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NOTICE OF RACE ADDENDUM A – US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The US Sailing prescriptions to the *Racing Rules of Sailing* in this Addendum shall apply.

Rule 40 Change rule 40 title to: PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

After rule 40 add:

US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'PFD' link for more information.

Rule 61.4 Add rule 61.4

61.4 *Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress*

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 67 After rule 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) *A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- (b) *A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) *A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Rule 86.3 After rule 86.3 add

US Sailing prescribes that proposed rules may be tested, but only in local races. However, proposed rules may also be tested at other events if, for each event, the organizing authority first obtains written permission from US Sailing and the proposed rules are included in the notice of race and sailing instructions. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'Experimental Rules' link for more information.

Rule 88.2 After rule 88.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that sailing instructions shall not change or delete rules 61.4, Appendix R, or its prescriptions to rules 40, 60.3, 67 or 70.5(a), 76.1. However, for an international event the prescription to rule 40 may be deleted.