



## **Sailing Instructions**

**International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association  
2017 Gold Cup World Championship Regatta & North American Championship Regatta  
Racing January 22 - January 28, 2017**

Organizing Authority: International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association

Host: North American Western Region – Race Chairman, Mike Miller (DN 5369 US)

### **1. RULES**

1.1 All races will be governed by and sailed under these Sailing Instructions, the Constitution, By-laws and Specifications of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association and the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, except as modified herein.

### **2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD, NOTICES, MODIFICATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 There will be an Official Notice Board at regatta headquarters.

2.2 Notices, including modifications to the Sailing Instructions or rules of the governing authorities will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2.3 The Official Notice Board will include the official sunset time and a map showing the general location of the racing area and known major ice hazards will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2.4 Any modifications to the Sailing Instructions or rules of the governing authorities shall be announced at a Skipper's meeting or posted on the Official Notice Board.

2.5 When necessary, the Race Committee will make audible announcements which may change the sailing instructions and will take precedence over all other notices.

### **3. EQUIPMENT**

3.1 All yachts, sails and attached equipment shall conform to the official specifications of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association.

3.2 While racing all sailors shall place stickers, issued at registration and which shall include the yacht's number, on the Hull, Runner Plank, Mast, Boom, Sails, and Runners. In addition, two piece masts shall have a tape seal placed across the joint.

3.3 Stickers are to be placed on the starboard side of the equipment as follows:

Hull – on the Deck adjacent to the mast step

Mast – near the base

Boom – near the forward end

Sail- adjacent to the tack

Plank – adjacent to the side stay attachment

Runners – on top

3.4 In accordance with the IDNIYRA By-Laws, Racing Rule F, marked equipment must be used throughout the entire Regatta.

3.5 If stickered equipment is damaged to the extent that it is no longer useable the sailor may request a *Change of Equipment* Form from the Principal Race Officer. After receipt of the completed form, inspection and verification of the damaged equipment the Race Committee Chair may authorize the equipment change, and issue new stickers for placement on the equipment. The Race Committee Chair may delegate this role to the measurer or some other member of the Race Committee.

#### 4. SCHEDULE AND RACES

4.1 There shall be seven races scheduled for each fleet sailed for the Gold Cup and for the North American Championship

4.2 The regatta will be considered complete if the Gold Fleet finishes a minimum of three races.

4.3 After 5 races are completed, the points for each yacht's poorest race (including DNS, DNF and DSQ) will be eliminated from the scoring.

4.4 Opening Ceremony: Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 4:30 pm local time, or as specified on the Official Notice Board.

4.5 Registration at Regatta Headquarters: Saturday, January 21, 2017 at from 6 pm to 9 pm., local time or as specified on the Official Notice Board.

4.6 Day 1 of racing is the day following the close of registration.

09:00 AM, local time: Skippers' Meeting at launch site.

11:00 AM, local time: First race of the day (Bronze qualifier).

4.7 On subsequent days the start time and the fleet starting first will be posted on the Official Notice Board. All references to time are local time.

4.8 Racing will continue per the IDNIYRA By-Laws. The North American Championship will have a time set aside for registration, prior to racing, posted on Official Notice Board.

4.9 The RC may allow registration the morning of Day 1 or may have the opening ceremonies prior to Day 1 racing.

4.10 Fleet flags will be flown prior to the start of each race.

4.11 No Race will be started after one half hour before official sunset.

#### 5. RACE COURSE

5.1 All courses will be a WINDWARD / LEEWARD Inline course with Darling Marks.

5.2 A diagram of the race course will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

5.3 The race course length will be announced by the Starter prior to each race.

5.4 The lap time limit shall be 6½ minutes per mile. (Example: 1 mile course, one lap equals 2 miles, resulting in a lap time limit of 13 minutes for each lap).

5.5 If the lead yacht fails to complete any lap within the lap time limit the race shall be abandoned.

#### 6. COURSE MARKS

6.1 Rounding Marks will be triangular shaped and covered in part with high visibility material. 6.2 Rounding Marks may be secured to the ice.

6.3 The Darling Marks will be a contrasting color.

6.4 Sailors may note the mark's characteristics by observing the Leeward Mark and Darling Mark from the Starting Line Area prior to start of the racing.

6.5 Guard cones may be placed in close proximity to the Rounding Marks and are to be considered part of the mark for the purposes of the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, Part IV, Sailing Rules, C. 5.

6.6 A windward Darling Mark will be placed approximately 100 yards down-wind of the Windward Mark.

6.7 A leeward Darling Mark will be approximately 100 yards up-wind of the Leeward Mark.

#### 7. STARTING LINE

7.1 The Starting Line consists of a rope or wire with numbered tags representing starting positions.

7.2 Each yacht's leeward runner should be positioned at her starting number.

#### 8. START OF RACE

8.1 A Fleet Flag will be posted near the starting line center identifying the next fleet to start.

- 8.2 When a fleet flag is posted, that fleet should proceed to the starting line.
- 8.3 All boats should be prepared to line up during the 3rd lap of the preceding fleet's race. (Exception: Following a qualifying race, the start time of the next race must not be earlier than 20 minutes after the 12th place boat finish).
- 8.4 A Race Committee starter will stand on a line between the center of the Starting Line and Leeward Mark.
- 8.5 The starter will make required announcements.
- 8.6 The starter shall raise a checkered flag to signify the preparatory signal.
- 8.7 The starter shall rapidly lower the checkered flag to signal the start of the race.
- 8.8 After raising the a checkered flag, if the start is to be delayed the starter will slowly raise a black flag at which point the sailors are to stand down.

