

Running of the Bulls

Sailing instructions for the November 14, 2009 Running of the Bulls Regatta:

- (1) The race will be governed by the rules defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012*. Inland rules of the road apply. In particular, channel-bound traffic (kayaks) have the right of way over racers. ***PFD's must be worn.***
- (2) **Notices to competitors** will be posted on the official notice board located on the east wall of the hearth room of the Elkhorn Yacht Club.
- (3) **Additions or changes** to these sailing instructions will be posted as an official notice at least 1 hour before racing is scheduled to begin.
- (4) **Signals** will be given by the race committee on the start/finish boat.
- (5) Numbers and schedule of races:
 - (5.1) A **skippers' meeting** will be held at noon in front of the flagpole on the lawn in the courtyard.
 - (5.2) The **scheduled time** of the warning signal for the first race is 1:00 p.m. No delay for late racers.
 - (5.3) No warning signal will be made after 4:00 p.m.
- (6) The regatta will use the *El Toro-class* flag.
- (7) Races will be conducted approximately ¼ mile east of the Highway 1 bridge over the Elkhorn Slough.
- (8) The courses will be as shown in the illustration below (illustration pending).
 - (8.1) The race start will be to windward.
- (9) Marks:
 - (9.1) Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedral.
 - (9.2) Marks 2 and 3 will be an orange ball float.
 - (9.3) Mark 4 will be the race committee boat.
- (10) Start will be in accordance with Appendix Q.
- (11) When individual recalls are signaled, the race committee will also hail the boats sail number. (12) For Course A and B the finishing line will be mark 2 and 3.
- (13) Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "DNF."
- (14) A boat that retires from a race is asked to notify a race committee boat before leaving the race area.
- (15) Protest time will end a half hour after the race committee signal boat docks.
- (16) The low point scoring system, Appendix A2 of the racing rules will apply, except that each boat's total score will be the sum total of her scores for all races.
- (17) The award ceremony will be held at the flag pole approximately one hour after the last race. Prizes will be awarded to the skippers placing first, second, and third in 3 divisions: Senior A, Junior, and Senior B. A perpetual trophy which will be kept at the Elkhorn Yacht Club engraved with the name of the sailor who had the best race score.

Questions or comments regarding these sailing instructions should be addressed to Mark Pastick at mossiboss@earthlink.net prior to November 7, 2009.