



U.S. PARA SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Regatta and the US Para Sailing Championship

June 19-24, 2018

Organizing Authority: The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta
in collaboration with US Sailing

Newport, Rhode Island

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.4 will not apply. Applicable US prescriptions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3. The following documents shall be completed by all competitors: the medical form, health insurance information, skipper and crew waivers and crew information form, which shall be completed with registration or at check-in if necessary.
- 1.4. The following documents also govern the US Para Sailing Championship:
 - a. The US Sailing Championship Conditions
 - b. The US Para Sailing Championship Conditions
 - c. The US Sailing Code of Conduct
 - d. US Sailing Regulation 10
- 1.5. The following racing rules are changed:
 - a. Life jackets shall be worn as described in SI 17.1. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
 - b. A boat may not protest another boat for breaking a class rule that requires membership. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - c. A boat may not protest another boat or competitor for violating NoR 3.4.1 or NoR 3.4.2. This changes RRS 60.1. [DP]
- 1.6. 2.4mR boats (singlehanded) will race under 2.4mR Norlin One-Design class rules.
- 1.7. RS Venture Connects (doublehanded) are shared charters and will race under RS Venture Supplied Equipment Regulations.
- 1.8. Sonars (triplehanded) will race under Sonar class rules, including Appendix B. Main and jib are permitted; spinnakers are prohibited. Whisker poles are permitted. Sonar Class Rules Appendix B, I.5.1 (a) is changed as follows for The Clagett competitors, but not for the US Para Sailing Championship: A crew may consist of three or four persons for The Clagett Regatta. The limitation of two persons on the rail remains unchanged.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clagett Regatta hospitality tent near South Alofsin Pier. The race committee may also publicize changes by other means as a courtesy, but such additional publication shall not be considered official.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it is to take effect, except that during a postponement ashore a change may be posted before the removal of the AP flag. Any change to the schedule of racing will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole near the Clagett Regatta hospitality tent.
- 4.2 Harbor start will be at 1000 and will be signaled with the hoist of the rendezvous area flag described in SI 7 and one sound.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Thursday, June 21

1300 - 1600 Clinic afloat or ashore (run by coaches) – Includes practice race

Friday, June 22

0930 Competitors' meeting, followed by coaches' briefing

1100 First warning signal; more racing follows

Saturday, June 23

0930 Coaches' briefing

1100 First warning signal; more racing follows

Sunday, June 24

0930 Coaches' briefing

1100 First warning signal; no warning signal after 1500

After debrief Awards and cookout at regatta tent

Other events for competitors and volunteers will be posted on the official notice board

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 2.4mR – Numeral pennant 1
- 6.2 RS Venture Connect – Numeral pennant 2
- 6.3 Sonar – Numeral pennant 3

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 2.4 mR and Sonar: in Narragansett Bay between Rose and Goat Islands or north of the Newport Bridge in Potter's Cove. The racing area will be designated by the following flags:
 - a. Flag "A" – Goat and Rose Island rendezvous
 - b. Flag "B" – Potter's Cove rendezvous
- 7.2 RS Venture Connect: in Newport Harbor in the vicinity of Alofsin Piers.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 2.4 mR and Sonar:
 - a. The courses will be windward-leeward as illustrated in Attachment A. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses to be sailed, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- b. No later than the warning signal the race committee will display the number of legs and the approximate bearing from the signal boat to the windward mark:

4	Course identifier
270	Magnetic bearing to the first mark

8.2 RS Venture Connect:

- a. The courses will be windward-leeward legs and reaching start and finish legs as illustrated in Attachment B. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses to be sailed, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- b. No later than the warning signal the race committee will display the course:

RT1	Course identifier
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9. MARKS

9.1 2.4 mR and Sonar:

- a. Original marks will be inflatable orange marks. If used, an offset mark will be a smaller inflatable mark.
- b. Replacement marks will be inflatable yellow marks. There will not be an offset mark at the windward mark after a change of course.
- c. If only one mark of a gate is set, boats shall leave it to port.

9.2 RS Venture Connect:

- a. Original marks will be inflatable orange marks.
- b. Replacement marks will not be used.
- c. If only one mark of a gate is set, boats shall leave it to port.

10. THE START

10.1 2.4 mR and Sonar:

- a. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the nearby port end starting mark as illustrated in Attachment A.
- b. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area for other races [DP].

10.2 RS Venture Connect:

- a. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the nearby starting mark as illustrated in Attachment B. Boats will start on a reach.

