

SEIKO 49er World Championship

2nd – 9th January 2010

Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, The Bahamas

Organised by the Grand Bahama Sailing Club and the 49er Int. Class Association along with the Bahamas Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.
- 1.4 For the medal race, Addendum Q shall apply

2 IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Additional identification
Boats shall be required to affix the stickers provided by the organizing authority on both side of the forward 25% of the hull.
- 2.2 Identification on sails
Appendix G3 shall apply. Boats chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of class rules. In no circumstances will such a boat be permitted to race displaying the sail number of another boat that is racing. This changes rule G3.

3 CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Competitors may be required to carry on board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes rule 62.1

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the recreation area of the Hotel.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, shall be posted by 20:00h the day before it shall take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the official flagpole located at the beach hut. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that fleet only.
- 6.2 Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: "the warning signal shall be made not less than 20 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled

time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made”.

- 6.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40, Personal Buoyancy, applies at all times whilst afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races is as follows

Date	Event	Warning signal
Saturday 2 January	Measurement/Registration/Inspection	08.00 – 17.00
Sunday 3 January	Measurement/Registration/Inspection	08.00 – 12.00
	Practice Race	14.55
	Skippers meeting on the Club	17.00
	Opening Ceremony	18.00
Monday 4 January	Qualifying-series – 3 races scheduled	10.55
Tuesday 5 January	Qualifying-series – 3 races scheduled	10.55
Wednesday 6 January	Qualifying-series – 3 races scheduled	10.55
Thursday 7 January	Final-series races – 3 races scheduled	10.55
Friday 8 January	Final-series races – 3 races scheduled	10.55
Saturday 9 January	Final-series races – 2 races scheduled	10.55
	Medal-race	13.55
	Prize giving and closing ceremony	

When more than one race, or sequence of races, shall be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made as soon as practicable

8 FORMAT OF RACING - QUALIFYING-SERIES, FINAL-SERIES, MEDAL RACE

- 8.1 The regatta shall consist of a qualifying-series and a final-series. The final-series shall be followed by a medal-race as described in Attachment C.

8.2 Qualifying-series

- 8.2.1 Three races per day are scheduled for each fleet.
- 8.2.2 A maximum of five races per day for each fleet may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee.
- 8.2.3 If the minimum number of qualifying-series races have been completed by all fleets by the end of racing on 6 January and some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races shall be excluded when calculating their qualifying series scores.

8.3 Final-series

- 8.3.1 On 7 January and 8 January three races per day are scheduled for each fleet.
- 8.3.2 On 9 January two races are scheduled for each fleet.
- 8.3.3 A maximum of five races per day for each fleet may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee.
- 8.3.4 No warning signal for the final-series shall be made after 12.55h on Saturday 9 January. However if less than 3 final-series races have been sailed then the final-series shall continue on Saturday 9 January and no warning signal shall be made after 16.55h and no medal race shall be sailed.
- 8.3.5 For the final series the top three competitors of each day in the gold fleet shall wear leader jerseys and display sail dots.

8.4 Medal Race

No warning signal for the medal-race shall be made after 16:55h on Saturday 9 January.

9 CLASS FLAGS

9.1 In the qualifying-series, the class flag shall be a 49er class insignia on a background of the colour of the appropriate fleet, either red or green.

9.2 In the final-series, the class flag shall be a 49er class insignia on a background of yellow (gold fleet) or blue (silver fleet).

9.3 In the medal race, the class flag shall be 49er class insignia on a background of yellow

10 RACING AREAS

10.1 The racing area shall be: Area A

10.2 Initial assignment of fleets to the racing area shall be posted before flag D is displayed, see instruction 6.2.

10.3 Boats not racing shall not sail in the course area being used by another fleet.

10.4 Attachment B shows the location of the race area.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal vessel to Mark 1.

11.3 The gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port

11.4 On the last leg to the finish, the leeward gate is not a mark.

12 MARKS

Marks 1 and 2 (gate) - racing area A.....Yellow

Starting mark.....Race Committee vessels

Finishing mark.....Race Committee vessels

Change course.....Orange

13 THE START

13.1 The starting line shall be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks (race committee starting vessels) at each end of the starting line.

13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

13.3 Except when 13.5 applies, a boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

13.4 To alert boats that another race shall begin soon, the orange flag on the race committee signal vessel shall be displayed with repeated sound signals not less than two minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

13.5 When a boat breaks rule 29.1, 30.1 or 30.3, a member of the race committee may point a flag X at her, make a sound signal and hail her sail number, but not earlier than four minutes after the starting signal. The hailed boat shall immediately retire from the race. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

15 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing marks. The finishing committee boat shall display a blue flag.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit.....45 minutes

Mark 1 time limit..... 15 minutes

Target time.....30 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

16.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty including a tack and a gybe.

