

2025 Sam Myers Regatta Sailing Instructions

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 the catamaran class)
5. EQUIPMENT: Each boat must conform to Coast Guard rules and carry all required safety devices. LIFE JACKETS must be WORN at all times when on the water - failure to comply is DSQ.
6. Starting Times: Races will be run back-to-back. Saturday races start at 1:00 PM. The number of races run on Saturday will be determined by the Race Committee. No races on Saturday will begin after 4:30 PM. Sunday races will start at 10:00 AM. No Sunday races will start after 12 :00 noon.
7. 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.



8. 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.



9. 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.



10. ABANDON RACE: Flag (blue and white checkered) hoisted with one long horn blast.



11. Change Course: If wind or weather indicate a need to change from the scheduled course, an updated course number will be indicated on the committee boat and broadcast over Ch. 71.
12. TIES and Scoring: We will follow US Sailing Instructions Appendix
13. Throw Outs: There will be one throw out if 4 or more races are sailed.

14. STARTING SEQUENCE:

5 minutes - Class flag raised; Horn, (warning)

4 minutes - Blue shape raised; Horn, (prep)

1 minute - Blue shape down; (long horn)

0 minute - class flag down; horn (start)

Each successive fleet starts at 5-minute intervals. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

15. STARTING/FINISH LINE: between flagstaff on Committee Boat and Orange start pin. The start and finish lines are the same.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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

19. MARKS: Marks are white with orange stripes. There are 8 cylindrical marks: N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW. Offset mark will be a red or yellow sphere. The Committee Boat will be at M in the middle of the course. will display The Course Number, Windward mark, Jibe mark, and Leeward mark letters on the transom to indicate the racecourse, e.g. 4SW, SE NE.

20. COURSE EXAMPLES:



