

2007 – FOLSOM LAKE YACHT CLUB – CENTERBOARD REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:** All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008, the prescriptions of the USSA, the rules of the participating classes, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
2. **REGISTRATION:** Participants must register with the Race Committee in advance or at top of the main ramp not later than 9:00 am. All participants must pay the appropriate entry fee.
3. **SKIPPER'S MEETING/NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Skipper's meeting will be held at 9:30 am at the top of the main ramp. The Race Committee may give oral instructions on the water by displaying the "L" flag and stating changes to these Sailing Instructions.
4. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** Two races are scheduled, with a lunch break between races.
5. **CLASSES:** Four boats are required to establish a one-design class, based upon registration for the race. Boats not establishing a one-design class will compete in the Open Centerboard fleet using Portsmouth ratings.
6. **RACING AREA, MARKS AND COURSE:** The starting line for the first race will be approximately 200 yards upwind of FLYC circle course mark #2. The course will consist of the start, mark #2 to port, and the finish. If wind conditions warrant, the start may be moved up the South Fork. In this case, a mark with a red flag will be placed about 200 yards upwind of the start line, and the course will be start, round the mark to port, and finish. The finish will be located up the south fork as far as practical based off of the wind and water conditions, probably near the Salmon Falls Bridge. Race #2 will start at the finish line of race #1, and will finish at FLYC circle course mark #2. Again, if wind conditions warrant it, the race committee may move the finish line up the fork.
7. **THE START/FINISH:** Races will be started using Rule 26. The start/finish line will be between the Committee Boat's mainmast or a staff displaying an orange flag and mark displaying an orange or red flag to port of the Committee Boat, or a white buoy (mark #2). Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats racing. General Recalls shall follow Rule 29.2; except that recalled classes will go to the end of the starting sequence. After finishing, all boats shall keep clear of the finish area until all classes have finished. Starting order will be announced at the skipper's meeting.
8. **TIME LIMIT:** The leading boat of a class must finish within 2.5 hours from the start of her class. The remaining boats must finish within one hour of the leading boat of that class. Those not finishing within these times will be scored "DNF." This changes rule 35.
9. **PROTESTS:** Protests shall be filed in writing at the dock within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat arriving dockside, and of her hoisting Code Flag "B." USSA forms for filing protests are available at the FLYC Boathouse or docked committee boat. Protest notices will be posted at the Boathouse or docked committee boat within 30 minutes of protest time limit expiration to inform competitors where and when there will be a hearing in which they are parties to or named as witnesses.
10. **SCORING:** The low-point scoring system, Appendix A4 of the Racing Rules will apply.
11. **SAFETY:** Safety is the primary concern of the Race Committee. All boats will have, as a minimum, a 15-foot tow line (painter) attached to their mast or suitable bow fitting while afloat. Rescue boats under the direction of the Race Committee may ask you to leave your boat. Failure to do so when so ordered will result in a disqualification from the entire series. When Code Flag "Y" is flown from the Race Committee boat, personal floatation devices (PFDs) must be worn by everyone until ashore. Those not complying with this rule shall be "DSQ'd." Every boat shall render all possible assistance to any vessel or person in peril, when in a position to do so. Boats retiring for the day shall notify the RC if possible.
12. **AWARDS:** The number of awards will be determined according to the following criteria: less than 5 boats = 1 trophy; 5 – 7 boats = 2 trophies; 8 or more boats, 3 trophies.
13. **DOCK PARTY:** All participants, their families and guests are invited to attend the dock party at the conclusion of the race to be held at the FLYC Boathouse.