

2018 Mid-Continent Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2017-2020.
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the International Lighting Class Association will apply.
2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS MEETINGS
 - 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the pavilion.
 - 2.2 The Skippers Meeting will be at the committee boat at A dock at 0930.
3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official regatta notice board prior to the harbor warning signal of the first affected race. Code flag L will be displayed on the committee boat, and a sound signal will be made at the time of posting.
4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
 - 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the committee boat.
 - 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.
5. SCHEDULE OF RACES
 - 5.1 The racing schedule will be described at the initial skippers meeting and the schedule will be displayed on the official notice board.
 - 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning for the first race Saturday, May 26 is 1030 and for Sunday, May 27 is 1030.
 - 5.3 When more than one race or sequence of races, for two or more classes will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
 - 5.4 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1530.
6. CLASS FLAGS
 - 6.1 Class flags will be replaced by numeric pennants and serve as the class warning signal as defined in RRS 26.
7. THE COURSES
 - 7.1 Course WL-(windward/leeward). Twice around a windward/leeward course with a downwind finish.
 - 7.2. All marks are left to port except for gates.
 - 7.3 When a gate is a mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
 - 7.4 The offset mark, if used, is defined as a mark located approximately 40 ft. from the windward mark at a right angle, as determined by the race committee.
 - 7.5 No later than the preparatory signal the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing (first two digits) from the starting line to the weather mark.
 - 7.6 The course signals will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat are described in RRS Appendix A.
8. MARKS
 - 8.1 Mark A for the long course will be large yellow inflatable West Marine spheres. Mark C(s) and possible gate will be large yellow inflatable spheres. The A mark for the short course will be orange inflatable spheres. Changed marks will be red spheres.
 - 8.2 The starting and finish marks will be an white/orange/pink spar.
 - 8.3 The offset marks will be smaller red/pink spheres.
9. THE START
 - 9.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The drop of an orange flag with a short audible signal will occur 1 minute prior to the warning signal.
 - 9.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the committee boat and an white/orange/pink spar.
 - 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
 - 9.4 Back-to-back races will be signaled by an orange flag from the mast of the committee boat when it is on station at the finish line.
10. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK
 - 10.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any Mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
 - 10.2 In addition to the code flag C for a change of course, a RC boat will display a red (port) or green (starboard) flag to indicate the direction of change to the next mark. Absence of a red or green flag indicates that the marks has either been shortened (-) or lengthened (+) as displayed from a RC boat.

- 11. THE FINISH
- 11.2 The finishing line will be between white/orange/pink spar and the committee boat mast or a Whaler pole.
- 11.3 A shortening of the course shall be signaled from a boat stationed near the turning mark beginning the leg containing the finish line. This leg may not be of full original length. The boat shall display Code Flag "S" and shall make periodic sound signals. This changes RRS 32.2.
- 12. PENALTY SYSTEM
- 12.1 The penalties are as described in rules 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4, except if penalty occurs when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely below the gooseneck while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn of 360 degrees instead of two. This modifies rule 44.2.
- 13. TIME LIMIT
- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.
- 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the committee boat. Protests shall be delivered to the committee boat within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the committee boat has docked after the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the clubhouse as posted on the bulletin board.
- 14.4 Breaches of instructions 9.3, 16, and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15. SCORING
- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. RRS Appendix A will be modified that there will be no throw-out races unless five (5) or more races are completed. Then the total of her races will exclude her worst score.
- 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS
- 16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as safely possible.
- 17. RADIO COMMUNICATION
- A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications if not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 18. PRIZES
- Prizes will be given as determined by the regatta committee.
- 19. 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 20. INSURANCE
- Each participation boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.
- 21. SPECIAL NOTES
- 21.1 Race committee support boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 21.2. On the water, no questions will be answered by the race committee.
- 21.3 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 21.4 SPORTSMANSHIP: The race committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.