

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Skaneateles Sandbagger Regatta
Series Summer 2018
Skaneateles, New York

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.

2. ENTRIES

Any boat may enter by registering on-line at regattanetwork.com. (https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=2885)

To be scored for the race, the registration, payment and rating must be received prior to the start of race in which the registrant plans to participate.

Payment should be made on-line during the registration process at regattanetwork.com with credit card (or Pay Pal) but checks may also be mailed to:

Jim Bright, 12 Lakeview Circle, Skaneateles, NY 13152

Unregistered boats may not be on race course with the exception of Junior sailors and with the permission of the Race Committee.

See the Notice of Race for entry form and details on late entry. Boats not listed in the US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick handicap tables (<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-yardstick/current-tables/>) must have a handicap established in accordance with Notice of Race, Rule 2, Eligibility, Alternative 1 or 2 before they will be scored for a race or the series. All boats that wish to be scored will provide boat class specifications with their registration and will be subject to boat and sail measurement by the Sandbagger Series Administrators. The Sandbagger Committee and administrators reserve the right to make adjustments to published handicaps to ensure fair racing per section 10 of the Notice of Race.

Any boat that does not have a rating prior to the start of race will have a finish time recorded but will not be scored.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be made via email to competitors who have supplied contact emails in their registration forms.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole or staff on the dock at the Skaneateles Sailing Club. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

12:30 pm - Skippers/Competitors meeting with race committee on the SSC dock.

2:00pm - Warning signal for the first race.

Dates of racing:

Saturday	June 9
Saturday	June 30
Saturday	July 14 <i>Columbia Cup</i>
Saturday	July 28
Saturday	August 11
Saturday	August 25 <i>Rain Date/Awards</i> <i>Social, Snacks at SSC</i>

If the warning signal for first race of the day has not been given before 2:45 PM due to weather or other reasons racing will be cancelled for the day. Subsequent races up to a maximum of 2 per day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. No races will be started after 4 PM. There will be two starts per race. The "Centerboard" fleet will start first followed by the "Keelboat" fleet. It is recommended that multihulls and any boat with a Portsmouth handicap rating lower than 83 start with the "Keelboat" fleet.

6. THE START




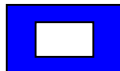
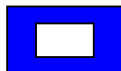
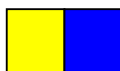


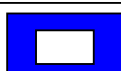

The starting sequences for the Sandbagger Series follow the racing rules of sailing (RRS) Rule 26, which prescribes a 5 minute starting sequence using visual and audible signals

The class flag signals are as follows:


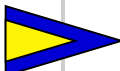
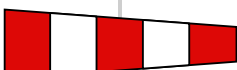
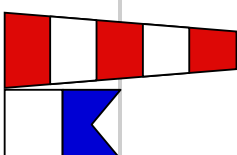
International signal flag "C" for "Centerboard" boats (Red White Blue horizontal stripes)

International signal flag "K" for "Keelboat" and multihulls (Yellow | Blue)

The 5 minute starting sequence for the centerboard fleet will be followed immediately by a second 5 minute sequence for the "keelboat" fleet. The starting signal for the centerboard fleet is the warning signal for the keelboat fleet which is sometimes referred to as a "rolling start". The overall 10 minute sequence for both fleets is shown in the table below.

SANDBAGGER SERIES						
STARTING SEQUENCE & FLAGS						
Min. to Go	Flag Up		Flag Down		Horn	Meaning
20 or more	Race Committee		Race Committee flag remains up until all boats cross finish line at the end of the 2nd race		--	Established anchored vessel as Race Committee Boat
About 11	Race Committee		Race Committee flag remains up until all boats cross finish line at the end of the 2nd race		Some Short Quick Blasts	Get racer's attention
10	Red, White, Blue (C)		--	--	1 Long Blast	Warning Centerboard Class
9	Blue & White (P)		--	--	1 Long Blast	Prepare Centerboard Class
6	--	--	Blue & White (P)		1 Long Blast	One Minute to Centerboard Class Start
5	Yellow & Blue (K)		Red, White, Blue (C)		1 Long Blast	Start Centerboard Class & Warning Keelboat Class
4	Blue & White (P)		--	--	1 Long Blast	Prepare Keelboat Class
1	--	--	Blue & White (P)		1 Long Blast	One Minute to Keelboat Class Start
0	--	--	Yellow & Blue (K)		1 Long Blast	Start Keelboat Class

A general recall, postponement or abandonment involving the centerboard fleet will result in abandonment of the keelboat fleet starting sequence. A new sequence for the centerboard fleet shall be initiated which will be followed by the keelboat sequence in the typical manner. A general recall, postponement, or abandonment involving the keelboat fleet after the centerboard fleet has been successfully started shall result in a new 5 minute sequence for the keelboat fleet.

RECALL & RACE CANCELLATION FLAGS			
Flag/Pennant		Horn & Meaning	Action
RECALL FLAGS			
Blue Cross on White (X)		1 Long Blast INDIVIDUAL RECALL	Race Committee to Hail sail number(s) for boats that were over early. This flag shall remain up until all over early boats have re-started or for 4 minutes after the start, whichever occurs first.
Yellow on Blue Burgee (1st Substitute)		2 Long Blasts RECALL FLEET - RESTART RACE	After all boats in fleet have returned, 1 LONG HORN BLAST will be given at the same time the 1st Substitute is lowered and the Fleet Class Flag is Raised for the Warning of that Start Sequence. The Race Committee will continue with the remainder of the Start Sequence (prepare, one minute, start) for restarting that fleet.
RACE CANCELLATION FLAGS			
Red & White Pennant (AP)		2 Long Blasts TEMPORARY POSTPONEMENT	Race Committee to evaluate if conditions allow racing. If it is determined that racing will occur, 1 LONG HORN BLAST shall be given and the Starting Sequence shall begin at the "About 11 minutes to go" point.
Red & White Pennant (AP) OVER White & Blue Flag (A)		2 Long Blasts RACING CANCELED - NO MORE RACING TODAY	If the Race Committee determines that conditions do not permit racing, 2 LONG HORN BLASTS shall be given along with raising the A-Flag in addition to the already raised A-Pennant.

7. RACING AREA

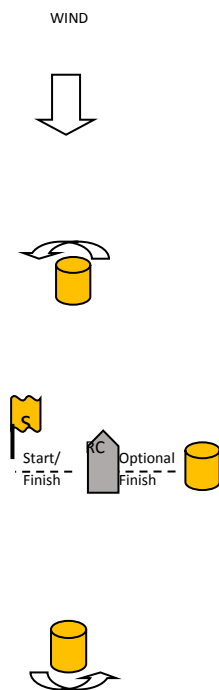
The racing area is located on Skaneateles Lake in front of the Skaneateles Sailing Club, approximately 3.5 miles South of the Village of Skaneateles. For your reference, the Sailing Club address is 2745 East Lake Road, Skaneateles.

8. CHECKING IN

Each entrant will check in with the Race Committee boat prior to the first race each day. Boats will not be scored unless they have completed the registration and paid the entry fee.

9. COURSES AND MARKS

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward. The diagram below shows marks that may be used to define the course. Windward and leeward marks will be round or cylindrical inflatable orange or yellow buoys. The optional finishing mark will be a small round buoy.



The start/finish line is between a staff on the Race Committee (RC) boat (typically an orange flag pole flying the RC “on station” flag) and the starting pin on the port side of the RC boat. Optionally the RC may chose to utilize an inflatable mark to create a separate finish line on the starboard side of the RC boat. To begin, the start line is crossed from the downwind side of the line and marks are rounded in the order listed below leaving the marks to the port side of the boat. The course is completed by crossing the finishing line from the direction of the last mark rounded.

The course designations are as follows:

- W1 START between RC and S, U, D, FINISH between RC and S
- W2 START between RC and S, U, D, U, D, FINISH between RC and S
- D1 START between RC and S, U, FINISH between RC and S

10. TIME LIMIT

In a race where no further racing will be scheduled that day due to constraints of time, competitors finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will not be scored for the race. If no competitor finishes within 90 minutes of the start, the race may be abandoned.

11. EXONERATION

RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for violations "when boats meet".

12. PROTESTS, REQUEST FOR REDRESS and PENALTIES

A protest committee will be available to hear protests should the need arise. A protesting boat shall notify the **Race Committee** as soon as possible after her finish of her intent to file a protest verbally and in writing the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the arrival of the race committee boat at the dock. The time limit may be extended if the Sandbagger Administrators need more time to obtain relevant information. The Race committee will notify the Sandbagger Administrators Skaneateles.Sandbagger@Gmail.com of the protest and a protest hearing will be convened at the earliest convenience.

13. SCORING

2 races will constitute a series.

Race Committee will post race results (unhandicapped, unadjusted times) when they arrive at the dock each race day. Race Committee will provide race results to Sandbagger Administrators by 8:00 pm each race day. Failure of Race Committee to provide race results to Sandbagger Administrators within 24 hours will result in the PRO being disqualified for that days races rather than getting a 'bye' and may result in score nullification as determined by the Sandbagger Administrators.

The *Sandbagger Series* races overall ranking will be scored using the *Portsmouth* handicap system. The ratings to be used will be the most current ratings (DPN independent of Beaufort number) listed in the US Sailing Portsmouth yardstick tables as of June 1,2017. Ratings will be adjusted at the discretion of the Sandbagger Series Committee or the appointed Sandbagger Series Administrator if an entrant has differences from the ratings assumptions for that class of boat or the published handicap numbers do not promote fair racing. See the Notice of Race for details.

The winning boat for each race based on the adjusted times will be scored at 100%. Other finishers for that race will be scored as a percentage of sailing to their *Portsmouth* rating as compared to the winning boat.

It is the boats that are the entrants and are scored. A skipper is permitted to change their boat with one of the same class whether on a temporary or permanent basis and be scored as one entrant. Simply advise the *Sandbagger Series* Race Committee/scorer of the alternate boat so that results are posted properly.

The races that will be used to determine each entrant's *Sandbagger Series* final average for the overall awards will be its top races equal in number to at least 50% of the races actually conducted in the *Sandbagger Series*. For example: If 11 races are conducted, each competitor will be scored using their top 6 finishes. Any entrant sailing less than 50% of the races will not be scored for the series awards however their results in individual races shall stand. The only exception to scoring the series award is one bye per day of racing (not per race) for **registered entrants** serving personally as race committee and/or Principle Race Officer (PRO) for that day. There is a limit of one bye per season for serving. The bye is earned no matter if the races for the day were completed or cancelled. For these skippers, if 11 races are conducted (as above) the scores for skippers serving one day as race committee will be the average of their top 5 finishes.

In addition to the handicapped scoring, one design classes with 3 or more registered boats in the series will also be scored using the RRS Appendix A low point scoring system. All boats without 3 or more registered boats in the class will be scored as an "Open" class using Portsmouth handicapping to determine finish order. For the low point scoring system boats not starting will be scored as the number of boats registered in their class on the day of racing +1 and boats starting but not finishing a race will be scored as the number of boats starting that race +1.

"Throw outs", or scores which may be excluded from the series low point total, will be awarded as follows.

Number of races completed in the series	Throwouts
2-3	0
4	1
5-7	2
8-9	3
10-12	4
13-14	5

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact
 Jim Bright at the Skaneateles Sailing Club,
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 315-420-2000 Jim's mobile

Sandbagger Series Committee

Administrators-Voting members

Rebecca Fleckenstein-Race Committee Manager

Tim Rosbrook-Waterfront Race Officer

Jim Bright-Registrar and Event Manager

Other-non-voting members

TBD-Scorer

Scott Laundry-US Sailing Representative

Griff Williams-US Sailing Representative

Tammy Terpening-Social Director

