



International Nite Ice Yacht Association SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules The racing will be governed by
 - a. The Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority (NIA) as published in May 2004,
 - b. International Nite Ice Yacht Association 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. Competitors must be a current member of the International Nite Ice Yacht Association. (Cost \$15.00 USD). Dues may be paid at the regatta
 - b. Competitors must pay the Nite Nationals Registration fee prior to Race #1. (Cost \$15.00 USD).
 - c. The yacht must conform to the Nite Iceboat Class Rules as revised May 1, 2009.

3. Keeper trophies will be awarded for positions 1st to 10th

4. Race Schedule
 - a. Date: TBD
 - b. Registration 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. local time
 - c. Skippers meeting Saturday 9:00 a.m. local time
 - d. Race #1 TBD 10:00 a.m. local time
 - e. All subsequent races TBD by Head Judge
 - f. No more than five (5) races shall be sailed per day
 - i. No race to start within 45 minutes of sunset on any day of the regatta except the final day. On the final day, no race may be started after 1:00 p.m.
 - ii. If three races have been completed during a regatta, then no race shall be started after 1300 on the final day of the regatta. (1/14/06), However, in order to achieve a three race regatta, no race shall be started after 2:00 p.m. on the final day of the regatta

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. All courses shall be WINDWARD-LEEWARD courses, MARKS to the left to PORT.

7. Marks: Mark shall be pyramid in shape consisting of contrasting 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 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. The regatta will be official when three races (3) are completed.
 - c. Maximum of Ten (10) races with one throw-out for every 5 races completed.

11. General
 - a. The Race Committee may postpone any race if they consider conditions unsafe.
 - 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.
 - h. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for after the completion of Saturday's racing time TBD.
 - i. 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 or a postponement or cancellation announced.
 - j. 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.