## 9. OTHER RACE SIGNALS

- 9.1 A checkered flag shall be displayed at the finish line.
- 9.2 A black flag displayed anywhere on the course shall signal abandonment of the race in progress. When a black flag is displayed all sailors are to cease racing and shall return to the parking area.
- 9.3 A red flag means the course or starting line is being moved.
- 9.4 While the Red Flag is displayed the Race Committee will have Right-of-Way over all yachts. During this time all sailors and their equipment must stand down or remain at a sufficient distance to allow the Race Committee to make safe and unobstructed adjustments to the starting line and course.

## 10. FINISH LINE AND FINISHING

- 10.1 The orientation of the finish line will be in-line with the race course.
- 10.2 The weather end of the finish line shall be the Leeward mark.
- 10.3 Sailors shall cross the finish line leaving the Leeward mark to port.
- 10.4 When the checkered finish flag is displayed all sailors crossing the finish line shall be scored as finishing the race.
- 10.5 After finishing, all sailors shall make every attempt to approach the parking area by sailing around the odd end side of the starting line.

## 11. SCORING AND SCORING TEAM LOCATION.

- 11.1 The scorers will record roundings, lap times, and the finish from a position on the windward side of the starting line typically in the area of start positions #2 and #4.
- 11.2 The scorers may locate near, on or forward of the starting line and may place an ATV or other obstruction in front of their position.
- 11.3 There may be Race Committee members placed to windward of the Windward Mark and leeward of the Leeward Mark to ensure that proper use of the darling marks is adhered to.

## 12. PROTESTS

- 12.1 All protests are to proceed and to be processed in accordance the IDNIYRA BY- LAWS and the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, Part V, Protests, Disqualifications, Appeals.
- 12.2 A sailor shall make his intent to protest known to the Race Committee Chair as soon as possible after the race and identify the sailor being protested.
- 12.3 A protest involving an incident occurring in Mini-Qualification race must comply with IDNIYRA, By-Laws, North American Championship Regatta, B-7, Mini-Qualification Races.
- 12.4 Upon notification the Race Committee Chair may post a Notice on the Official Notice Board identifying the intent to protest and the sailor being protested.
- 12.5 A written protest must be filed within one hour of the close of racing for that day with the Race Committee Chair who will be available at the launch site to accept written protests.
- 12.6 After timely receipt of the written protest the Race Committee Chair will post the time and place of the protest hearing on the Official Notice Board.
- 12.4 In accordance with the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, Part V, and Appendix V, Protest Procedure where a Race Committee rule infringement has been determined to prejudice a

yachts opportunity to win a prize, the judges may award that yacht scoring points rather than ordering a re-sail of the race.

### 13. ACTIONS LIABLE TO RACE COMMITTEE PROTEST AND DISQUALIFICATION.

13.1 A sailor who attempts to speak to the scorers while a race is in progress, at the finish, or while scorers are preparing the final results may be liable to disqualification from a race (with the disqualification not being discardable) or from the regatta.

13.2 A sailor not racing that is sailing on the race course while a race is in progress may be liable to disqualification from the regatta.

13.3 A sailor interfering with the race Committee while the Red flag is displayed may be liable to disqualification from a race (with the disqualification not being discardable) or from the regatta.

13.4 Disqualification from a race under 13.1 through 13.3 will be applied to the next race in the series, or if there is not one, the previous race in the series.

### 14. ENFORCEMENT OF IDNIYRA OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE DN ICE YACHT

14.1 An Official Measurer will be designated and assigned to the Race Committee.

14.2 Any yacht maybe subject to inspection and measurement at any time (except while racing) during the regatta.

14.3 Any yacht moved to the starting line may be inspected to determine if the required stickers are in place.

14.4 The Measurer shall measure the First through Fifth finishing yachts of each race. The measuring will take place at a designated Area in the pits. After crossing the finish line the First through Fifth finishing yachts shall sail directly to the measuring area with no stops in the parking area.

14.4 If the measurer confirms a competitor's yacht is in violation of the Official Specifications, the measurer will document the violation and as a member of the Race Committee file a protest against that yacht in accordance with the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority, Part V, Protests, Disqualifications, Appeals.

### 15. FLEET SPLITS

15.1 All registered sailors will be divided into fleets.

15.2 The Gold Fleet will be 50 sailors.

15.2 The remaining sailors will be divided into the smallest number of approximately equal fleets possible.

15.3 The number of skippers in any fleet may be changed because of course size or conditions.

