



International Nite Ice Yacht Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Rules The racing will be governed by
 - a. The Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority (NIA) as published on October 31, 2015.
 - b. International Nite Ice Yacht Association (INCA) By-Laws as posted on the Association's website.
 - c. Nite Ice Yacht Class Rules as posted on the Association's website and as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
2. Entries
 - a. All competitors must be a current member of the INCA. Dues may be paid at the regatta.
 - b. Competitors must pay the Nite Nationals Registration fee prior to Race #1.
 - c. The yacht must conform to the INCA Class Rules as revised May 1, 2009.
 - d. The National regatta will be run with split fleets regardless of the number of boats participating. Each competitor must indicate on the registration form whether they will sail in the Gold or Silver fleet. Trophies will be awarded to both fleets.
 - e. A determination will be made after all boats are registered as to whether the fleets will sail on the same course at the same time with separate scoring, or sail each fleet on its own, one right after the other. This will be announced at the skippers safety meeting Saturday morning.
3. Keeper trophies will be awarded for positions 1st to 10th in both fleets.
4. Race Schedule
 - a. Registration 0730 to 0800. local time.
 - b. Skippers safety meeting Saturday 0800 local time.
 - c. Race #1 TBD 0900 local time.
 - d. All subsequent races TBD by Head Judge.
 - e. No more than five (5) races shall be sailed per day.
 - i. No race to start within 45 minutes of sunset.
5. Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to Race #1.
6. Course: Acceptable courses are found in NIA section D as published on October 31, 2015. All courses shall be WINDWARD-LEEWARD courses, MARKS to the left to PORT.
7. Marks: Mark shall be any shape consisting of contrasting or solid color.
8. Starting and Finishing Signals: Starting and finishing procedures are found in NIA sections E & F.

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9. Length of Race: Time Limit
 - a. Time limits are found in NIA section G and International Nite Ice Yacht Association By-Laws.
 - b. All races shall be Five (5) miles minimum.
 - c. Lap time limit is Nine (9) minutes per mile.
 - d. Any yacht not finishing within twenty (20) minutes of the 1st place yacht shall be scored as DNF.
 - e. Twenty Minutes (20) must elapse from the time of the last boat to finish to start to the next race.
10. Scoring
 - a. Scoring will be low-point with 1st Place receiving $\frac{3}{4}$ pts., 2nd Place receiving 2 pts., 3rd Place receiving 3pts. etc.
 - b. All other yachts (DNS, DNF, DSQ, RAF) shall score points equal to one more than the number of yachts registered in the regatta.
 - c. For scoring purposes only, the finish position of the yacht being disqualified (DSQ) or retiring after finishing (RAF) will be filled by moving the other yachts up for that race.
 - d. Added yachts will readjust the previous fleet size for scoring purposes.
 - e. The regatta will be official when three races (3) are completed in both fleets.
 - f. Maximum of Ten (10) races with one throw-out for every 5 races completed.
11. General
 - a. The Race Committee may postpone any race or discard any finished race if they consider conditions unsafe at the start or during the race.
 - b. The same person must sail a yacht throughout a Nite National Championship regatta.
 - c. A hard surfaced, suitable padded headgear (crash helmet) **MUST** be worn while racing in the Nite National Championship regatta.
 - d. Regatta racing equipment rules are as follows: (1) mast; (1) runner plank; (1) springboard; (2) sails and booms; any amount of battens; (2) sets of runners. If any part is broken, replacement is allowed.
 - e. Minimum weight of skipper and lead shall be 180 lbs. Above 180 lbs., lead may be added or removed before and after each race.
 - f. Temperature must be above +5 °F to start a race. Steady winds or (25) mph or wind gusts (30) mph or higher will postpone the start of racing.
 - g. Each skipper is responsible for his/her own personal safety and well-being and makes their own decision to race in the current conditions.
 - h. Minimum Wind: The class acknowledges that the Race Committee and Chief Judge are understandably often under pressure to get sufficient races sailed during a regatta. This can lead to sailing a race in less than ideal conditions, particularly in the case of light air. The Race Committee can send three skippers of his or her choosing onto the course for a test lap. The result of this test lap can be used by the Race Committee for determining whether or not a race will be sailed, postponed or cancelled.
 - i. The Race Committee may elect to postpone or cancel races if an average wind speed of 5 m.p.h. over 1 minute is not present in the starting area.