



**Flying Scot® Sailing Association  
2016 FLYING SCOT® NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**July 16 – 21, 2016**

Organized by Flying Scot Fleet 76 in association with Sail Newport <http://sailnewport.org>  
Fort Adams State Park, Newport, Rhode Island 02480 (401) 846-1983

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – last updated July 11, 2016**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing *Prescriptions* to RRS 63.2 and 63.4b will not apply.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Alofsin Pier at Fort Adams.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the racing schedule will be posted before 2000 the day before it will take effect.

**4. RACE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Race Committee will use **Ch 79A** for radio communications with competitors.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag pole at the Alofsin Pier at Fort Adams.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the Race Signal AP. (Changes “race Signals”)

**6. SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Competitor’s Meetings – *WOMEN AND JUNIORS* - There will be a competitor’s meeting on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 1030 at the Fort Adam’s Dock near the hoist. *NAC* - There will be a competitor’s meeting on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 1800 in the tent next to the Mule Barn at Fort Adams.
- 6.2 No qualifying races will be conducted after Monday of the regatta.
- 6.3 Assuming three or more races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1430 on Thursday. However, this time limit will be extended to 1500 in accordance with the By-laws if three races have not been completed by the end of the day on Thursday. See By-law Article B-IX Paragraph 5c.

Event	Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal	Fleet	Division
Juniors/Women	Sunday July 17	1230 Additional races to follow	Women Juniors	Division 1 Division 2
Qualifier Event First Race	Monday July 18	1100	A & B C & D	Division 1 Division 2
Qualifier Event Second Race	“ “	To follow first Race	B & C A & D	Division 1 Division 2
Qualifier Event Third Race	“ “	To follow second race	B & D A & C	Division 1 Division 2
Championship Event	Tuesday July 19	1100	Championship Challenger	Division 1 Division 2
Championship Event	Wednesday July 20	1100	“ “	“ “
Championship Event	Thursday July 21	1100	“ “	“ “

This schedule is subject to change at Race Committee discretion

## 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on southern Narragansett Bay between the Newport (Pell) Bridge and Gould Island.
- 7.2 Alternative sailing areas are between Goat and Rose Island (Flag DELTA) or between Halfway Rock and the northern end of Gould Island (Flag ROMEO)
- 7.3 If an alternative race area is chosen, the appropriate signal flag will be flown ashore

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1 Courses to be sailed are illustrated in Addendum 1..
- 8.2 There will be an offset mark at the windward mark.
- 8.3 There will be a leeward gate for Windward -Leeward Courses. Boats shall sail between the gate marks in the direction from the previous mark, and round either mark. If one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to Port.
- 8.4 Except for the leeward gate, all marks shall be rounded to Port.
- 8.5 The course designation will be displayed on a white board on the Signal Boat with the magnetic bearing and approximate distance to the first mark.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Original marks will be yellow tetrahedrons
- 9.2 Change marks will be orange tetrahedrons If the course is changed again, the original marks will be used.
- 9.3 The offset mark for windward-leeward courses will be an orange sphere
- 9.4 The starting mark will be an orange sphere
- 9.5 The upwind finishing mark will be an orange sphere
- 9.6 The downwind finishing mark will be a green tetrahedron with 2 yellow stripes

## 10. THE START

- 10.1 At registration, for the Qualifying Event, each boat will be assigned to a fleet and given a colored pennant, which shall be flown from the leech of the mainsail at least 12 inches above the clew. For the Championship Event, only boats in the Challenger Division shall display their colored pennant. Each boat shall sail with its assigned fleet and start in its Division.
- 10.2 Prior to the first Warning Signal of each day, all boats shall check in by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat On starboard tack and hailing their sail number until acknowledged. A boat failing to do so will be notified of its failure and for a subsequent infringement may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5 and 63.1.
- 10.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.4 The Class Flags will be:
  - Division 1 and /or Championship – Red flag with a White FS.
  - Division 2 and / or Challenger - White flag with a Blue FS.
- 10.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the starting mark at the port end .
- 10.6 As a courtesy, the Warning Signal for the 1<sup>st</sup> Division to start may be preceded by short repetitive sound signals to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.
- 10.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.8 As a courtesy, the race committee will, after the starting signal, hail the bow numbers of OCS boats and boats that have not complied with RRS 30.1 via **VHF Radio Channel 79 A**. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the failure of the Race Committee to hail, or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.9 A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5 and 63.1.

