

**2017**  
**SAN JUAN 21 WESTERN NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**HUNTINGTON LAKE, CALIFORNIA**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES:**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2008-2012), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, The By-Laws of the San Juan 21 Class Association (Class Handbook Revised January 2006), except as may be changed in the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 Changes have been made by these Sailing Instructions to the following RRS sections: 26 (Starting), 27.1 (Course), 40.1 (Personal Buoyancy), Appendix A5. (Scoring)
- 1.3 The keel will be bolted into full down position according to SJ21 Class Rules.
- 1.4 The anchor and line rule is waved and motor and fuel are not required to be on board.

**2 RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 2.1 It shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper/participants to decide whether or not to start or continue any race.

**3 SAFETY:**

- 3.1 Each participant is solely responsible for his/her personal safety. However, in circumstances it considers hazardous, the Race Committee (RC), and FYC Race Officials may exercise authority to require a boat to accept help.
- 3.2 US Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation is required by the U.S. Forest Service and **MUST** be worn at all times while racing. A "wet suit" is not adequate flotation. Code Flag "Y" will be flown at all times by the RC.

**4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the registration tent, adjacent to the launch ramp, prior to 9:30 AM on the day they will take effect.
- 4.2 There will be two divisions; all sails and working sails. "**Working sails**" division may use Class Main and Class Jib only. "**All Sails**" division may use Class Main, Class Jib, and Class Spinnaker. No other sail types will be permitted in either division.

**5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULE:**

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions or Schedule shall be posted prior to 9:30 AM each scheduled race day.

**6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 6.1 Signals by the Race Committee will be displayed on shore.
- 6.2 Flag "Y" will be displayed, rule 40.1 applies while racing. No signal will be sounded.

**7 SCHEDULE:**

**Friday, July 21, 2017**

9:30AM Skippers Meeting -Near Registration Tent adjacent to launch ramp.

**Race 1 - 10:55AM** Warning Signal for All Sails start.

**Race 2** - Warning Signal will be approximately **20 minutes** after the last boat in the regatta finishes the previous race (The last finisher of each race will be signaled by two long sound signals)

**Race 3** - Warning Signal will be approximately **20 minutes** after the last boat in the regatta finishes the previous race.

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

**Race 4** - 10:55AM Warning Signal for All Sails start.

**Race 5** - Warning signal will be approximately **20 minutes** after the last boat in the regatta finishes the previous race.

**8 STARTING FLAGS:**

- 8.1 Numeric signal **flag #1** will designate the All Sails Class. Numeric signal **flag #2** will designate the Working Sails class.
- 8.2 Classes will start in the order posted on the "Official Notice Board" and announced at the skippers meeting. The order of the starting sequence as posted will not be deviated from by the Race Committee. The start order will be posted no later than 9:30AM Friday prior to the skippers meeting.

## 9 COURSES:

9.1 The courses to be sailed are described on the "North American Regatta Course Sheet" supplied with the registration packet upon check-in. It is titled **HUNTINGTON LAKE RACE COURSE CHART**.

9.2 Final course sheet will be posted on the official notice board no later than 9:30AM prior to the skipper's meeting.

9.3 The course displayed will be for both the All Sails and Working Sails classes.

9.4 The course will be represented by a number. The number will be displayed upon a board located adjacent to the signal flag mast on shore. The course number board is approximately 3 feet high with a florescent green block numeral.

## 10 MARKS:

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 are Yellow buoys.

## 11 THE START:

11.1 The Race Committee will be on shore.

11.2 Races will be started using RRS 26 (as revised by these instructions).

11.3 Races will be started using RRS 26 with warning signal given **five minutes** before the starting signal.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made avoid the starting area. Offending boats may be protested.

11.5. A boat starting more than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without hearing. This changes rule RRS Appendix A5.

11.8 The Start Line will be between an inner red buoy "S" approximately 100 feet off shore and an outer dark red buoy "X" approximately 500 feet from the inner buoy. Boats not racing shall keep clear of the Starting Line and its extensions. Only boats in their Preparatory sequence shall be in the restricted zone, all other boats must keep clear.

## 12: INDIVIDUAL AND GENERAL RECALLS

12.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled according to RRS 29. The RC may attempt to notify the premature starter but the responsibility for a proper start lies with the competitor. General recalls will be in accordance with Racing Rule 29.3 modified as follows: The recalled class will restart Five minutes after its original start was made. The first substitute will be lowered one minute before the start signal is hoisted. The next start will be delayed five minutes.

## 13 THE FINISH:

13.1 The FINISH LINE will be between the inner buoy "S" and a finish buoy "F" (small red round inflatable) approximately one third the length of the start line. The finish buoy "F" is not part of the start line.

13.2 The FINISH LINE will be restricted to boats finishing the race (13.1)

13.3 Working Sails boats will have their orange tape strip visible on backstay at finish line.

## 14 PROTESTS:

14.1 In addition to RRS 61, any boat protesting must notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity after their finish of intent to protest and receive an acknowledgment.

14.2 Protests shall be lodged at the registration tent not later than 30 minutes after the last boat finished the last race of the day. Protests will be heard immediately following the deadline for filing at the registration tent. Sail numbers of boats involved will be posted at the tent. Failure on the part of any involved party, or their representative, to make an effort to attend the hearing may justify the Protest Committee to decide the outcome without a full hearing.

## 15 SCORING:

15.1 Five races are scheduled of which one must be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. No race will be excluded. The Low Point System, Appendix A, of the Racing Rules will apply.

## 16 NOTIFICATION UPON WITHDRAWAL:

16.1 Boats that withdraw or do not finish shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. In the event the race committee has left their station, please notify the staff at the registration tent.

## 17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

17.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 – Decision to Race – ***"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*** Fresno Yacht Club or the Fresno San Juan Fleet #3 will not accept any liability for material damage or person injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or after the regatta.