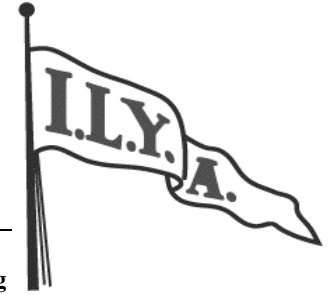


**GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
OSHKOSH XTREME REGATTA
JULY 18-19, 2016
OSHKOSH YACHT CLUB
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN
Headquarters: MILLERS BAY
(All times given are Central Daylight Time)**



SI and NOR Disclaimer:

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*. It is classified as an "invitational" Category A event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

2 ENTRIES - The regatta is open to Class X Boats.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Regatta Headquarters.

4 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at the completion of the Competitors' Briefing Meeting or prior to 7:30 a.m. on the day the change is to take effect, whichever is later, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 p.m. on the day before the change will take effect.

5 COMPETITORS' BRIEFING MEETING – 10:45 a.m., Monday, July 18, at Regatta Headquarters.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

1.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed by the fleet signal boat.

1.2 When flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "**not less than 45 minutes**" in Race Signal AP.

6.3 Approximately one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal, the signal boat will fire a gun, or make another sound signal. When multiple fleets are scheduled to start at the same time, only one signal boat may make this signal.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Warning signal for first race: **Monday, July 18, 12:15 p.m.; six races** are scheduled. If all six races are finished there will be a throw out race. **One** race will constitute a regatta. No race will start after 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19.

8 CLASS FLAG - Black X on a white field

9 RACING AREA

If necessary, a description or illustration of the racing area will be posted at least one hour before the posted warning time.

10. SAFETY

10.1. Each competitor, including skipper and crew - and, in the case of a skipper or crew less than eighteen years of age, his parent or legal guardian - is ultimately responsible for such competitor's personal safety.

10.2. Coast Guard approved life jackets shall be worn (as designed to be worn by the manufacturer) by all competitors from shore to shore. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

10.3. Life jackets may be removed for brief periods for the purpose of adding/ removing/ adjusting clothing. This changes RRS 40.

10.4. A boat requesting assistance should attempt to signal by waving an extended arm.

10.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee Boat before leaving the race course, or when that is not possible, she shall notify an official on shore as soon as possible after she returns to the Millers Bay Headquarters.

10.6. Boats that do not intend to leave the area of Millers Bay to race, shall inform either the Race Committee or an official on shore prior to the start of the race she intends not to sail in.

10.7. A boat that violates SI 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, or 10.6 shall receive, at the discretion of the Chief Judge and without a hearing, a warning or a penalty, which may be points added to a boat's total score, disqualification (DSQ) from the preceding or following race, or other appropriate penalty. This changes rule 63.1.

- 10.8. When the safety of a race is threatened due to weather or other safety concerns after at least one boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit, the RC may discontinue racing. In this situation, flags “N over H” mean “discontinue racing and find safe harbor.” Any boats that have not finished may be scored at the discretion of the Chief Judge who may also order the race abandoned. This changes RRS 32, 35 and the Race Signals for flag ‘N over H.’

11 THE COURSE

- 1.1 The COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS show the components that make up all courses. All marks shall be rounded as indicated, except that the windward, offset, and gate (leeward) marks, if still in place, have no required side for a boat about to start or finish.
- 1.2 Unless otherwise posted, a leeward gate will be used on the downwind legs of all courses (not a reaching leg). If a leeward gate will not be used, the leeward mark will be as shown for mark 3.
- 11.3 The RC Signal Boat will display the course to be sailed with letters and numbers and the approximate compass heading from the starting line to the first mark.

12 MARKS AND CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 1.1. Original marks will be large orange balls, yellow cylinders, or dark red pyramids, and the offset mark will be an orange ball. If any marks are different in shape or color, they will be displayed at the Competitors' Briefing and a notice stating the differences will be posted.
- 1.2. New marks, used in accordance with RRS 33 (Changing the position of the next mark), will be similar to the original marks. When both new and old marks are in position, the new mark will be identified by displaying the FI flag on the mark boat when practical.
- 1.3. A change of the next leg of the course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33(a) (2) using red and green flags or boards.**
- 1.4. Minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE START

- 13.1 The description of the Class flag required by RRS 26 will be posted.
- 13.2 The Starting Line will be:
- 1.1.1 between a staff displaying an orange (or FI) flag on a RC boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark, or
- 1.1.2 between staffs displaying orange (or FI) flags on two RC Boats, or
- 1.1.3 from a staff displaying an orange (or FI) flag on a RC boat at the starboard end, to a staff displaying an orange (or FI) flag on a RC boat in the approximate center of the starting line, and thence to a staff displaying an orange (or FI) flag on a RC boat at the port end. A notice will be posted if this procedure is to be used.
- 1.2. The starboard end RC boat may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the boat. If so, the starting mark shall be the combination of the RC Boat and the buoy. Any competitor that touches either the RC boat or the buoy, or passes between them violates RRS 31.1 (Touching A Mark).
- 1.3. RRS 30.1 (the 'round-an-end rule') will be in effect for all starts. This changes Race Signals.
- 1.4. If RRS 30.2 is used, flag Z will be displayed alone as the Preparatory Signal. This changes Race Signals.
- 1.5. A boat attempting to start more than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

14 RECALLS

Following the display of the individual recall signal, the RC will **attempt to announce the racing number** of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.2. Such announcement is a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement, or of boats to hear or understand it, shall not constitute grounds for redress. This supplements RRS 62.1(a).

