



2026 RS Tera North American Championship
August 21 - 23, 2026
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 1.1 Any written change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect.
- 1.2 The Race Committee (RC) may make oral Changes while on the water by posting an L "come within hail" flag and notifying competitors of the change.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located on the [Official Event Website](#).
- 2.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with coaches on VHF radio channel 71 on the Ocean venue and on VHF channel 69 on the Channel venue. The RC may also communicate with coaches verbally. Failure of the RC to broadcast or failure of a competitor to receive any information communicated to coaches will not be grounds for a request for redress. This change is added to RRS 61.3.

3. SCHEDULE / ORDER OF STARTS/ CLASS FLAGS

- 3.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1200 on both venues. Subsequent races will start as soon as practicable.
- 3.2 On the Ocean venue:
 - (a) Saturday 8/22, the order of starts is Pro Sail fleet only.
 - (b) Sunday 8/23, the order of starts is Pro Sail followed by Sport Sail Gold.
 - (c) The RC will run as many races as possible each day.
- 3.3 On the Channel venue:
 - (a) Saturday 8/22 is the Qualification Series for Sport Gold/Silver fleet and the Sport Bronze fleet. The Sport Gold/Silver fleet will sail in flights designated by colors. The order of starts and colored Flight selections will be posted on 8/22, no later than 1000 hours. Competitors in the Sport Sail Qualification Series shall fly a colored ribbon from the end of their boom indicating which flight they have been assigned to. The Bronze Fleet shall start sequence will follow the Gold/Silver sequences.
 - (b) Sunday 8/23, the order of starts is Sport Sail Silver followed by the Sport Bronze.
 - (c) The RC will run as many rotations of the colored flights as possible on Saturday, competitors should anticipate a minimum of three races. On Sunday the RC will run as many races as possible.
- 3.4 Class flags will be posted prior to 1000 on race day on the Official Notice Board.

4. RACING AREA

- 4.1 There are two racing areas: the Ocean venue and the Channel venue.
- 4.2 The starting area of the Ocean venue is approximately 0.50 nm northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.
- 4.3 The starting area of the Channel venue is in the outer channel west of the UCLA dock.

5. MARKS

Marks for the Ocean venue are described on SI Attachment A.
Marks for the Channel venue are described on SI Attachment B.

6. COURSES

Courses for the Ocean venue are described on SI Attachment A.
Courses for the Channel venue are described on SI Attachment B.

7. [DP] ON-THE-WATER CHECK-IN

Check-in with the RC signal boat that is assigned to the competitor's venue is required and must occur prior to the first warning signal. When the RC signal boat is displaying Code Flag "L", each competitor shall sail on starboard past the stern of the signal boat, hail her sail number, and be recognized by the RC. Boats missing their first race shall check-in upon arrival. Boats failing to check-in properly may be given up to a twenty percent (20%) scoring penalty for their first race, assessed without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1.

8. THE START

- 8.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, multiple sound signals will be made approximately one (1) minute before the warning signal for the first class.
- 8.2 Races on the Ocean venue will be started in accordance with RRS 26 as shown below.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, or U flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 8.3 Races on the Channel venue will be started in accordance with US Sailing Prescription Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System (see SI Attachment C).
- 8.4 The starting line is between the staff of an orange flag at the port end and the staff of an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end.
- 8.5 A boat that starts more than three (3) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.1.
- 8.6 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number as provided in SI 2.2.
- 8.7 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of another flight or fleet.

9. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark to a new position.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line is the same as the starting line.
- 10.2 The blue flag or shape may not be used at the finishing line. This changes the RRS Race Signals.
- 10.3 [DP] Boats that have finished shall immediately clear the finishing area.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 US Sailing Prescription, Appendix V, Sections V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident (One-Turn Penalty outside the Zone) and V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, apply.
- 11.2 The penalty for crossing the continuing obstruction described in Attachment B, Channel Venue Course Chart, shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 The protest time limit is forty-five (45) minutes after the RC signal boat for each Racing Area returns to the Club House. These times will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#). Protest forms are available at the SMWYC race office.
- 12.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 does not apply.

13. **[DP] SAFETY** A competitor retiring from racing before the day's racing is over shall notify an RC boat before leaving the course area.

14. AWARDS, HOSPITALITY AND INFORMATION

A pizza party on Saturday and awards on Sunday will commence at SMWYC as soon as practicable after racing. For further information, contact Steve Potter (RC) at (805) 208-7440 or email juniors@smwyc.org.



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ATTACHMENT A

OCEAN VENUE COURSE CHART

MARKS

Marks W and Ls/Lp are inflatable shapes.

COURSES (continued)

Mark W shall be rounded to port. Mark Ls/Lp is a gate. In the event only one gate mark is on station, that mark shall be rounded to port.

No later than the warning signal for each class, the RC signal boat will use numeral pennants to signal one of the courses shown below:

Numeral Pennant	Course	Numeral Pennant	Course
1	Start – W – Ls/Lp – Finish	3	Start – W – Ls/Lp – W – Ls/Lp - W – Ls/Lp - Finish
2	Start – W – Ls/Lp – W – Ls/Lp – Finish		

W▲



Ls▲ - - ▲Lp

Not to scale



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ATTACHMENT C

APPENDIX U, AUDIBLE SIGNAL RACING SYSTEM

<u>Time to Start</u>	<u>Sound Signals</u>
Three Minutes	Three long
Two Minutes	Two long
One and a half Minutes	One long, three short
One Minute	One long
Thirty Seconds	Three short
Twenty Seconds	Two short
Ten Seconds	One short
5, 4, 3, 2, 1	One short
Start	One Long