

Billy Heinz 2017 Annual Regatta at West River Sailing Club Saturday and Sunday, September 2-3, 2017

West River Sailing Club 4800 Riverside Drive
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020 and these Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES:

See the NOR & Sailing Instructions on the West River Sailing Club Home Page (www.westriversc.org) and register online at US Sailing Regatta Network: described as WRSC 2017 Billy Heintz Annual Regatta, 08/02/2017).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Clubhouse window near the flagpole.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE and ON THE WATER:

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Clubhouse. If a postponement (AP) is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. Signals such as designating a racing area, choice of sound-signal starting system, or number of races may be given on the water by displaying flag L with one sound.

5. SCHEDULE:

The warning signal for the first race will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday and 10:30 AM on Sunday. The Race Committee will determine the order of class starts, and subsequent starts for any class may occur at any time after that class finishes. No warning signal will be given after 2:30 PM on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

The class flag will show the class insignia or as described at the Skipper's Meeting.

7. THE COURSES:

Location: The location of the racing area will be selected by the Race Committee in the vicinity of the entrance of the West River.

Start and Finish: The start and finish lines will be to leeward of the leeward turning mark. The start line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and a red ball laid to its port side. The finish line will be between a blue flag and a red ball laid to the starboard side of the signal boat. In the event the course is shortened, the finish line will be between the "S" flag and a nearby mark of the course.

Course Designation: Courses will be Windward-Leeward or Triangle-Windward-Leeward designated by a letter "W" or "O" (respectively) posted on the starboard side of the signal boat. The number of legs will be designated after the letter (*i.e.* "W4" indicates windward, leeward, windward, then finish to leeward). The course will be posted prior to the Preparatory signal for the start. Different courses may be posted for different races in a series of rolling starts.

Extended Windward Mark for Multihulls: On all courses, the multihull classes will use an extended windward mark (shown as 1A in the Appendix). The monohull classes will use the closer windward mark (shown as 1B).

Windward Offset Mark for Multihulls: For the multihull classes there will be an offset mark near the windward mark, which must be rounded as a mark of the course.

Required Side: All turning marks will be left to port.

Course Configuration: The Appendix shows mark configuration and possible courses.

Marks: Marks will be described at the Skipper's Meeting.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 1 hour for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

9. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

The Penalties should follow Rule 44 of RRS.

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed for multihull boats only, so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour after the race committee signal boat docks. Competitors intending to file a protest or request for redress shall advise the Race Committee as soon as practicable after finishing. The protest time limit and a list of protests and requests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the clubhouse boardroom.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, but does not apply to any communication received or transmitted to request or render assistance to a vessel in distress.

11. SCORING

One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

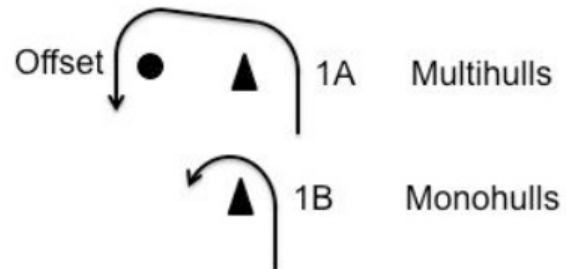
12. PRIZES:

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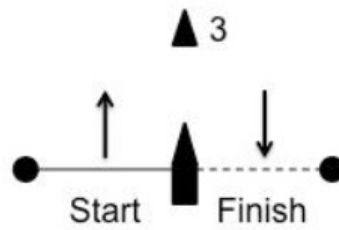
13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, "Decision to Race", and Registration form. 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.

APPENDIX: MARK CONFIGURATIONS AND POSSIBLE COURSES



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Courses For Monohulls:

"W2": Start-1B-Finish
"W4": Start-1B-3-1B-Finish
"O5": Start-1B-2-3-1B-Finish

Courses For Multihulls:

"W2": Start-1A-Offset-Finish
"W4": Start-1A-Offset-3-1A-Offset-Finish
"W6": Start-1A-Offset-3-1A-Offset-3-1A-Offset-Finish