

Sailing Instructions

Sarasota MC Scow Regatta

March 3-5, 2017
Sarasota Sailing Squadron

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *MC Scow Class Association Rules*, the *Notice of Race*, and these *Sailing Instructions*, which shall supersede if in conflict.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the north lanai of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be posted at the completion of the MC Competitor's Briefing or prior to 8:00 am 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 6:00 pm. on the day before the change will take effect.

4. COMPETITOR'S BRIEFING

Saturday, March 4, 2017, **9:30 am** at the SSS Clubhouse.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Will be displayed on the squadron flagpole (east side of clubhouse).
- 5.2 Approximately **one hour** prior to the scheduled warning signal, the signal boat will make a sound signal.
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed on shore, the Race Signal AP "one minute" is replaced with "**not less than 60 minutes.**"

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 **Warning signal: Practice Race**, 1 pm, Friday, March 3, 2017
- 6.2 **Warning signal: first race**, **10:55 am**, Saturday, March 4, 2017.
- 6.3 Except when races are sailed back-to-back, the time of the warning signal for subsequent races will be posted.
- 6.4 **Warning Signal: first race**, **10:00 am Sunday**, March, 5, 2017
- 6.4 No initial warning signal (regardless of any recalls) shall be made after **12:00 PM on Sunday, March 5, 2017** if 5 or more races have been completed.
- 6.5 No initial warning signal (regardless of any recalls) shall be made after **1:30 PM on Sunday, March 5, 2017** if fewer than 5 races have been completed.

7. **NUMBER OF RACES** As many races as possible will be held within the available time.

8. **RACING AREA** will be the water of Sarasota Bay.

9. SAFETY

- 9.1 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**" (blue/white squares over white at pole/red tip) mean, "discontinue racing and find safe harbor." Any boats that have not finished may be scored at the discretion of the PRO who may also order the race abandoned. This changes RRS 32(shortening), 35(time limit) and the Race Signals for flag 'N over H.'
- 9.2 No race will be started when the wind registers **under 3.5 mph, 20 mph steady, or gusts greater than 23 mph** as measured on the Race Committee boat. If, after a race has started, the wind registers 20 mph steady or 23 mph in gusts, the RC will either
 - a) Abandon the race, or
 - b) Shorten the course at the next possible mark of the course and take

finishes there.

- 9.3 **CHECK IN** All boats must check in with RC signal boat prior to each First start after leaving shore by reporting their sail number and Receiving acknowledgement. Failure to do so will score a DNS.
- 9.4 A boat **retiring** from a race shall notify the RC as soon as practical.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 Course diagram is at Attachment 1.
- 10.2 Marks to port. Offset mark by windward mark. **Leeward may be a gate.**
- 10.3 Courses will be approximately 45 minutes long.
- 10.4 **COURSE DESIGNATION** Layout: **W** is course type, **#** is number of legs. Round the offset mark when present.
W4 is windward, offset, leeward, windward, offset, and finish to leeward for 4 legs
W5 is windward, offset, leeward, windward, offset, leeward, and finish to windward for 5 legs.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Original course marks will be orange tetrahedrons, and the offset mark will be a red ball.
- 11.2 To change the next leg of the course more than 10 degrees, the race committee will lay a new mark (yellow tetrahedron) in accordance with RRS 33 (Changing the position of the next mark). Subsequent course changes will alternate between the two mark colors.
- 11.3 A new windward mark may not include an offset mark.
- 11.4 RRS 33(a) and 33(a)(1) are changed to allow the new compass bearing to be broadcast on the competitor radio channel and signaled in accordance with RRS 33(a)(2) using red and green shapes.
- 11.5 Minor movements of less than 11 degrees in a same mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The Starting Line will be in the leeward area of the course between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the **port end orange cylinder starting mark**, or between staffs displaying orange flags on two RC boats.
- 12.2 A boat attempting to start more than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4

13. RECALLS

Following the display of the individual recall signal X flag (blue cross on white), the RC will attempt to announce – by VHF radio – the sail number of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1(individual recall). 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) (redress).

14. Z FLAG AND BLACK FLAG

- 14.1 RRS 30.2 (Z), 30.3 (Black) and 36 (restart) are changed as follows:
 - a) After the start, the RC will attempt to notify by VHF radio or hail boats that have not complied with RRS 30.3 (Black Flag DSQ). After receiving notification, such boats shall keep clear of all other boats unless they intend to act under RRS 60.1(b) (redress).
 - b) If a 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.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an **orange flag** on a port end race committee boat and the course side of a nearby end starboard **Yellow finish mark** as viewed from the last leg of the course.
- 15.2 The **Second Substitute** (blue at pole/white tip) displayed by the RC in the finishing area indicates that another race will be started as soon as possible.
- 15.3 AP (red white vertical stripes) over H (white at pole, red tip) displayed at finish indicates races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore. For example – lunch.

prior to, during, or after the regatta. No train wrecks.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit will be **90 minutes** for each race.
- 16.2 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 25 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Any boat still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat has finished will be scored **DNF**, the position of the last boat to finish plus one. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1 As soon as possible after the race in which an alleged breach occurred, a **protesting boat shall report to the RC signal boat the sail number of all protested boats.**
- 17.2 Upon landing, the **RC shall post** the time of landing of the RC signal boat and the numbers of all known protesting and protested boats.
- 17.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at Regatta Headquarters and lodged with the PRO or other designated person within the protest time limit, which is **one hour** after landing of the RC signal boat. This changes RRS 61.3 (Time Limit).
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 The protest committee will hear protests as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.
- 17.6 Photographs, videos, and digital images of any kind may not be used as evidence in these hearings except when they have been originated from a source designated by the RC or organizing authority.
- 17.7 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 (Reopening).
- 17.8 RRS 62.2 (Redress) is changed in that the words 'two hours' are deleted and replaced by 'one hour.'

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A4, will apply with no exclusions. This changes RRS A2 (Series Scores).
- 18.2 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

19. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2 (RRS 44)

- 19.1 As soon as possible after the race in which an alleged breach occurred, a boat **shall report to the RC signal boat what Turns Penalty was completed, where, and why to identify the incident.**
- 19.2 A boat that does not comply with RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) 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.

20. RADIO USE

- 20.1 VHF radio will be the primary means used by the RC to communicate with competitors. The competitor channel will be channel 72.
- 20.2 The only electronic communication devices that may be used by competitors when racing are: (a) a weather monitor, (b) a VHF radio (c) a cell phone that may be used for emergency purposes only, and (d) a hearing aid. The penalty for breaking this rule will be total disqualification from the regatta or the Protest Committee may determine a lesser penalty. Failure to hear a RC transmission shall not constitute grounds for redress.
- 20.3 Except to make a required report or in an emergency, no transmission shall be made to the RC or other person when racing.

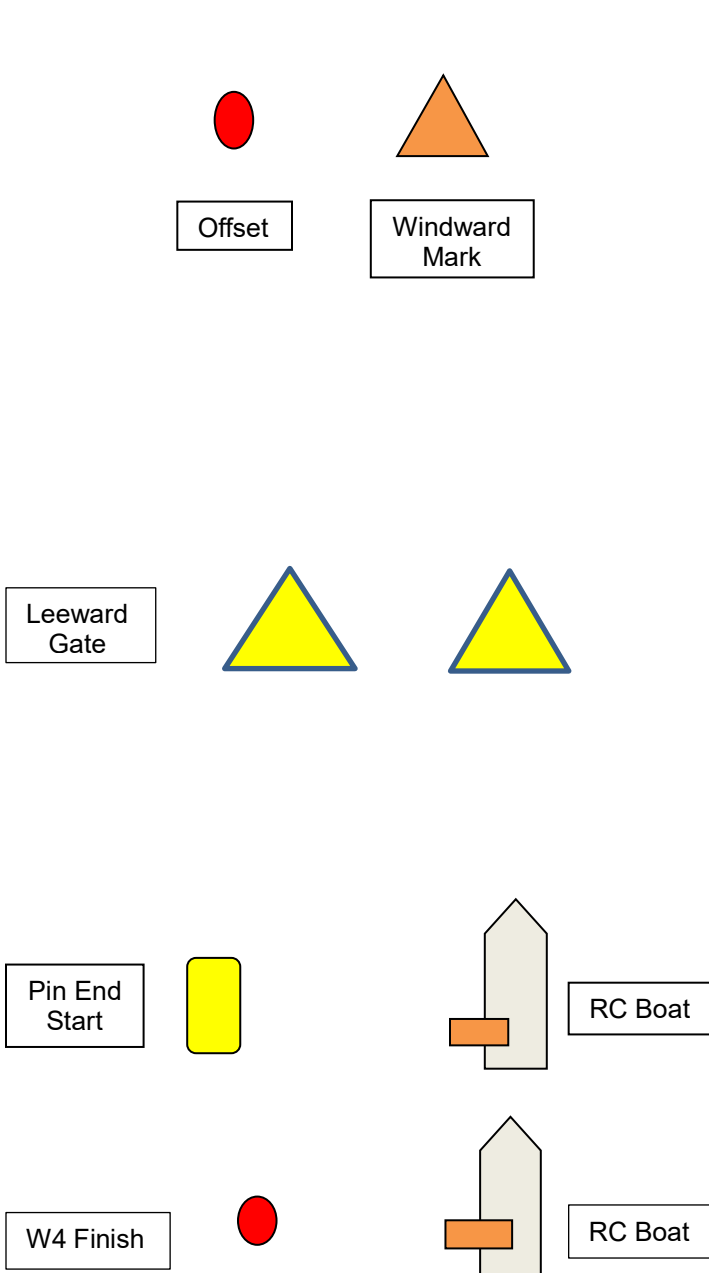
21. OUTSIDE HELP

A boat that receives outside help other than help permitted by RRS 41 shall retire. This supplements RRS 41 (Outside Help).

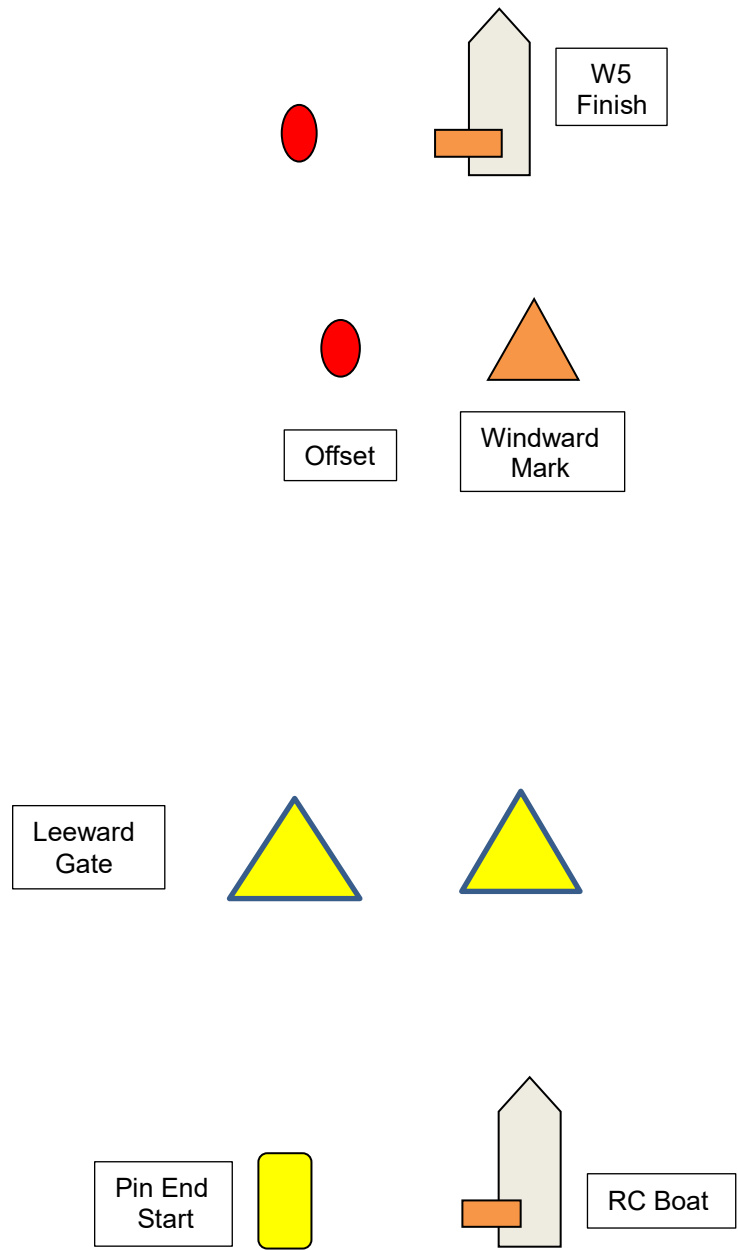
22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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

Attachment 1



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