10.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 2.4 mR and Sonar:

- a. To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- b. There will not be a windward offset mark after a windward mark change of course.
- c. The race committee may adjust the gate without signaling.

11.3 RS Venture Connect: The race committee may adjust marks of the course without signaling.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 2.4 mR and Sonar:

- a. For an even numbered course downwind finish, the finishing line will be between staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark on the starboard side of the race committee boat.
- b. For an odd numbered course upwind finish, the finishing line will be between staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark on the port side of the race committee boat.

- 12.2 RS Venture Connect: the finishing line will be between staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee finish boat and a nearby mark on the port side of the finish boat. Boats will finish on a reach.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1 Rule V1 – Penalty at the Time of an Incident – applies: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’
- 13.2 Rule V2 – Penalty Taken After a Race – applies: After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

14. TIME LIMIT and FINISH WINDOW

- 14.1 2.4 mR and Sonar:
- The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and *finish* is 60 minutes.
 - Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.2 RS Venture Connect:
- The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and *finish* is 30 minutes.
 - Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Rule 61.1(a) is changed so that a boat is not required to display a red flag if she intends to protest.
- 15.2 The time limit for filing a protest is one hour after the docking of the race committee signal boat for that class.
- 15.3 Protest forms are available at the regatta table in Clagett Regatta hospitality tent. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a location identified on the official notice board.
- 15.5 Rule 64.1 is changed to permit a penalty other than disqualification for non-Part 2 rule infractions at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 15.6 A competitor shall not protest a boat for breaking a class rule, SI 10.2, or SI 17. This changes rule 60.1.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decisions was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Clagett Regatta and Para Sailing Championship fleets will sail and be scored together. For the championship, the highest placing championship-eligible boat in each class will be declared the winner, the second highest placing championship-eligible boat will be scored in second place, and so on.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 Time Limit Expired (TLE) is equal to one place more than the score of the last boat to finish within the finishing window. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 16.5 Format and Scoring for RS Venture Connect:
- Opening Series: racing on Friday and Saturday will be a round-robin series, up to four rounds of three boats each. Each team will be assigned points equal to her finish place in each race. At the end of the

opening series, teams will be ranked first through seventh based on the total of their scores. The top-ranked team will qualify for the finals.

b. Semi-Final Series:

i. Teams ranked second, fourth and sixth in the opening series will sail a series of up to three races (conditions permitting). The top-ranked team from this series will qualify for the finals.

ii. Teams ranked third, fifth and seventh in the opening series will sail a series of up to three races (conditions permitting). The top-ranked team from this series will qualify for the finals.

c. Last-Chance Elimination Series: the four remaining teams will sail one race. The winner will qualify for the finals, and the others will be ranked fifth, sixth and seventh in the regatta.

d. Finals: The four qualifying teams will sail up to three races. The number of races will be determined by the race committee before the finals begin. Teams will be ranked first to fourth in the regatta based on the results of this final series.

e. In each series, a team's score will be equal to the total of her race scores in that series. No scores will be excluded. The lowest scoring team will be ranked first, the next lowest will be second, and so on.

f. No points are carried from one series to the next.

17. SAFETY

17.1 A U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket shall be worn, properly fastened, dock to dock, except briefly while temporarily adding or removing clothing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification or other penalty as deemed appropriate by the protest committee. [DP] Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a life jacket approved by their nations' maritime authority. This changes RRS 40 and the Preamble to Part 4.

17.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, a regatta representative stationed at the regatta tent.

17.3 Competitors shall identify the location of all safety harness quick-release points on their boat with florescent colored tape or paint.

17.4 Support boats shall register with the race committee and display a provided flag.

17.5 Coach and support boats shall monitor VHF channel 05 at all times while on the water.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Substitution of competitors will not be permitted without the written permission of the organizing authority.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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 [DP].

20. PRIZES

20.1. For The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Regatta:

a. The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Trophy will be awarded for overall general excellence to a sailor with a disability or a full team of sailors with disabilities.

b. Competition awards or medals will be awarded to the skipper and crew for the first three finishing positions in each class.

c. In addition, the following awards will be presented and may be based on criteria other than the competition, at the discretion of the OA:

- Sportsmanship – determined by polling of the participants.
- Most Improved – determined by the coaches and judges.
- Seamanship – based on a point system.
- Additional prizes may be presented and may be based on criteria other than the competition, at the discretion of the OA.

