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April 20th-22nd
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as the Class Addendums added to these instructions as per class instructions. Class addendums are listed by class in the addendums section of these instructions. In the event of a conflict between these instructions and the class addendum, the class addendum shall govern.

2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east window of the FWBC bar.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00AM on Saturday the 21st, and 8:00 AM on Sunday the 22nd, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 PM on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the harbor flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	
Saturday, April 21, 2018	9:30 AM	Skippers meeting
Saturday, April 21, 2018	10:45 AM	First race of day, additional races to follow
Sunday, April 22, 2018	9:30 AM	First race of day, additional races to follow

5.1 On Saturday, April 21, there may be a lunch break on the water at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5.2 On Sunday, April 22, no warning signal will be made after 1:00 PM.

6 Class Flags and Group Assignments

6.1 Class flag assignments (numeral pennants) and group assignments (A or B) will be posted on the official notice board by 9:00 AM on Saturday the 21st.

7 Racing Area

7.1 Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the racing area.

7.2 Boats shall not sail between the marker buoys surrounding the Azle water pump station because of the Regulations of the Tarrant Regional Water District. This area is designated as an Obstruction.

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8 The Courses

- 8.1 Group A courses are illustrated in Attachment 2, including the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. Location of the group A course within the racing area will be determined by the location of the Group A race committee signal boat.
- 8.2 Group B courses are illustrated in Attachment 3, including the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. Location of the group B course within the racing area will be determined by the location of the group B race committee signal boat.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.
- 8.4 The offset mark shall be used on Course A and will be located approximately 6-8 boat lengths from Mark 1 at a right angle to the weather leg. On Course B, all Spinker Class boats shall use the offset mark located approximately 100-200 ft. from Mark 1 at a right angle to the weather leg. Genoa classes on Course B are exempt from having to round the offset mark.

9 Mark Descriptions

- 9.1 Group A course marks 1, 2S, and 2P will be yellow tetrahedrons. The starting mark and the offset Mark will be red/orange spheres. Finishing marks will be small red tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 Group B course marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange tetrahedrons. The starting/finishing mark and the offset mark (if used) will be red/orange spheres. The finishing mark will be the starting/finishing mark (downwind finishes) or mark 1 (upwind finishes).
- 9.3 New marks for the group A course, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow cylinders.
- 9.4 New marks for the group B course, as provided in instruction 12, will be orange cylinders.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26. Combined fleet starts may be used and will be signaled with the starting fleets' class flags (numeral pennants). The race committee may sound several brief signals prior to the first warning signal in a starting sequence.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark (course A) or the course side of the starting/finishing mark (course B), a red sphere.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

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11 Recalls

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. In addition, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the name or number of each recalled boat on VHF radio (See SI 19). If rule 30.1 is in effect, boats which cross the starting line in the minute prior to the start may be notified before the starting signal. This changes RRS 41. The following shall not be grounds for redress:
- a) Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast
 - b) A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers
- 11.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2. If a subsequent start's class flag has been displayed, it shall be removed and voided.

12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If the race committee displays fleet numbers on the signal board, then the change of course applies only to those fleets whose numbers are signaled. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line for course A will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 The finishing line for course B will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 Time Limits

- 14.1 If no boat of a class has not passed the first mark of the course within 1 hour of the starting signal of the class, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 A race shall be abandoned if no boat sails the course and finishes within 2 hours from the starting signal for her fleet
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk located in the FWBC club house [need to be more specific about location]. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after their race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The time of docking will be signaled by a sound and the time posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the times and locations of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

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- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16 Scoring

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta (changes rule RRS A2.1).
- 16.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores (changes rule RRS A2.1).
- 16.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 Check-In: Before the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's sail number.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical by radio or by notifying the harbor master to contact them.

18 Support Boats

- 18.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19 Radio Communication

- 19.1 The race committee for group A will use channel 68. The race committee for group B will use channel 72. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication except from the Race Committee or one of its representatives (i.e. mark/line set or safety boat). This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20 Prizes

- 20.1 Trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats in a fleet and as determined by the organizing authority.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

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Addendum to Sailing Instructions J/24 Class Only

The Sailing Instructions for the J/24 Class Only shall be amended as follows. Where there is conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this addendum, this addendum shall govern.

