expedite the process, a member of the protest committee will record the relevant information on the protest form during the hearing. This modifies rule 61.2

13.7 Requests for Redress shall be verbal and delivered to the Race Director within one minute of the finish of the relevant race. This modifies rule 62.2

14 SCORING

14.1 The Low Point System described in RRS Appendix A shall be used

14.2 One discard each after completion of races 4, 8 16, 24, 32, 40

14.3 A minimum of six races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. A maximum of 41 races will be sailed.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

15.1 A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions

16 PRIZES

16.1 Awards will be given as follows: AMYA Gold Chevrons will be awarded for the top three places. In addition, event trophies will be awarded to the top five and Place Certificates for minimum 50% of the field.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority and City of Mesa will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 SPORTSMANSHIP and CORINTHIAN SPIRIT

Remember that we are always in Friendly Competition.

18.1 In the event of any protested behavior which is deemed to be a breach of good manners or sportsmanship, or which may bring the sport into disrepute, the Race Director, any designated race officials, or competitor may protest the party or parties in accordance with RRS #2.

18.2 Penalties available to the RD and/or Protest Committee, include exclusion from the Race in question, or expulsion from the regatta as per RRS #69.2 and #69.3.

18.3 In the event a skipper is penalized under RRS #2 at an AMYA event, a report of the incident shall be sent to the AMYA Class Secretary of the Class being sailed and the AMYA Executive Board for review.

19 No Alcohol

19.1 City of Mesa ordinances and Dobson Ranch Park rules prohibit alcoholic beverages in their parks.