



KNICKERBOCKER CUP - 2009
AN ISAF GRADE 2 EVENT
August 26th – August 30th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations: PC – protest committee OA – organizing authority RRS – racing rules of sailing IJ – International Jury	RC – race committee NA – national authority SI – sailing instructions NOR – notice of race
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1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by:
- (a) The ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), including Appendix C.
 - (b) The rules for the Handling of Boats (SI appendix C), which also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules of the Colgate 26 Class will not apply.
 - (c) Any prescriptions of the National Authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
 - (d) When there is conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail over the NOR. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.2 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and the right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.4.

2 ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Only skippers invited by the Organizing Authority (OA) are eligible for the event. The skippers are listed in SI Appendix A.
- 2.2 To remain eligible the entire crew shall complete registration, pay entry fee of US \$750, pay a non-refundable insurance fee, pay a \$75 per crew member social fee, deposit US \$2,000 for damage and complete crew weigh-in, all by the end of scheduled registration at 1700hrs Wednesday August 26, 2009 unless extended by the OA.
- 2.3 The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit the skipper will be required to restore the

deposit to the original value in order to maintain eligibility.

- 2.4 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.
- 2.5 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm except in an emergency.
- 2.6 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 2.7 When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorize a substitute, temporary substitute or other adjustment

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the second floor of the yacht club.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MBYC Flagstaff located on the bay side of the property.
- 3.3 Skippers shall attend the first briefing, which will be at 1800hrs, Wednesday, August 26, 2009 on the second floor of the yacht club unless excused by the OA.
- 3.4 The first meeting with the umpires will be at 16:30hrs, Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in the Trophy Room on the first floor of the yacht club.
- 3.5 A daily morning skippers meeting will start at 0800 hrs and be held on the second floor of the yacht club.
- 3.6 Skippers shall attend a debrief/press conference on the second floor of the yacht club each day they race, starting approximately 30 minutes after the last race of the day.

4 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start of any race affected and will be signed by the Race Committee (RC) and the IJ representatives.
- 4.2 Flag L over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore each day from the shore flagstaff until the boats have departed for the race course.
- 4.3 Amendments made afloat will be signaled by the display of Code flag 3rd substitute from the RC Signal Boat accompanied by three sound signals. These may be communicated by an umpire either verbally or in writing.

5 BOATS AND SAILS

- 5.1 (a) The event will be sailed in Colgate 26 type boats.
(b) The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.
(c) Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 5.2 The sails that are on each boat are to stay with the same boat throughout the regatta unless a change is authorized by the Race Committee.
- 5.3 Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.
- 5.4 The RC will decide which boats are to be used for each stage and when they decide a boat should not be used, the skipper assigned that boat will be given the temporary use of another boat.
- 5.5 The IJ may permit a substitute boat when it is satisfied that the original is damaged and that repairs in the time available are not practical.

6 IDENTIFICATION and ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS

- 6.1 Boats will be identified by a number displayed near the bow and on the mainsail.
- 6.2 The mainsail of each boat shall display its skipper's name plate as provided by the OA.
- 6.3 Boats will be drawn each day at the morning meeting or at the beginning of each round as decided by the RC.
- 6.4 Boats will be exchanged in accordance with the pairing list and race schedule.

7 CREW MEMBERS, NUMBER and WEIGHT

- 7.1 The total number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four, excluding persons placed on board by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races. For an all female crew, the number of crew (including the skipper) shall be (4) or (5).
- 7.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts shall not exceed 350 kg (770lbs), determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

8 EVENT FORMAT AND STARTING SCHEDULES

- 8.1 The event format and match pairing lists are detailed in SI Appendix B. The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the RC Signal Boat.
- 8.2 (a) In a knock-out series between two skippers, they shall alternate assigned ends for each match. Unless designated in the pairing list, the initial assigned ends shall be determined by a draw. This changes RRS C4.1.

(b) When a knock-out series between two boats has been decided, further matches between these two shall not be sailed.

(c) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of each series.

8.3 The racing days are scheduled from Thursday, August 27 through Sunday, August 30.

8.4 The latest time for an 'attention' signal on the last day of racing will be such time as the PRO deems necessary.

8.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.

8.6 (a) The RC may terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

(b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round or stage when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.

(c) Add RRS C10.3 When a single round robin is terminated before completion, or a multiple round robin is terminated during the first round robin, the highest score shall be determined as the average points scored per match for all matches sailed by each competitor, unless one or more competitor has completed less than one third of the scheduled matches when the entire round robin shall be disregarded and, if necessary, the event declared void.

