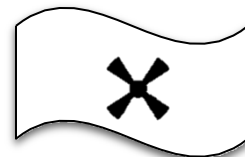


# RACE INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **PARTICIPATION:** It is the responsibility of the individual skipper to decide whether to start or continue a race. Please notify the Race Committee of your intention to retire as soon as possible.
  2. **RULES:** Races will be sailed under the rules adopted by US Sailing for the current year; exceptions being any class rules determined in advance and included in these instructions or listed on the bulletin board.
  3. **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Any additions or changes to the racing instructions listed herein will be posted on the official bulletin board located at the picnic shelter.
  4. **PROTESTS:** Must be filed according to the procedure as outlined in rule 61 of The Racing Rules of Sailing, except that the time limit is 30 minutes after the Committee Boat docks.
    - a. The two-turns penalty rule is in effect (1 turn for Hobie class)
    - b. a red flag must be flown as evidence of a protest except on single handers
  5. **EQUIPMENT:** Each boat must conform to Coast Guard rules and carry all required safety devices. LIFE JACKETS must be WORN at all times – failure to comply is DSQ.
  6. **RADIO COMMUNICATION:** Regatta Committee Boat will be communicating on VHF channel 71 and monitoring channels 16 and 9 as required by USCG.
  7. **STARTING TIMES:** Four (4) Races are scheduled to begin Saturday at 1:00pm and run back to back; An additional Three (3) races are scheduled to begin Sunday at 10:00 AM and run back to back. Races both days are subject to rule 8 below.
  8. **RACE ADJUSTMENTS:** Race Committee may adjust the number and course of races each day depending on weather and other conditions. Adjustments will be communicated over Ch. 71 and via flag, horn and course signs on the committee boat.
  9. **GENERAL RECALL:** Flag (yellow with blue background) hoisted with two horn blasts. The next start will remain exactly 5 minutes from aborted start. The offending class goes to the end of the starting sequence. For one minute after the abandoned start. Any vessel entering the triangle formed by the weather mark and the starting line will be DSQ.
  10. **POSTPONEMENTS:** Flag (red with white vertical stripes) hoisted with two horn blasts. When lowered with one horn blast, will be followed in one minute by prep signal.
  11. **SHORTEN COURSE:** Flag (white field with blue center) hoisted with two horn blasts. Finish between nearby mark and committee boat in the most direct manner from previous mark.
  12. **ABANDON RACE:** Flag (blue and white checkered) hoisted with one long horn blast.
  13. **CHANGE COURSE:** If wind or weather determine a need to change from the scheduled course an updated course number will be indicated on the committee boat and broadcast over Ch. 71.
  14. **TIES:** Are broken by which boat has beaten the other the greatest number of times. If still tied, the boat with the greater number of firsts, seconds, etc. shall be the winner. No races are considered throw outs in breaking ties.
  15. **SCORING:** Low point system – 1 for first, 2 for second, etc.
    - DNS/DSQ = number of entrants in that race + 1.
    - DNF = number of entrants in that race + 1
  16. **STARTING SEQUENCE:**
    - 5 minutes ~ class flag raised; horn (warning)
    - 4 minutes ~ blue shape raised; horn (prep)
    - 1 minute ~ blue shape down; long horn (1 minute)
    - 0 minute ~ class flag down; horn (start)
- Next fleet start at 5-minute intervals. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class. Will switch to 3-minute intervals after first start if more than 3 classes.
- 5 minutes ~ class flag raised, horn (warning)
  - 4 minutes ~ blue shape raised; horn (prep)
  - 1 minute ~ blue shape down; long horn (1 minute)
  - 0 minute ~ class flag down; horn (start)



Class Flags on pole at start line



Blue Shape on top of RC

**17. STARTING/FINISH LINE:** between flag staff on Committee Boat and Orange start pin. The start and finish lines are the same.

**18. STARTING ORDER:** Classes with 5 boats or more get a separate start. An updated starting order will be listed on the bulletin board and announced at skippers meeting.

| Start #    | Fleet                 |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 1 – Red    | Windmills             |
| 2 – Yellow | Catamarans            |
| 3 – Green  | Sunfish               |
| 4 - Blue   | Open Class            |
| 5 - Black  | Available - If Needed |

**19. COURSES:** which may be sailed are listed below.

| Course # | Course  |
|----------|---|
| 3        | Start A – Offset – C – Finish (upwind)                  |
| 4        | Start A – B – C – Finish (upwind)                       |
| 5        | Start A – Offset – C – A – Offset – C – Finish (upwind) |
| 6        | Start A – B – C – A – C – Finish (upwind)               |
| 9        | Start A – B – C – A – B – C – A – C – Finish (upwind)   |

Not later than the preparatory signal, the Race Committee will display the course number from the stern of the Committee Boat. All marks are to be rounded to port.

**20. CLOSED LINES:** The start and finish lines may not be crossed except when starting or finishing.

**21. MARKS:** Marks A, B & C will be yellow cylinders with the labels N, E, S & W. Offset mark will be a red or yellow sphere. The Committee Boat will display The Course Number, Windward mark, Jibe mark, and Leeward mark letters on the transom to indicate which marks are A, B and C For example: Course #4 could be displayed as 4SEN where A=S, B=E and C=N... Windward-Leeward courses will use an offset mark.

**22. COURSE EXAMPLES:** See below...