Rules

The regatta is also governed by the Notice of Circuit for the 2018 J/24 Texas Circuit and the current International J/24 Class Rules.

All yachts must have a current, valid Measurement Certificate per Class Rule A.11.1. Any yacht without a valid Measurement Certificate may race with the prior approval of the District 14 Governor. This changes Class Rule A.11.2.

All boats must carry aboard while racing the yacht's current measurement certificate (unless waived) and completed *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* per Class Rule B.3. The *Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment* is the sole responsibility of each owner or driver and does not require a class measurer to complete.

RRS 42.3(b) and (c) are replaced as follows:

C.1.1(a) states that RRS 42.3(b) is modified by adding "A boat's crew shall not hang on the mast or shrouds to promote roll tacking or gybing."

C.1.1(b) states that RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow all parts of the mainsheet to be pulled simultaneously when this rule applies.

Schedule of Races

A maximum of six (6) races shall be sailed. If three (3) or more races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as two (2) races on Sunday. If two (2) or less races are completed on Saturday, then there can be as many as three (3) races on Sunday.

Scoring

A minimum of three (3) races must be completed for this event to be considered a regatta for purposes of scoring in the overall 2018 J/24 Texas Circuit series scores.

No race scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.

Protests

RRS 61.1(a) is modified such that a protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag (Code Flag B is acceptable) with a hoist of at least 150mm and a fly of at least 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

Penalty System

The 20% Scoring Penalty as provided in RRS 44.3, as modified herein, will apply to boats that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2. The One-turn as provided in RRS 44.1 will apply to boats that may have broken RRS 31.

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RRS 44.3(a) is modified such that the boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (Code Flag I acceptable), and the flag shall have a hoist of at least than 150mm and a fly of at least than 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the backstay adjuster above the deck.

RRS 44.3(c) is modified as follows: The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying 20% against the number of boats competing in the regatta and rounding to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upward). However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

In addition to informing the race committee at the finish line as required by RRS 44.3(b), a boat accepting an After-Race Scoring Penalty shall also submit s Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the incident to the arbitrator or a protest committee representative within the protest time limit.

After-Race Scoring Penalty – A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a penalty after racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 40% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c) as modified herein. However, rules 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) shall apply.

A boat accepting a 40% After-Race Scoring Penalty shall deliver to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee, prior to the beginning of a hearing, a Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form or a written statement that identifies the race number and where the incident occurred.

Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the protest committee. However, in the case of emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Careening Restrictions

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time they are launched and the end of the regatta.

Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited.

The hull may be cleaned by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

Crew Substitution or Sail Replacement

Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1, the crew must consist of a minimum of three (3) people and the combined weight (in swim wear) of all crew members shall not exceed 400 kg (882 lbs.). All competitors will be weighed during registration. The crew shall remain the same for all races. Any crew substitution requires written permission of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative, which will be given only in exceptional cases.

Pursuant to Class Rule A.10.2(b), damaged sails may be replaced with the authorization of the District 14 Governor or designated Texas Circuit Representative. Requests for sail replacement shall be made to the District 14 Governor designated Texas Circuit Representative at the first reasonable opportunity. Replacement sails shall comply with IJCA Class Rules.

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Any boat whose sail number does not match their hull number may race in the regatta upon prior approval of the race officials by posting a request on the Official Notice Board.

Any replies to crew substitution or sail replacement shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IJCA Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

Texas Circuit Representative

For this regatta, Mark W. Smith is designated to be the Texas Circuit Representative by the District 14 Governor.

J/24 SOUTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

Inventory of Required & Optional Equipment ("Inventory Form")

All boats should complete and carry onboard the 2018 Inventory Form. This form has been circulated and will be the official Texas Circuit form that should be used for all Circuit regattas. Bring the completed form to the Registration Desk where a copy will be made for the SW Championship.

Identifying Sails on Inventory Form

The Inventory Form has a section to record Royalty Tag Nos. You are required to write in the Royalty Tag Nos. for the sails you will be using at each regatta. There are two lines for spinnakers. Please record both.