8.7 The intended time of the first attention signal each day is 0930 hrs.

8.8 Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

8.9 When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. No starting sequence flags will be displayed for a blank start.

8.10 When, in a knock out series, a winner of a particular series has been determined, subsequent starts shall be brought forward to eliminate blank starts. Competitors will be so advised verbally by an umpire.

9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Manhasset Bay, Long Island Sound and any area so designated by the Race Committee.

10 COURSE

10.1 (a) **Course Configuration** (not to scale)

Mark W o

Mark L o

Start/Finish Line o-----o

(b) Course signals and course to be sailed

Course signals will be displayed from the RC Signal Boat at or before the warning signal. Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard.

Signal	Course
Numeral 1	Start-W-Finish
Numeral 2	Start - W - L - W - Finish
Numeral 3	Start - W - L - W - L - W - Finish

(c) Description of Marks

The RC Signal Boat will be on the starboard end of the line, identified by a standard RC flag and a Manhasset Bay Yacht Club Burgee.

The starting/finishing line mark will be a buoy with a staff displaying an orange flag over a yellow flag.

Marks W and L will be orange cylinders.

The change mark will be a yellow sphere.

10.2 Starting/Finishing Line

(a) The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the staff of a starting/finishing line mark and a staff displaying an orange flag over a yellow flag on the RC signal boat.

(b) A buoy may be attached to the RC Signal Boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC Signal Boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC Signal Boat ground tackle.

10.3 Abandonment and shortening

(a) RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: After the starting signal the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.

(b) Within a flight, when a visual signal is displayed over a numeral pennant, the signal applies only to that match.

11 BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

11.1 Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing, or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display a white streamer flag to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and to request a delay to the next start. She shall sail as soon as possible close to leeward of the RC Signal Boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.

11.2 The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the RC.

- 11.3 After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdowns or the display of a breakdown signal, unless the breakdown flag was displayed as required by SI 11.1.
- 11.4 Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62

12 STARTING PROCEDURE

- 12.1 The Attention Signal (Flag “F” with one sound signal) shall be displayed seven (7) minutes prior to the starting signal for the first match of each flight. This amends RRS C3.1.
- 12.2 The next flight number will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat in accordance with SI 8.1.
- 12.3 Appendix C3.2(b) is deleted. This changes C3.1

13 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 13.1 Changes to the course will be made by setting a change mark W which will be a yellow sphere.
- 13.2 Subsequent changes will revert to the original mark.
- 13.3 **Change of Course Signals** (amends RRS 33 and the Racing signals)
 - a) Flag C means: The windward mark has been replaced by the change mark W.
 - b) Flag C over the flag O means: The windward mark to be rounded is the original mark W
 - c) When a change of course after starting only affects some of the matches, these shall be designated by the appropriate numeral pennants.

13.4 Signaling Vessel

- a) When a change of course is made for the first leg, the signal shall be displayed from the RC Signal Boat with the preparatory signal for each match affected. The preparatory signal shall be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals.
- b) When a change of course is signaled after the first leg, it shall be displayed from a boat in the vicinity of mark L.

14. TIME LIMIT

A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

15 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- (a) The OA may require media personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board at any time and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- (b) The position of non-racing personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.
- (c) The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of charge.
- (d) Crew members (including the skipper) may be required to carry an audio microphone.

16 PRIZES

The OA reserves the right to determine the amount of principal prize money for the event (which is expected to be no greater than \$19,000 and not less than \$15,000) and it shall distribute the prize money in accordance with ISAF regulation 24.2.4.

17 CODE of CONDUCT

- (a) Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, cooperation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.
- (b) Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with SI Appendices C and D.
- (c) The penalty for breaking this SI is at the discretion of the IJ and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prize money or the withholding of deposits.

18 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

Dated:

August 18, 2009

SI APPENDIX A - LIST OF ELIGIBLE SKIPPERS

	Skippers	Country	ISAF Rank
A	Keith Swinton <i>Black Swan Match Racing</i>	AUS	26
B	Chris Van Tol <i>Van Tol Match Racing</i>	USA	35
C	Phil Robertson <i>Waka Racing</i>	NZ	36
D	Rick Fornander	SWE	47
E	Dave Perry <i>Team Perry</i>	USA	48
F	Taylor Canfield	USVI	57
G	Juan Ignacio Grimaldi <i>TAG Heuer</i>	ARG	61
H	Laurie Jury <i>SLAM Match Kiwi</i>	NZ	79
J	Reuben Corbett <i>Black Sheep Racing</i>	NZ	86
K	Sally Barkow <i>Rigging Systems</i>	USA	114
L	Jakob Pawluk <i>Polish Match Tour Team</i>	POL	118
M	Anna Tunnicliffe <i>Gus</i>	USA	

