TEAM CHALLENGE I
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

May 30th, 2026
Hosted by the San Diego Argonauts
San Diego Model Yacht Pond, Vacation Island, Mission Bay
San Diego, CA

1. RULES
1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028 RRS), Appendix D for Team Racing, Appendix E for RC Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Class Rules of the DF95 Class (Ver. 1.5) and these Sailing Instructions.
1.2 CHANGE TO RULE 90.3(e)
Replace “24 hours” with “5 minutes”.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Course Board.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
3.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10:00am on the day it will take effect.
3.2 Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time. All competitors will be notified before they take effect. This changes Rule 90.2(c).

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES
4.1 Dates of racing: Saturday, May 30th, 2026.
4.2 The first heat will start at 10:30am, weather permitting.

5. HOLDS
5.1 The granting of Holds will be strictly limited and granted only at the PRO’s discretion to boats who have suffered a bona fide technical problem or breakdown as a direct result of a Rules violation by an opposing team member.
5.2 Hold requests must be made to the PRO prior to the warning signal for the next scheduled heat.
5.3 When a Hold is granted, it will be announced and the heat involving the disabled boat will be rescheduled to the end of the current stage. In the meantime, racing will continue immediately with the next scheduled heat if possible.

6. COURSE BOARD

6.1 A Course Board will be located in the Control Area adjacent to the Start/Finish portion of the race course. (Rule E3.3). The Course Board will display any changes to the Sailing Instructions and team assignments for upcoming heats. It is the responsibility of all competitors to regularly check the board to ensure they are competing in their assigned heat.
6.2 The Course to be sailed will be posted on the Course Board prior to the warning wignal for each heat.

7. THE START

7.1 The AMYA auditory two-minute starting sequence will be used. The "warning" signal is defined as when the two-minute countdown begins. The "preparatory" signal is defined as when the countdown reaches one-minute. This changes Rule E3.4(a).
7.2 A boat not launched and underway before her preparatory signal will be scored DNS by the umpire. This changes Rule A5.

7.3 The Starting Line will consist of an imaginary line tangent to the course side of the flotation rings of the two identified starting marks. This changes Rule E3.4(b).
7.4 All boats whose Warning Signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area.
7.5 If any part of a boat's hull or equipment is On the Course Side (OCS) of the starting line after the preparatory signal, the PRO will attempt to hail that boat. Failure by any member of the race committee to make a hail or a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for a Protest or a request for redress. This changes Rule 61.4(b)(1).
7.6 Control Area: While racing, competitors may control their boats from any convenient location along the shore adjacent to the race course provided they do not interfere with activities of the race committee and stay in sufficiently close proximity to hear hails from other racing skippers, the umpires and the PRO. This changes Rule E3.1.
7.7 Practice Area: While competitors are racing, a non-racing competitor may launch and practice sail their boat only in a practice area designated by the PRO.

8. THE FINISH

The finishing Line will be between the two identified finishing marks.

9. TEAM RACING FORMAT:

9.1 A two-boat Umpired Team Racing format will be utilized. (Rule D2)
9.2 The number and format of any round-robin or knockout stages will be set in accordance with the most recent version of the Team Management System (TMS). (Rule D4.1(b)).
9.3 RRS Rule D1.1 shall apply with the following change: Rule D1.1(d) is deleted.
9.4 Teams will be assigned a color and provided with matching pennants. These pennants must be properly affixed to the masthead and remain in place throughout the event.

10. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

10.1 A competitor protesting an opponent pursuant to Rules 60.1 and D2.2 while sailing shall immediately hail as set forth in Rules E2.1 and E6.3. This changes Rules D1.2 and D2.1(b).
10.2 When a boat has broken one or more rules of Part 2 against an opponent, or rule 31, or has been protested as set forth in section 11.1, she may take a One-Turn penalty. This changes Rule D1.3.
10.3 If the boat gained an advantage in the heat by her breach despite taking a penalty, her penalty shall be additional One-Turn Penalties until her advantage is lost per Rule E4.3(b).
10.4 If the boat caused serious damage, or as a result of breaking a rule of Part 2 she caused another boat to become disabled and retire, her penalty shall be to retire per Rule E4.3(c).

11. UMPIRE-INITIATED DECISIONS

11.1 When a boat has broken one or more rules of Part 2 against an opponent, or rule 31 and does not take a penalty, an Umpire may penalize her. This changes Rule D2.3

11.2 The Umpire shall signal a decision by hailing as follows:

a) For no penalty: "[Sail Number] Clear."

b) To penalize a boat: "Penalty [Sail Number]." This changes Rule D2.4.

11.3 A boat penalized by an umpire shall take a One-Turn Penalty. However, when a boat is penalized under rule D2.3 and an umpire hails a number of turns, the boat shall take that number of One-Turn Penalties. This changes Rule D2.5.

11.4 As provided by Rule 70.3(b), in an event sailed under the Team Management System (TMS), there shall be no right to appeal a decision of an umpire or the protest committee.

12. SCORING SYSTEM:

12.1 Individual Races will be scored using the low-point system set forth in RRS Rule D3.

12.2 The event will be scored as set forth in the Team Management System (TMS).

12.3 Results from previous round-robin stages may be carried forward (Rule D4.3(c)).

12.4 Ties between teams shall be broken using combined results from all stages up to that point in the following order: (1) The winner of the most races between the tied teams, (2) The winner of the last race between the tied teams, (3) A sail-off. (This changes RRS Rule D4.4.)

13. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

13.2 If any measured equipment is found to have been modified subsequent to its measurement, the boat will be scored DNS for all races occurring prior to the discovery of the modification.

14. AWARDS

Trophies will be presented to the Top Three (3) Teams following the final race.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, "Decision to Race." All those entering or taking part in this regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. AMYA, the San Diego Argonauts, Regatta Staff and any other parties involved in the organization of this event disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water as a consequence of entering or participating in this regatta.