15 Z FLAG AND BLACK FLAG

- 15.1 RRS 30.2, 30.3 and 36 are changed as follows:
- 15.1.1. After the start, boats that have not complied with RRS 30.3 will be notified by hail or display board. After receiving notification, such boats shall keep clear of all other boats unless they intend to act under RRS 60.1(b).
- 15.1.2. If a General Recall is signaled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, all competitors who received a 20% scoring penalty under RRS 30.2 or were disqualified under RRS 30.3 in the recalled or abandoned race, are again eligible to race without penalty.

16 ABANDONMENT AND RESCHEDULING OF RACES

Races abandoned under the 'N over H' or 'N over A' signals shall be re-sailed after all other scheduled races in the order in which they were abandoned, retaining their original race number.

17 THE FINISH

- 17.1. The finishing line will always be between a staff displaying an orange (or FI) flag on a race committee boat and a nearby mark, or between staffs displaying orange (or FI) flags on two race committee boats. This changes race signals for flag S when appropriate.

- 17.2. Race Signal for flag S is modified as follows: When a race is to be shortened:
- 17.2.1. By finishing at the end of a leg that ends at a leeward gate, the finishing line will be between an RC boat displaying flag S and the remaining gate mark. This changes rule 32.2(c). (Boats which have been lapped or are about to be lapped shall treat the RC boat and nearby mark as gate marks).
 - 17.2.2. By finishing at a mark or gate whose position has been changed in accordance with RRS 33 and SI 12.2, the finishing line will be set at the location of that new mark.
- 17.3. A Code L flag (come within hail) flag displayed by the RC in the finishing area indicates that another race will be started as soon as possible. (Code L is four squares – two yellow, 2 black)

18. TIME LIMIT

- 18.1. The time limit will be **1 and one half hours** for each race.
- 18.2. If the course set is less than the class minimum, the time limit will be shortened relative to the class minimum length and displayed with the course.
- 18.3. Boats still racing **35 minutes** (or 30% of the time limit, whichever is less) after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored the position of the last boat to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

19 PROTESTS

- 19.1 After all boats have finished, a protesting boat shall notify the RC of the racing number of any and all protested boats. If the protesting boat has finished the race, notice shall be given to the RC stationed to windward of the finishing line. If that boat is not on station, the report shall be given to any other RC boat in the finishing area.
- 19.2 Upon landing, the RC shall post the Dock Time of the RC signal boat and the numbers of all known protesting and protested boats and RC actions.
- 19.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at Regatta Headquarters and lodged with the Chief Judge or other designated person within the protest time limit which is one hour after Dock Time.
- 19.4 Protest hearing notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing to which they are parties, or named as witnesses.
- 19.5 The protest committee will hear protests as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.
- 19.6 On the last scheduled race day, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.
- 19.8 RRS 62.2 is changed in that the words 'two hours' are deleted and replaced by 'one hour.' The prescription to this rule is changed by deleting the words 'before 1800 on the day,' and substituting 'within one hour.'
- 19.9 If the RC or protest committee intends to protest a boat that is racing, they will attempt to inform the boat immediately by hailing 'Protest' and the boat number. Failure to notify or failure to hear will not be grounds for invalidating the protest or seeking redress. This changes RRS 61.1(b).

20 SCORING

The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply. **One completed race** shall constitute a regatta.

21 PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2 (RRS 44)

- 1.1 A boat that has performed a **Turns Penalty** is requested to notify the RC in the manner described in SI 19.1.
- 1.2 A boat that does not comply with RRS 44.1 or SI 21.1, but, prior to a hearing, acknowledges breaking a rule, shall be penalized 50% of the number of boats entered, but not less than six places, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

22 RADIO USE

- 22.1 **VHF radio will not be used by the RC to communicate with competitors.**
- 22.2 The only communication devices that may be used by competitors when racing are: (a) a weather monitor and (b) a cell phone that may be used for emergency purposes only. The penalty for breaking this rule will be total disqualification from the regatta. A competitor may have a radio for safety reasons to monitor channels 9, 16, and WX.