17.2 Appendix P shall apply as changed by SI 17.1

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

18.2 The protest time limit for each fleet shall be posted on the jury notice board located in the recreation area of the Hotel. The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the last boat of the whole fleet has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

18.3 Notices shall be posted within 30 minutes following the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the jury room located in the Kids Clubs of the Hotel. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.

18.4 The race committee or jury intending to protest a boat under rules 60.2 or 60.3 shall comply with rule 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit of the last fleet to finish.

18.5 A list of boats that have been penalised under RRS Appendix P on the water or have been disqualified by the jury shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

18.6 For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

18.7 Breaches of instructions 2, 3, 6.3, 10.3, 13.2, 21, 22.2, 23.2, 23.4, 25 and 26 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.

18.8 On the last day of racing of each series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- i) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

- ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 18.9 On the last scheduled day of racing of each series a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

19 **INTERNATIONAL JURY**

- 19.1 The international jury shall fulfil the responsibilities prescribed in rules N2.1, N2.2(a) and N2.3.
- 19.2 The decisions of the international jury shall be final. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with rule 70.5

20 **SCORING**

20.1 **Qualifying-series**

- 20.1.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A, as changed below, shall apply to the qualifying-series.
- 20.1.2 For all fleets, five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.1.3 When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's qualifying-series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20.1.4 When rules 30.2, 44.3, A4.2 and A5 apply, a boat's penalty score shall be based on the number of boats in the largest group. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.

20.2 **Final-series**

- 20.2.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply separately to each final-series fleet. Different final-series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races.
- 20.2.2 Points equal to a boat's qualifying-series score shall be added to her final-series score.
- 20.2.3 When fewer than 5 final-series races have been completed, a boat's final-series score shall be the sum of her race scores.
- 20.2.4 When from 5 to 8 final-series races have been completed, a boat's final-series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

20.3 **Medal race**

- 20.3.1 A minimum of 3 final series races must be completed for the gold fleet for the medal race to be sailed. Rule A4.1 is changed so that the points are doubled, and rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to compete in the medal race.
- 20.3.2 Rules 30.2, 44.3, A4.2 and A5, a boat's penalty score shall be based on the number of boats in the medal race. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.
- 20.3.3 A boat assigned to compete in the medal race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish the medal race. A breach of this SI shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). The penalty for this breach shall be ranking the boat tenth in the regatta.

20.4 **Regatta score**

When assigned to the medal-race, a boat's regatta score shall consist of her final-series score (including her qualifying-series points score) plus her medal-race score. The medal-race score shall not be excluded. Boats assigned to compete in the medal race will be ranked highest in the regatta.

For all other boats their regatta scores shall consist of their final-series score (including her qualifying-series points score).

20.5 Series ties
 For boats assigned to compete in the medal-race, ties in the regatta score shall be broken by the medal-race score. If the tie remains the tie shall be broken by using the tied boats’ final-series scores, this includes ties of two or more boats assigned to compete but that did not compete in the medal race. This changes rule A8.

20.6 Scoring enquiries
 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. Scoring enquiry forms shall be delivered to the race office. A scoring enquiry may be regarded as a request for redress.

20.7 Scoring abbreviation
 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under SI 18.7 shall be ‘DPI’.

21 SAFETY

21.1 Boats not leaving the shore for the day’s races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.

21.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

21.3 When a Red Cross emblem (a red cross on a white background) is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support boats shall collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

22.1 Replacement of helm, crew or equipment shall require written approval of the International Jury.

22.2 Request for replacement of helm, crew or equipment shall be made to the International Jury at the first reasonable opportunity. On Saturday 9 January any replacement equipment requests shall be submitted to the International Jury no later than the protest time limit.

23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

23.1 All boats shall be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing. Boats shall be presented for measurement checks at the times prescribed in SI 7.

23.2 In addition, any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurement checks.

23.3 Limitations of equipment

- i) Only one set of sails shall be used during the regatta. The sails shall be presented and stamped during the initial inspection.
- ii) Only one forestay shall be used during the regatta. The forestay shall be tagged during the initial inspection.

23.4 All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed in the official dinghy park.

24 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats shall be identified as follows:

Race committee boats.....	Yellow flags with letter “A”
Safety boats.....	Gold RC flags

Jury boats.....	JURY flag
Other boat under control of RC.....	PRESS flag

25 SUPPORT BOATS

- 25.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.
- 25.2 At all times while on water, support boats shall display either their national flag on a staff with the top of the hoist minimum 1.5 m above water level or their national code letters (minimum height 200mm) on the outside of the hull or on the outboard motor cover.

26 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

27 PRIZES

The organizing authority shall provide prizes to the first three boats in each of the fleets.

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and the Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

29 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US \$1,000,000 or the equivalent.