## 11. CHANGED OR SHORTENED COURSE

- 11.1 In the event a Changed or Shortened Course affects only one Division, the Race Committee will display the class flag for the Division affected along with flag “C” or flag S”. If no class flag is displayed, flag “C” or flag “S” applies to both Divisions. No course will be shortened to fewer than two windward legs, the second of which will be at least as long as the first.
- 11.2 If the course is shortened at a gate, boats shall finish between the gate marks in the direction from the previous mark.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 12.2 Boats that retire before finishing shall inform the RC as soon as possible. VHF notification may be accepted.
- 12.3 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means, "No more racing today." Conversely if Flag "A" is not displayed, it will be the intention of the RC to run another race.

## 13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 For each Division, the following apply independently:
- 13.2 The time limit for the first boat to pass the first mark will be 45 minutes, and for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 120 minutes.
- 13.3 If either of these limits is not met, the race for the division(s) will be abandoned.
- 13.4 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, and A11.

## 14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, APPENDIX "T1 AND T2" (RRS) Will apply

- 14.1 Appdx T1: RRS 44.1 1st two sentences are changed. "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a *rule* of Part 2, or *rule* 31 while *racing*. However When she may have broken a *rule* of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 14.2 Appdx T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a *rule* of Part 2 or *rule* 31 while *racing* may take a race penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a scoring penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c) However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a post race penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 14.3 Appdx T2.2 The Post race penalty shall be:
  - (a) 20% if taken before the protest Time Limit, or
  - (b) 30%, after the protest time limit, but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

## 15. PROTESTS, REDRESS & DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

- 15.1 Protest Forms will be available at the Alofsin Pier at Fort Adams, and shall be filed with the Jury Secretary at the Alofsin Piers dock within 60 minutes of the Signal Boat's docking time, which will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 The order of protests will be posted within 15 minutes of the end of the protest time.
- 15.3 Protests will be held at the Sail Newport Office Building approximately in the order received.
- 15.4 Appeal: In the event a boat wishes to appeal a decision of the Protest Committee in the Qualification Event, it shall follow the instruction of By-Law B-IX Paragraph 9.
- 15.5 Redress Request: If the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.6 On the last day of the NAC, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous days or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the last day of the NAC. This changes RRS 66.
- 15.7 On the last day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.
- 15.8 Assignments to the Qualifying Event: If no races are sailed in the Qualifying Event, competitors will be assigned to the Championship or Challenger Division by the National Championship Committee. Competitors may request to be placed in the Championship Division, subject to approval of the Judges and an appointed representative of the National Championship Committee. Such requests shall be in writing, give the reason, and be made within 1 hour of the time the Division assignments were posted.

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1 At the completion of the Qualifying Event boats will be assigned to either the Championship Division or the Challenger Division as follows:
- 16.2 The Division split in the Qualifying Event shall be based the boat's final position. In the event of boats being tied at the split, those boats shall sail in the Championship Division.
- 16.3 The Championship Division will be comprised of the top 50% of the registered boats, subject to Para 13.2 above. If an odd number of boats is registered, the number of registrants will be divided by two, rounded up to nearest whole number.
- 16.4 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply with the following modifications:
- 16.5 All races will be scored in the Qualifying and <sup>3</sup>Championship Events. This changes RRS A2.

- 16.6 Three races are scheduled in the Qualifying Event. One race constitutes the Event.
- 16.7 Points from the Qualifying Events do not carry forward to the Championship Event.
- 16.8 Five races are scheduled for both Divisions of the Championship Event. If fewer than 3 races are completed in the Championship Event, the Event will be declared a non-championship. The perpetual trophies will not be awarded, but the keeper trophies may be awarded.
- 16.9 A boat scored TLE will be awarded points one greater than the last boat to sail the course and *finish* within the 30 minute time window. This changes RRS 35, A4, A4.2 and A5.

**17. TOWING**

- 17.1 Boats may be towed to and from the race area only if towing is made available to all participants. Otherwise, a boat accepting a tow without consent of the Race Committee shall be disqualified from its most recent race without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Protest Committee in extenuating circumstances, i.e. breakdown, illness, or other factors that may be appropriate. Protests under this rule may be made only by the Protest Committee or the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**18. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 18.1 Support boats shall not be used, except for those available to all competitors provided by the Organizi Authority.