23 OUTSIDE HELP

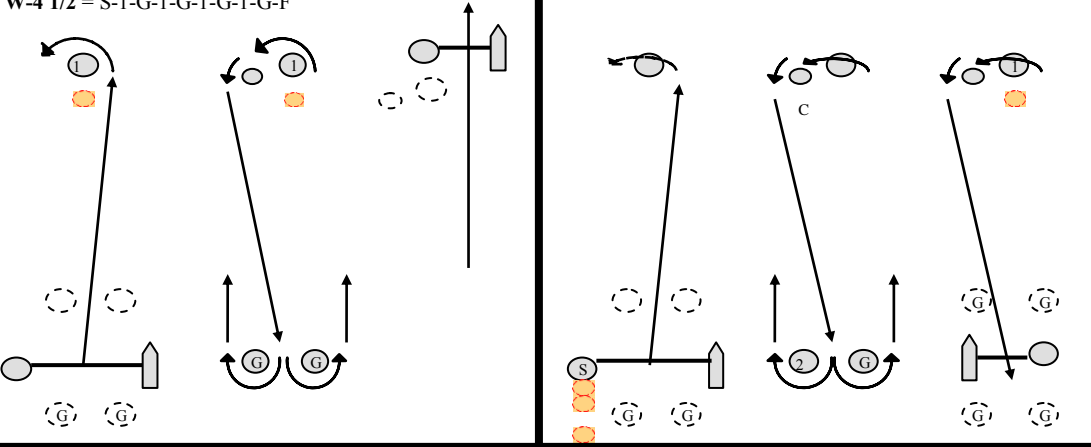
A boat that receives outside help other than help permitted by RRS 41, or from a non-competitor or noncompeting boat, shall retire. This changes RRS 41.

24. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

Except when rendering assistance to a boat believed to be in distress, support and coach boats shall stay outside of the area where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until the coach's X Boat or X Boats have finished and are well clear of the course and finish line, or until the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the verbal instructions of the Race Committee will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge. The penalty may be applied to any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat.

WINDWARD- LEEWARD WITH WINDWARD FINISH

- W-2 1/2 = S-1-G-1-G-F
- W-3 1/2 = S-1-G-1-G-1-G-F
- W-4 1/2 = S-1-G-1-G-1-G-1-G-F



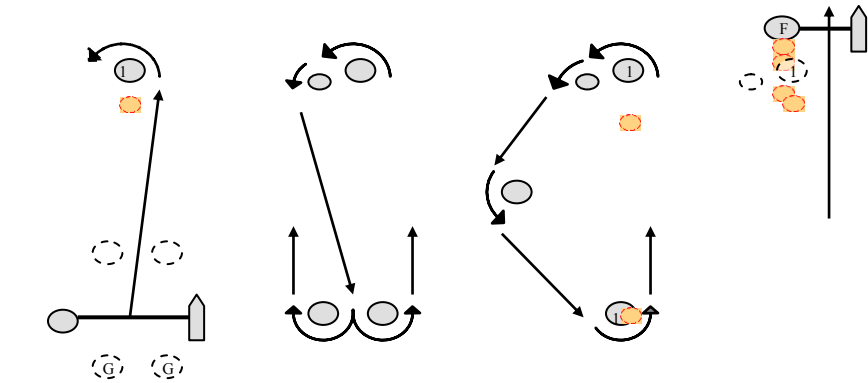
WINDWARD/LEEWARD + TRIANGLE

WT-1 = S-1-G-1-2-3-F

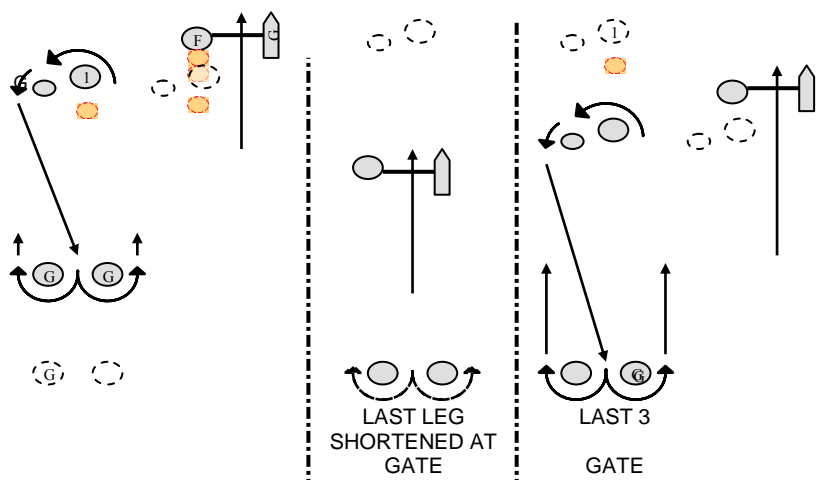
OTHER COURSES

TRIANGLE WITH WINDWARD FINISH

- T-1 1/3 = S-1-2-3-F
- T-2 1/3 = S-1-2-3-1-2-3-F
- T-3 1/3 = S-1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2-3-F



FINISHING LINES – RULE 33 (REDUCED LEG LENGTH)



LEGEND