Attachment A

Course Layout

The order of rounding will be

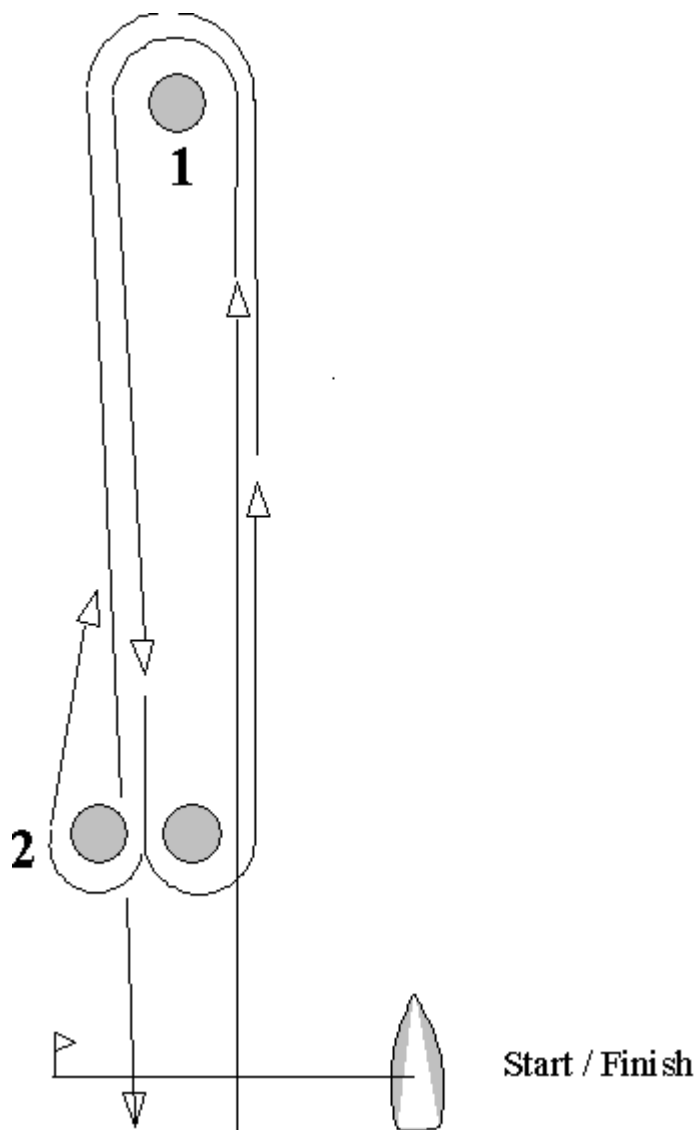
Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

When a white board showing “3 laps” is displayed at or before the warning signal the order of rounding will be

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

When a white board showing “4 laps” is displayed at or before the warning signal the order of rounding will be

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish



Attachment B

RACING AREA



Attachment C

Format of Racing

QUALIFYING-SERIES, FINAL-SERIES, MEDAL RACE

The regatta will consist of a qualifying-series and a final-series. The final-series will be followed by a medal-race.

ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS TO FLEETS

QUALIFYING SERIES

Boats will be assigned to two fleets, red and green.
Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing.

The organizing authority will make initial fleet assignments on the basis of the current ISAF Ranking List, recent results and any other relevant information. This ranking will remain in force until the end of a day during which the 2nd Qualifying Race is completed by all fleets.

If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned to fleets on the basis of their series scores. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows:

<u>Place in series score</u>	<u>Fleet assignment</u>
First.....	Red
Second.....	Green
Third.....	Green
Fourth.....	Red
Fifth.....	Red
Sixth.....	Green
Seventh.....	Green
Eighth.....	Red
and so on	

Assignments will be based on the scores available at 21:00h that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. The fleet assignments will be posted no later than 09:00h on the day they take effect.

If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. Thereafter all boats will race in their new fleets.

FINAL-SERIES

Boats will be assigned to two fleets on the basis of their qualifying-series scores. The final-series fleets will be gold and silver.

Boats will race all final-series races in these fleets.

The first 25 boats in the qualifying-series will be assigned to the gold fleet. The remaining boats, based on their qualifying-series scores, will be assigned to the silver fleet.

Any recalculation of qualifying-series scores after boats have been assigned to final-series fleets will not affect those assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

MEDAL-RACE

After completion of the gold fleet's final-series, the ten boats ranked highest in the gold fleet will be assigned to compete in the medal-race.

Assignments to the medal-race will be based on the scores available at 13:00h on the 9 January. The jury may extend this time limit.

NUMBER OF RACES

Qualifying-series

The qualifying-series will consist of a minimum of five races and a maximum of nine races.

Final-series

The final-series will consist of a maximum of eight races.