20.2 For the US Para Sailing Championship:

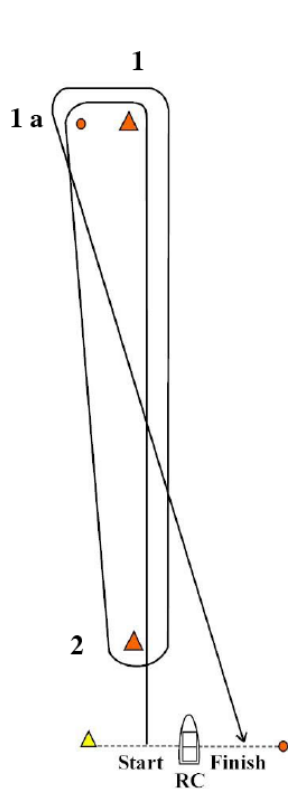
- a. US Sailing medals will be awarded in all divisions for the top three boats.
- b. The winner of the singlehanded class will be awarded the Judd Goldman Trophy. The highest placing singlehanded U.S. finisher will receive the title U.S. Para Sailing Singlehanded Champion.
- c. The winner of the doublehanded class will be awarded the Chandler Hovey Trophy. The highest placing U.S. finisher will receive the title U.S. Para Sailing Doublehanded Champion.
- d. The winner of the triplehanded class will be awarded the Gene Hinkel Trophy. The highest placing U.S. finisher will receive the title U.S. Para Sailing Triplehanded Champion.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY and MEDIA RELEASE

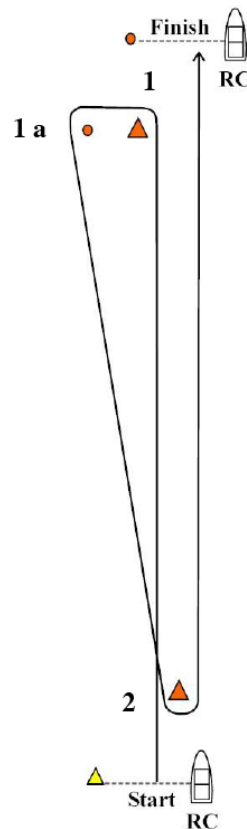
- 21.1. Competitors acknowledge that they participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. US Sailing and The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta and their officers, directors and employees, the event volunteers and officials, the event sponsors, and any other member of the regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. A waiver of liability shall be signed by all competitors and shall be considered a document governing the regatta.
- 21.2. Competitors grant, at no cost and in perpetuity, to The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta and US Sailing the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, and biographical material, as well as representations of the boats in any media world-wide (including television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the event, The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta, US Sailing and the competitor's participation in the event.

Attachment A

Course Diagram – 2.5 mR and Sonar



Even number of legs



Odd number of legs

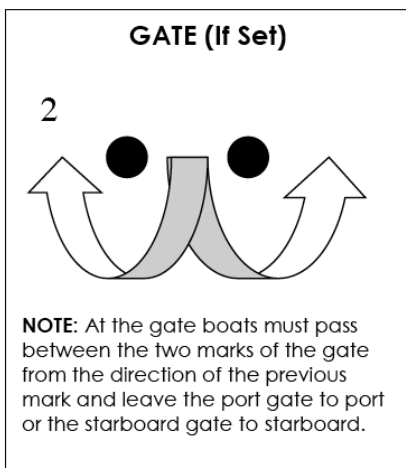
Course W2:
Start-1-1a-
Finish (Downwind)

Course W3:
Start-1-1a-2-
Finish (Upwind)

Course W4:
Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-Finish
(Downwind)

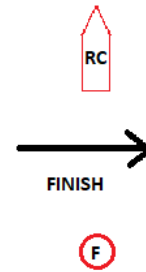
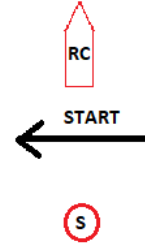
Course W5:
Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-
Finish (Upwind)

Course W6:
Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-1-
1a-
Finish (Downwind)



- a) Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of mark 1.
- b) Except when there is a change of course, mark 2 will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC Signal Boat.
- c) For downwind finishes mark 2 is not a mark of the course for the first or finishing leg.
- d) For downwind finishes: the finishing line will be to the starboard side of the RC Signal Boat (facing upwind) to leeward of mark 2, unless a change is signaled for the finishing leg.
- e) For upwind finishes: the finish mark will be to windward of mark 1, unless a change is signaled for the finishing leg.

Attachment B Course Diagram – RS Venture Connect



Signal	Mark rounding/passing order (P: to port; S: to starboard)
RT1	Start – 1P – 2S/2P – 1P – 2P - Finish
RT2	Start – 1P – 2S/2P – 1P – 2S/2P – 1P – 2P - Finish