

Windmill Midwinter Championship 12-13 March 2016 Rev 6

Organizing Authority: Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC)
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Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The By-Laws of the Windmill Class Association (WCA) dated March 29, 2010.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions that apply are US/RRS Appendix R and the prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, and 76.1. No other prescriptions apply.
- 1.4 RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."
- 1.5 Boats may not protest other boats for breaking SI marked [NP] (no protest). This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaking SI marked [DP] (discretionary penalty) may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the CCSC Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CCSC club flag pole adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The racing schedule is as follows:

Racing Day	Skippers Meeting	Scheduled time of first Warning Signal	Scheduled number of races
Saturday, March 12	1000	1100	5
Sunday, March 13 *1, *2	n/a	1000	5

(*Note 1: Sundays races will be sailed using day light savings time, Harbor Start 0930)
(*Note 2: No warning signal shall be made after 1400 on Sunday)

- 5.2 No more than 5 races are scheduled each day, with a maximum of 10 races scheduled for the two-day Windmill Midwinter Championship Regatta.
- 5.3 Races not completed on the scheduled day are rescheduled as the first races on the following day. Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

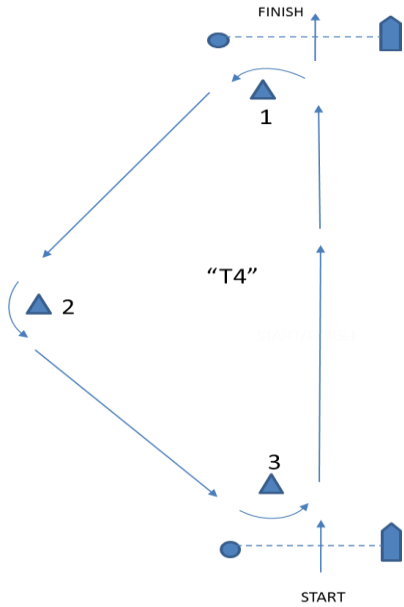
6. CLASS FLAGS The Class Flag will be a "flag with four windmill blades on a white field".

7. RACING AREA: The racing area will be the waters of Clearwater Bay and the Gulf.

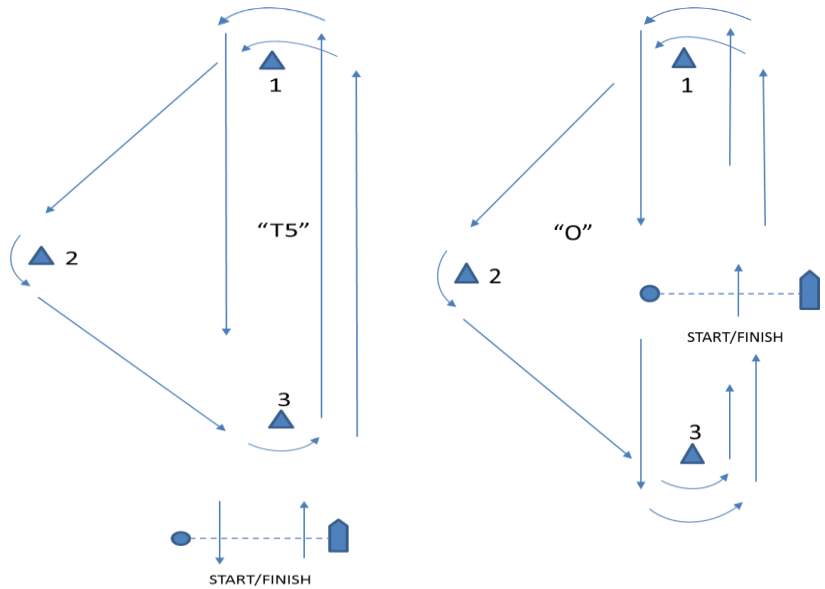
8. THE COURSES:

8.1 The diagrams show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

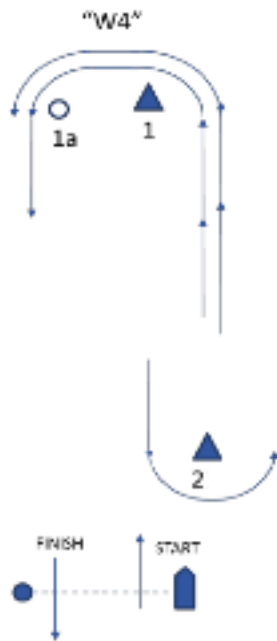
Course T4: Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish



Course 0: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish



Course T5: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish



Course W4: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish

Course W5: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1,1a, 2s/2p, Finish

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- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will post the course designation to be sailed on a course board.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Starting and finishing line marks and course marks will be addressed at the skippers meeting.
- 9.2 A race committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy. When present this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee boat and the race committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

10. THE START:

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS over a loud hailer. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, timeliness of broadcast or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the finishing mark, unless the course is shortened using RRS 32.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two Turns penalties will apply.
- 14.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix T, Section B (Post-Race Penalties) shall apply.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after the start.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish is 90 minutes.
- 15.3 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing and will be scored 2 points more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the CCSC Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit. As a courtesy flag B will be displayed with one sound from the CCSC flagpole when the race committee signal boat docks and removed with one sound at the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The race committee will post a list of boats given starting or finishing penalties no later than the protest time limit.

- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RHYC Clubhouse.
- 16.7 **[DP]** Breaches of Windmill Class Rules and RRS 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 Three races are required to constitute a Windmill Midwinter Championship in accordance with our WCA by law XIII.6.E. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 17.3 When fewer than (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 17.4 If more than 5 races have been completed, one race will be excluded, in accordance with our WCA by law XIII.6.F. This changes RRS A2.

18. [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. She will carry one CE or USCG approved PFD for each person on board.
- 18.3 Each boat shall have available a line at least 25 feet long which can be used for towing.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the overall 1st through 5th place finishers. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of class officers.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.