Measurement of Crew & Boat Weight

Crew will be weighed and should not be more than 882 lbs. All boats will be weighed as they are going into the water. Your weight will be the All Up Racing weight, which is a minimum of 1330 kg. This weight should also be identified on your Inventory Form. Your lifting strap will need to be weighed separately prior to attaching to your boat.

What to include in your All Up Weight:

All Required and Optional equipment listed on your Inventory Form. NOTE: Your spinnaker pole is part of the All Up Weight. Be sure to add your lifting strap and weight to Optional Items if you carry it onboard during racing.

What **NOT** to include in your All Up Weight:

All sails and personal equipment (personal equipment such as sunscreen, gear bags, life jackets, etc.)

Measurement During the SW Championship

After racing each day, the top 3 boats will be checked to see if they are in compliance with Class Rules. Two additional boats will be drawn and also checked to see if they are in compliance with Class Rules. Boats that break these Class Rules will receive alternative penalties as noted below.

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Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

The following penalties for a boat that breaks these listed class rules would be in place of disqualification. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated according to RRS 44.3(c).

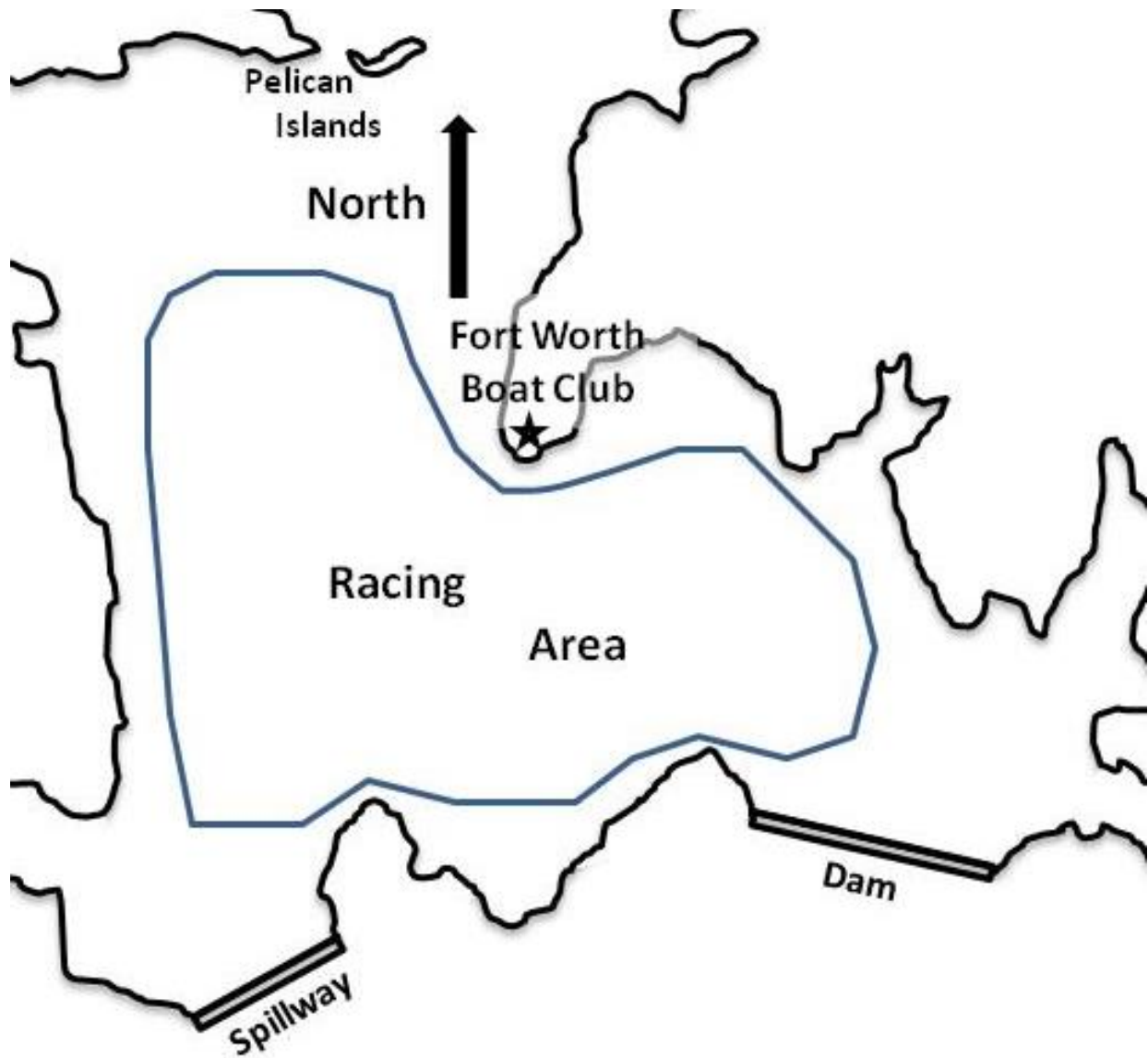
Class Rule	Infringement	Scoring Penalty
B.3	Complete Measurement Certificate, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment is not on board	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to World Sailing (Reg 20) standards	20%
C.5.1(a)(1)	Bailing bucket (9 liter min. with lanyard) is not on board	20%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	Throwable lifesaving device with attached sea anchor is not on deck, ready for use	20%
C.5.1(a)(5)	First aid kit is not on board	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.2(a)(10)	Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	20%
C.7.3(a)(11)	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed	20%
C.5.3	Stowage of equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty will be applied to other races in which the same infringement likely occurred.

J105 Class Rules Amendment

The J105 class will sail the 2017 Annual Regatta under the FWBC J/105 Fleet Rules for major regattas allowing up to 7 sailors plus a Club Junior sailor with no weight restriction.

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Attachment 1 – Racing Area



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Attachment 2 – Group A Courses

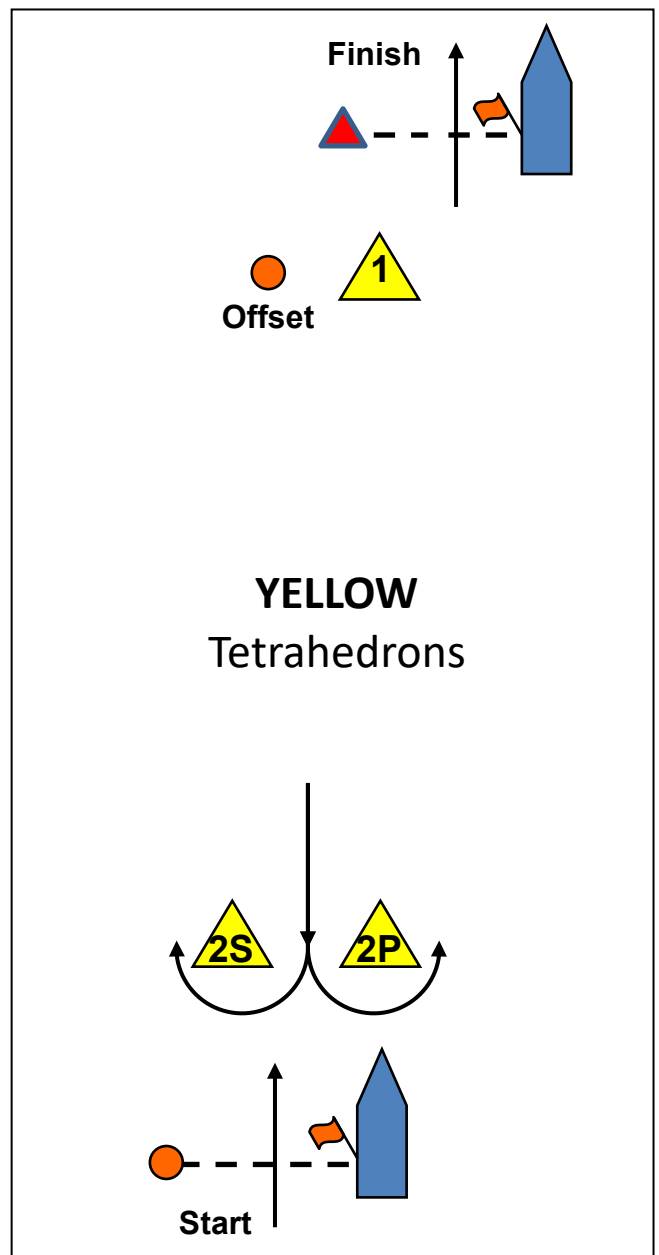
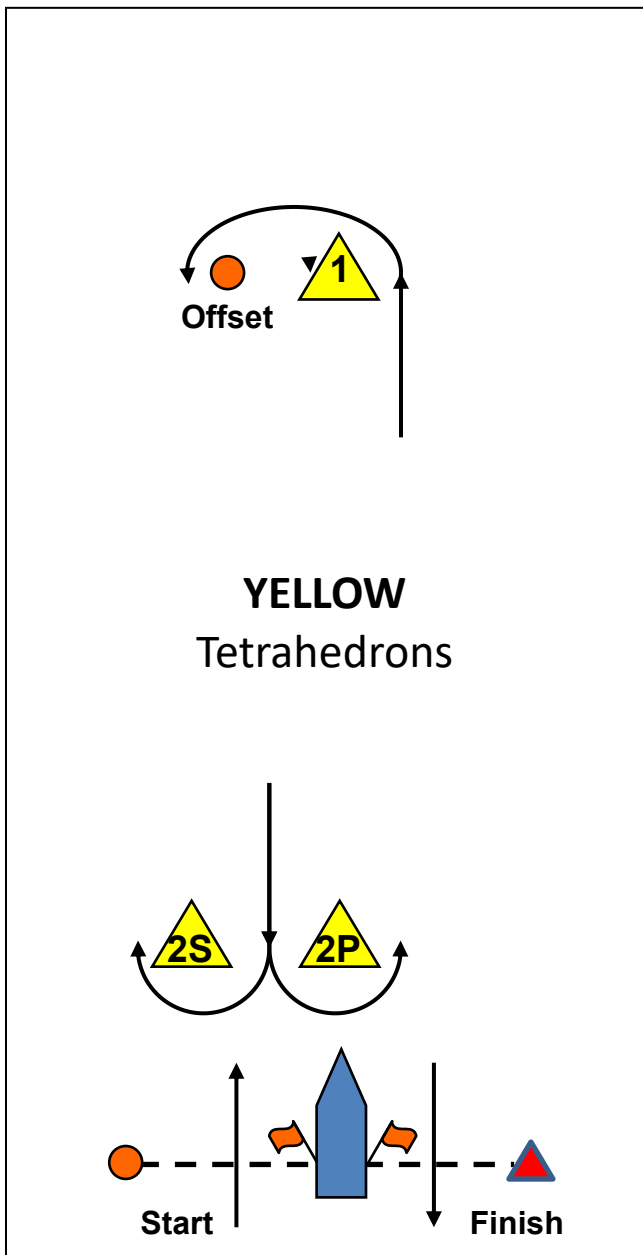
1 Group A Courses

1.1 The course to be sailed, numbered below, will be designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signal Boat.

2 Windward/Leeward Course

2.1 The course will be sailed in the following order of rounding, leaving course marks to port. The Offset Mark is considered part of Mark 1.

Downwind Finish		Windward Finish	
Course	Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish	Course	Start, 1, 2, Finish
W4	Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W3	Start, 1, 2, Finish
W6	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish	W5	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish



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Attachment 3 – Group B Courses

1 Group B Courses

1.1 The course to be sailed, numbered below, will be designated on the course board displayed on the RC Signal Boat.

2 Triangular Course

2.1 The course will be sailed in the following order of rounding, leaving marks to port except the downwind finish mark which will be left to starboard. The Offset Mark is considered part of Mark 1.

Downwind Finish		Windward Finish	
Course		Course	
T2	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish	T1	Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish
T4	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, Finish	T3	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

3 Windward/Leeward Course

3.1 The course will be sailed in the following order of rounding, leaving marks to port. The Offset Mark is considered part of Mark 1.

Downwind Finish		Windward Finish	
Course		Course	
W2	Start, 1, Finish	W3	Start, 1, 3, Finish
W4	Start, 1, 3, 1, Finish	W5	Start, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish
W6	Start, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, Finish	W7	Start, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish

