



2019 Thistle Great Lakes

Organizing Authority: The Cleveland Yachting Club

June 29-30, 2019



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Including Amend. 1

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the rules of the Thistle Class Association.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix V including V1 and V2 shall apply as changed by SI 13.2.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in ~~the Center Isle lower hallway~~ the Spar Loft.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Except for instructions 3.2 and 3.3 below, any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than two (2) hours prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the location of a racing area shall be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will apply.
- 3.3 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the later of 1800 hours or the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole located south of the ~~CYC main clubhouse~~ Center Isle near the Spar Loft.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP. *This changes race signals AP*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Seven races are scheduled. Races will be run back-to-back on each day. Second and subsequent races will start shortly after the last finisher of the preceding race.

Skippers meeting	1030 hours
June 29 1 st warning	1200 hours
Max # of races	Up to 5
June 30 1 st warning	0955 hours
Max # of races	Up to 3, seven maximum total

- 5.2 No initial warning signal shall be made after 1400 on Sunday, June 30.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag shall be a white flag with a Thistle Class insignia.

7 RACING AREA

In the open waters of Lake Erie Northeast of the Rocky River mouth.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The RC intends to set a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port
- 8.3 The approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race. An example is shown below:

W4
270
1.2

Windward/Leeward, four legs
 Approx. magnetic bearing to weather mark
 Approximate distance to mark in NM

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark W shall be a **Orange** inflatable tetrahedron.
- 9.2 Mark Os (the offset mark) shall be a small yellow tetrahedron.
- 9.3 Marks LG and RG shall be **yellow** inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 Mark R shall be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.
- 9.5 The starting mark shall be either an anchored vessel displaying a staff with an orange flag or a **yellow** inflatable cylinder.
- 9.6 The finishing mark shall be an **orange** inflatable cylinder.
- 9.7 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1 shall be a **yellow** inflatable tetrahedron.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.4.
- 10.2 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes of her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules RRS A4 and A5.*
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel for competitor communication as noted in instruction 20.8. Failure to make a broadcast, the order of sail numbers called, or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 COURSE CHANGES

- 11.1 To change the next leg, as allowed by RRS 33, the race committee will lay a new mark, move the finishing line or move the gate and remove the old mark as soon as practicable. Mark Os (the offset mark) may or may not be placed when the weather mark is changed.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a **orange** flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 9.5.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 **Penalties at the time of the incident:** According to Appendix V; the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 13.2 Penalties within three (3) boat lengths of Mark 1 or on the leg from Mark 1 to Mark 1a may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *This changes RRS 44.2 and V1*
- 13.3 **Penalties after the race:** After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 In accordance with RRS 35, the time limit for each race is two (2) hours.
- 14.2 If no boat in a class has passed Mark 1 within one (1) hour, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5 and A11.*

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the center isle. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.2 The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the RC signal vessel docks after the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the "Library" inside the main Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board. All parties to Protest Meetings shall meet at the Judges Table 10 minutes prior to their scheduled meeting time; Protest Meetings that do not have all Parties present at its start shall move to the end of scheduled Protest Meetings.
- 15.4 Protests by the RC, Technical Committee (TC) or Protest Committee (PC) shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 15.6 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD or TLE on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one (1) hour after the penalties are posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 As allowed by RRS A2, each boat's score will be the total of her race score with no scores excluded.
- 16.3 Boats scored TLE in accordance with SI 14.3 will receive points equal to the number of boats in her class finishing within the Time Limit as described in SI 14.1 plus one (1) point.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 **Check-In** - All boats shall check-in with the Race Committee boat displaying the "L" flag on their assigned race area at least five minutes before the first warning signal of the day. Each boat shall sail past the committee boat on starboard tack and hail her class and sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. [DP][NP]
- 17.2 **Retirement** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP][NP]

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC. [DP]
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the RC or TC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, and sailing instructions.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. [NP]
- 20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. [DP][NP]
- 20.3 Assigned radio channel is 78a.