SI APPENDIX B - EVENT FORMAT and SCHEDULE OF RACES

1 First Stage - Round Robin

- (a) All skippers shall be ranked according to ISAF ranking.
- (b) All skippers shall sail a full round robin, sailing each other skipper once.
- (c) The eight highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the next stage.
- (d) Places 9 though 12 are determined at this stage

2 Second Stage – Quarter Finals

- (a) Skippers shall be paired in accordance with the table handed out at the skippers briefing the morning of the race.
- (B) All skippers shall sail a full round robin, sailing each other skipper once.
- (b) The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the next stage.
- (c) Places 5 though 8 are determined at this stage.

3 Third Stage - Semi-finals

- (a) The skipper finishing first in the qualifying round robin(s) shall race against the fourth placed skipper. The skipper finishing second shall race the skipper finishing third.
- (b) The first skipper to score at least two points shall proceed to the Finals.
- (c) The other two shall proceed to the petit finals.
- (d) Skippers shall be paired in accordance with the table handed out.

3 Finals

- (a) The first skipper to score at least three points shall be the winner.
- (b) The other skipper shall be second.
- (c) Skippers shall be paired in accordance with the table handed out.

4 Petit Final

- (a) The first skipper to score two points shall be awarded third place
- (b) The other skipper shall be fourth.
- (b) Skippers shall be paired in accordance with the table handed out.

SI APPENDIX C - HANDLING THE BOATS

1 GENERAL

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. (Amends RRS 62)

2 PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1. Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2. The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3. The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.
- 2.4. Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5. Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6. Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7. Taking a boat from its berth without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while "AP" is displayed ashore.
- 2.8. Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.9. Using a flattener as a reef.
- 2.10. Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 2.11. Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.12. The use of radios and mobile telephones.
- 2.13. Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging; except that the backstay may be adjusted .
- 2.14. Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay or vang.
- 2.15. Adjusting life line tension.
- 2.16. Using a reef line as an outhaul.
- 2.17. Cross winching foresail sheets.
- 2.18. Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting onto a winch.
- 2.19. The use of electronic instruments other than compass and watches.
- 2.20. Jib fairleads may not be adjusted while under load.
- 2.21. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 2.22. Customization of spinnaker poles. They are to be used as rigged without any additional equipment or modification. The length of the trip line shall remain as rigged. The downhaul does not have to be utilized.
- 2.23. The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited.
- 2.24. A breach of SI C 2.23 is not open to protest but is subject to action by umpires in accordance with RRS C 8.2 This changes RRS C 6.2 and C8.2.

PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS

The following are permitted:

- 3.1. Taking a bag on board containing:
 - (a) basic hand tools
 - (b) adhesive tape (The use of Duck tape is prohibited)
 - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
 - (d) marking pens
 - (e) tell tale material
 - (f) hand held compass
 - (g) shackles and clevis pins
 - (h) velcro tape
- 3.2. Using the contents of the bag to:
 - (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
 - (b) attach tell tales
 - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
 - (d) mark control settings
 - (e) make minor repairs
- 3.3 Fixing a spinnaker sheet catcher at the bow, providing that it does not extend the length of the boat more than 100 mm and does not require any repair after removal.
- 3.4 The use of the following items to facilitate hiking is permitted, provided they are not modified in any way and any loads imposed, does not result in damage:
 - (a) working sheets
 - (b) standing rigging (unless prohibited by specific SI)
 - (c) fixed equipment

4 MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS

The following are mandatory:

- 4.1. The completion of a written damage report before leaving a boat and submitting it to the RC, even if no damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches.
- 4.2. At the end of each sailing day:
 - (a) folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
 - (b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
 - (c) releasing backstay tension
- 4.3. At the end of the final day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash and removing all tape and marks.

- 4.4. Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
- 4.5. Complying with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.
- 4.6 A breach of items 4.2 and 4.3 will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.

SI APPENDIX D - EQUIPMENT LIST

- 1** The following non-fixed items, provided by the OA, are to be carried on board at all times in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the daily damage report.

SAILS and SAILING EQUIPMENT

Mainsail and set of battens

Jib headsail

Spinnaker

Two winch handles

One spinnaker pole

Two spinnaker sheets

Jib headsail sheets

Tiller extension

Genoa cars

SAFETY GEAR

Life jackets for each crew member

TOOLS

Any supplied tools

GROUND TACKLE

Anchor and associated tackle

MOORING LINES and FENDERS

Two mooring lines

Two fenders

GALLEY EQUIPMENT

As provided by the organizers

FUEL and WATER

As provided by the organizers