

Flying Scot® Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2018 FLYING SCOT® MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

March 24-29, 2018

Hosted by Sarasota Sailing Squadron and Fleet 36

Organizing Authority: Flying Scot® Sailing Association ("FSSA")
in conjunction with Sarasota Sailing Squadron ("SSS")

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). However, the following Rules are changed:
- 1.2 Race Signals "AP" is modified as described in SI Section 4.2.
- 1.3 RRS 60.1 and 60.3 are changed in accordance with SI Section 9.
- 1.4 RRS 62.1(a) is changed regarding requests for redress related to OCS notifications (see SI Section 10.6).
- 1.5 RRS 63.1 and A5 are changed so that a boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing (see SI Section 10.7).
- 1.6 RRS 32.1 is changed so that a minimum of 3 legs shall be sailed before a race will be shortened (see SI Section 11.2).
- 1.7 RRS 35, A5 and A11 are changed to specify the scoring for "Time Limit Expired" boats (see SI Section 13.3).
- 1.8 RRS 44.1 is modified so that Appendix "V" Alternative Penalties will be in effect (see SI Section 14).
- 1.9 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4b shall not apply.
- 1.10 RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed to set time limits for redress requests under certain circumstances (see SI Sections 15.5, 15.6 and 15.7).
- 1.11 RRS A2.1 is changed so that there will be no scores excluded (see SI Section 16.2).
- 1.12 RRS 35, A4, A4.2, A5 and A11 are changed to specify the scoring for "Time Limit Expired" boats (see SI Section 16.3).
- 1.13 RRS 64.4 is changed with respect to support and tow boats (see SI Section 17).
- 1.14 RRS 92 is clarified as follows: The Measurement Committee is the Technical Committee for this regatta.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the porch on the eastern side of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) clubhouse.
- 2.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 11 for radio communications with competitors.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the racing schedule will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the main flag post located on the eastern side of the SSS clubhouse.
- 4.2 When Code Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signals "AP".

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 A competitors' meeting will be held on Sunday at 1800 at the SSS clubhouse pavilion.
- 5.2 At registration, a colored streamer will be provided to boats in the Challenger Division, and it shall be flown from the leach of the main sail approximately 12 inches above the clew.
- 5.3 Up to three races may be run each day, and up to eight races are scheduled.
- 5.4 Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. If the race committee displays Code Flag "A" at the finish line, it means no more racing that day.
- 5.5 The Thursday time limit may be extended in accordance with the By-laws if three races have not been completed by the end of the day on Wednesday.

Saturday, March 24	Registration/Check in	1200 - 1600
	Boat Measurement	1200 - 1600
Sunday, March 25	Registration	0900 - 1000
	Registration On-Site and Online Closes	1000
	Warm Up Race / Charlie Fowler Memorial Fleet Challenge Skippers' Meeting	1230
	Warm Up Race / Charlie Fowler Memorial Fleet Challenge Race	1400
	Welcome Party & Competitors' Meeting	1800
Monday, March 26	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
	Dinner	1800
Tuesday, March 27	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
Wednesday, March 28	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
	Banquet	1800
Thursday, March 29	Races -- First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
	No warning signal after this time	1400
	Awards	1800

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6. RACING AREA

The racing area is in Sarasota Bay, north of the SSS.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The attached diagram shows the course designations, the marks in order of rounding, and the rounding direction of each mark. The race committee signal boat will post the course designation and the approximate distance and magnetic bearing to Mark 1.
- 7.2 There will be an offset mark at the windward mark.
- 7.3 A leeward gate is planned. Boats shall sail between the gate marks in the direction from the previous mark, and round either gate mark. If one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark will be rounded to port.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 The starting and finishing marks will be green tetrahedrons.
- 8.2 Marks 1, 2S and 2P, will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 8.3 Mark 1A (the offset mark), will be an orange sphere.
- 8.4 Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons except the offset mark will remain the same. If the course is changed again, the original marks will be used.
- 8.5 The race committee may adjust the angle of a gate without making any signals.

9. SAFETY CHECK-IN

When the anchored race committee signal boat displays Code Flag "L", competitors shall come within hail on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. Only the race committee may protest alleged breaches of this sailing instruction. The penalty for breaking this sailing instruction is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The class flags are as follows:
 - a) Championship Division: white Flying Scot® logo on a red field
 - b) Challenger Division: blue Flying Scot® logo on a white field.
- 10.3 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 on the port end.
- 10.4 As a courtesy, the warning signal for each race may be preceded by short repetitive sound signals to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.
- 10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.6 As a courtesy, the race committee will, after the starting signal, hail the sail number of OCS boats and boats that have not complied with RRS 30.1 which may be done via VHF Radio Channel 11. 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).
- 10.7 A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11. CHANGED OR SHORTENED COURSES

- 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 the appropriate code flag. If no class flag is displayed, the code flag applies to both Divisions.
- 11.2 No course will be shortened to fewer than 3 legs. The windward mark to the offset mark is not a leg of the course. Course changes that shorten a leg of a three-leg course are not permitted. This changes RRS 32.1.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line 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 will inform the RC as soon as possible. VHF notification will be accepted.
- 12.3 Code Flag "A" displayed, with no sound signal, 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 continue running races.

13. TIME LIMITS

For each Division, the following apply independently:

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 If either of these limits is not met, the race for the division will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) as defined in paragraph 16.3 in these SIs without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5 and A11.

14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The alternative penalties of RRS Appendix V, Rules V1 and V2, will apply. This modifies RRS 44.1.

15. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the office in the SSS clubhouse.
- 15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative in the SSS clubhouse office or adjacent room within 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 The order of protests will be approximately in the order received and will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time. Hearings will be held as soon as possible thereafter in the SSS club office or adjacent room.
- 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 racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or,
 - b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the last day. 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.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 No score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1,
- 16.3 A boat scored TLE will be awarded points two 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.
- 16.4 A maximum of eight races are scheduled, of which three must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

A competitor shall not use support or spectator personnel or their equipment, including tow boats, while away from the dock unless they have been pre-approved by the Protest or Race committee, or made available to all competitors by the Organizing Authority. This changes RRS 64.4.

18. TROPHIES

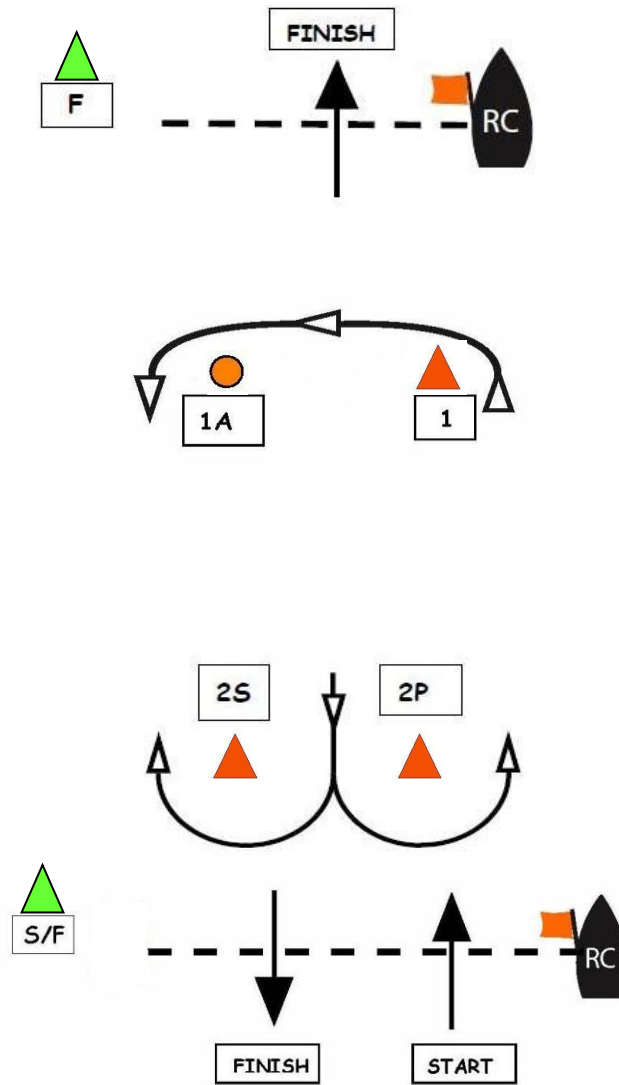
Trophies will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race. The perpetual trophies are:

- Championship Division 1st: Mary Meno Perpetual Trophy
- Challenger Division 1st: Brenda Pollack Perpetual Trophy
- Sportsmanship (voted on by the sailors): Allan M. Douglas Trophy

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

WINWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



NOTE: COURSE DESIGNATIONS INDICATES NUMBER OF LEGS EXCLUDING OFFSET (1 TO 1A)

COURSE **W3**: START-1 (port) - 1A (port) - 2 S/P - FINISH (upwind)

COURSE **W4**: START-1 (port) - 1A (port) - 2 S/P - 1 (port) - 1A (port) - FINISH (downwind)

COURSE **W5**: START-1 (port) - 1A (port) - 2 S/P - 1 (port) - 1A (port) - 2 S/P FINISH (upwind)

COURSE DIAGRAM IS NOT TO SCALE

MARKS

	1, 2S, 2P ORANGE TETRAHEDRON		COURSE CHANGE YELLOW TETRAHEDRON		1A ORANGE SPHERE		START FINISH GREEN TETRAHEDRON
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