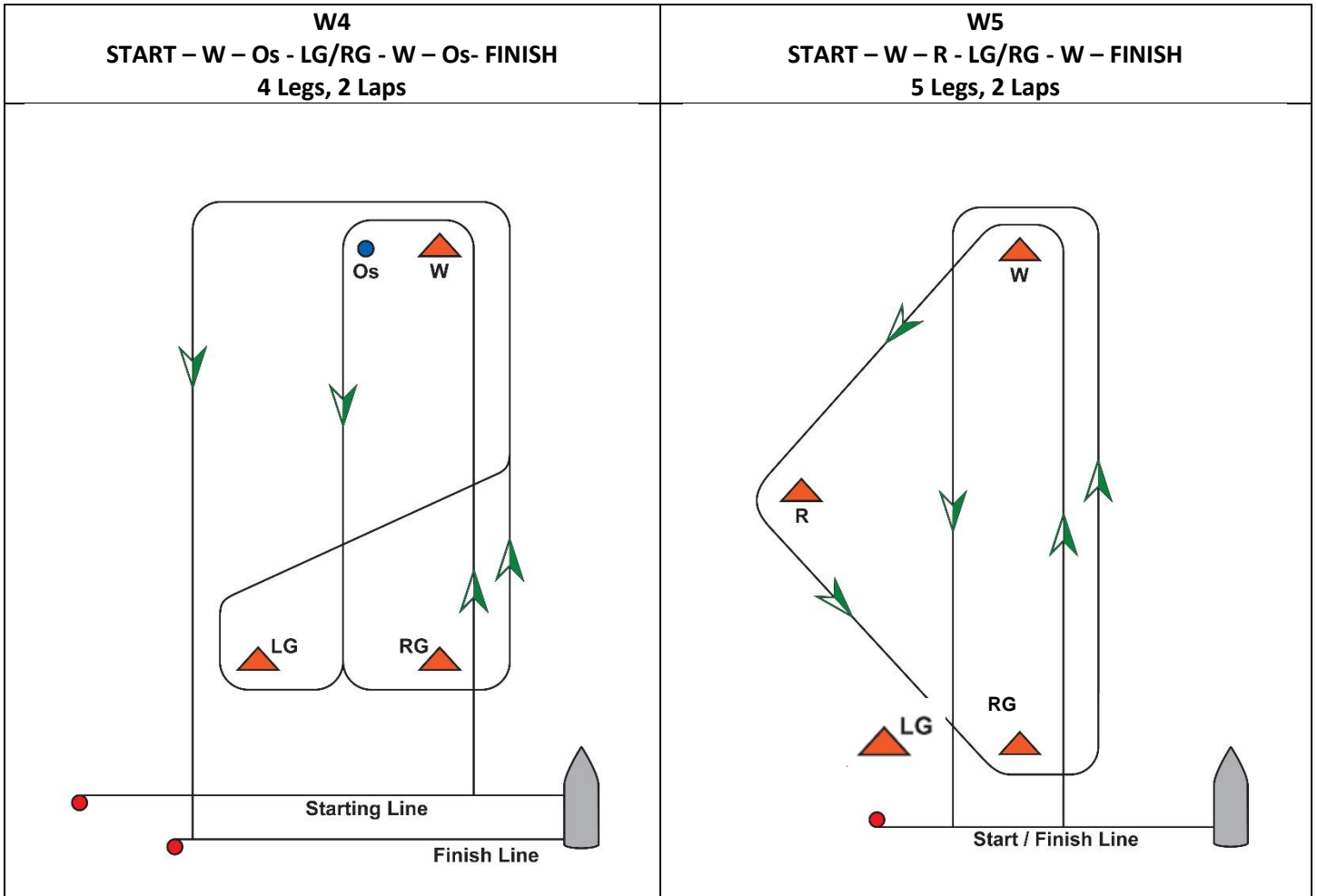
21 PRIZES

- 21.1 First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and First Junior prizes will be awarded.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES



Mark Os (the offset mark) may or may not be placed when there is a changed mark.