**19. TROPHIES**

- 19.1 The **Gordon K. Douglass** perpetual trophy will be awarded to the National Champion. Additional awards will be awarded to Helmsmen and Crews of the 1st through 10th place boats overall in each of the Championship and Challenger Divisions. In addition, keeper trophies will be awarded to the Helmsmen and Crews of the first place boats in each of the Qualifying and Championship and Challenger Division races. Perpetual and other trophies may be given as appropriate.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

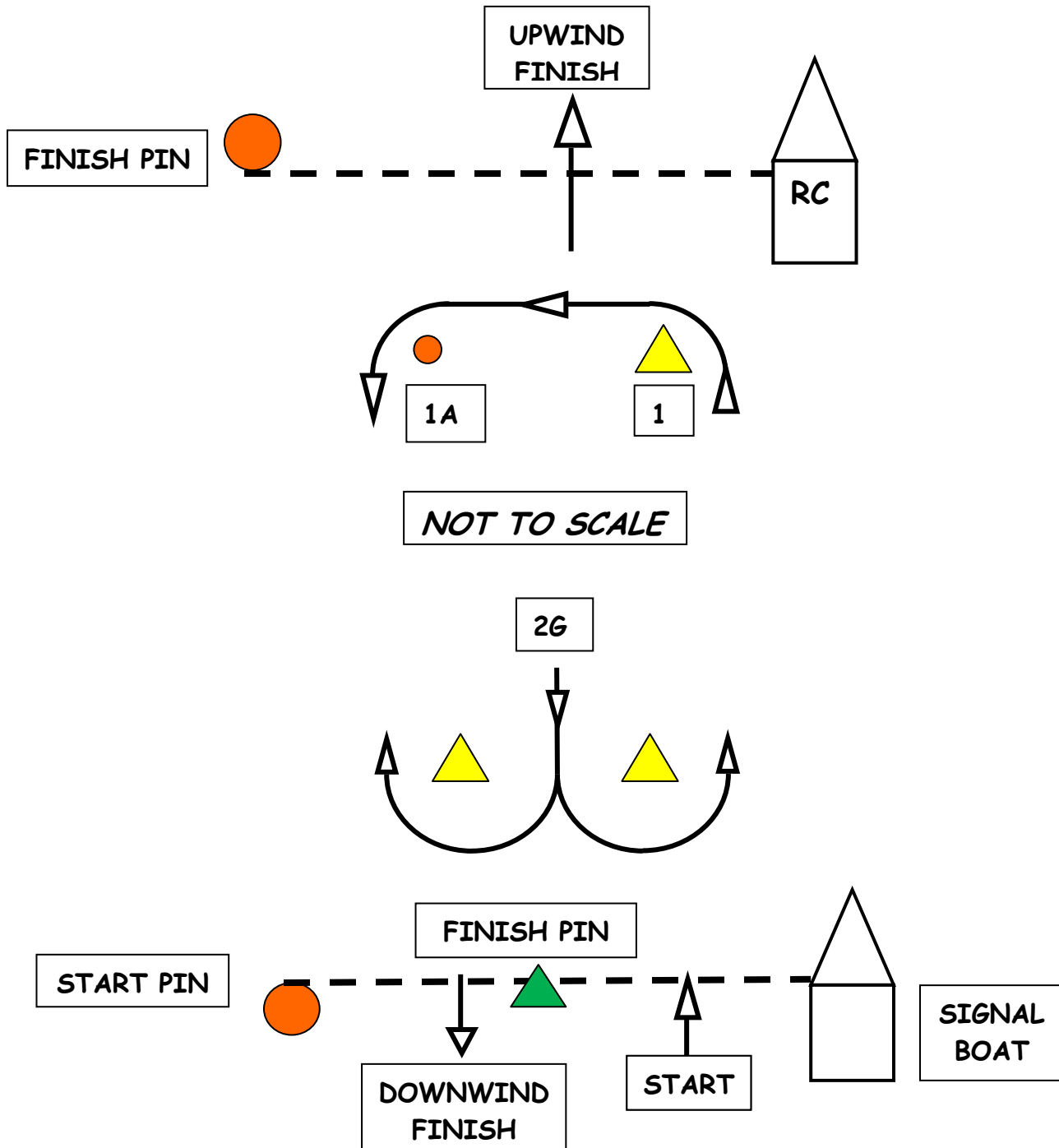
- 20.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**21. TIDAL INFORMATION – NEWPORT R.I.**

Date	HIGH	LOW
Sunday July 17	0633/1857	0016/1157
Monday July 18	0717/1937	0058/1241
Tuesday July 19	0800/2018	0140/1325
Wednesday July 20	0800/2018	0220/1410
Thursday July 21	0927/2145	0259/1455

# ADDENDUM 1

## WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



**COURSE 1: START-1-1A-2G-FINISH (upwind)**

**COURSE 2: START-1-1A-2G-1-1A-FINISH (downwind)**

**COURSE 3: START-1-1A-2G-1-1A-2G-FINISH (upwind)**

**NOTE: MARK COLORS AND SHAPES ARE SCHEMATIC ONLY.**