

1 RULES

The cruising class will be governed by the rules as defined in the *2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, Performance Handicap Racing Fleet-Atwood Lake (PHRF-AL)*, the *Notice of Race* and these *Sailing Instructions*. The *Sailing Instructions* will take precedence should conflicts exist, which changes rule 63.7. All boats will fly a yellow "Q" flag or a yellow streamer from her stern while racing.

Rule 77, identification on sails does not apply.

2 ENTRIES

Competitors will enter the Regatta by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee to the registration personnel by mail or in the Clubhouse prior to 0900 hours on Saturday, 12 September 2014. Cruising class boats entered must meet the eligibility requirements in the *Fleet Handbook* of PHRF-AL, which restricts entries to self-righting monohulls.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the east end of the Clubhouse porch.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals will not be made ashore for the Cruising Class. A Race Committee Boat will be used for conducting the races and for all race signals.

5 SCHEDULE

A Competitors' Meeting will be held at 0900 hours on Saturday, 12 September near the Race Shanty located on the northwest side of the Clubhouse.

The Cruising Class will be sailed in three Divisions:

1. Racer-Cruiser I (PHRF Spinnaker)
2. Cruiser II (Boats with an overall length of 25 or more feet, jib and main only)
3. Cruiser III (Boats with an overall length of less than 25 feet, jib and main only)

At least two boats are required in a division to hold a race for that division.

Three (or more) races are scheduled for each Division. Two (or more) races are scheduled for Saturday, 12 September and one (or more) races are scheduled for Sunday, 13 September. Races will be held back to back. The first Division will start at approximately 1100 hours on Saturday, 12 September and will start at approximately 1000 hours on Sunday, 13 September.

A sustained wind speed of at least 2 knots as measured locally by the race committee is required to start a race.

6 STARTING SEQUENCE / CLASS FLAGS

For each race, the three Divisions will start in the following order: Racer-Cruiser I, Cruiser II, Cruiser III. The division flags used in the starting sequence will be numeral code pennants 1, 2, and 3 respectively.

7 RACING AREA

The Cruising Class will race on the western end of Atwood Lake. The attachment describes the lake and the location of the permanent buoys which may be used to establish the course.

Boats will not enter marked swimming areas including the MCWD park beach, the two boaters' swim areas, or any other area marked by the MWCD with 'boats keep out' buoys; the penalty for entering these areas is disqualification with no opportunity for exoneration. These areas are considered obstructions. If a boat is forced to violate this rule because another boat violates a rule in Part 2 of the RRS, the boat entering the area shall be exonerated.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

The course for each Division's race will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting, if practical, and will be broadcast over VHF radios using Channel 68 prior to each Division's Warning Signal. It will also be posted on a board on the committee boat.

The course will be designated using SBYC buoys (white cans with a red stripe and black letters/numbers), AYC buoys (white cans with a blue stripe and black letters/numbers), and/or temporary marks (orange tetrahedrons).

9 START / FINISH LINES AND STARTING SEQUENCE

The start and finish lines will be between the Race Committee Boat's race flag(s) and either a permanent or a temporary mark.

The starting sequence will be:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Minutes before Start</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound(s)</u>
General Alert	Approximately 6	None	4
Warning	5	Division flag raised	1
Preparatory	4	P flag raised	1
One-Minute	1	P flag removed	1 long
Start	0	Division flag removed Next Division flag raised	1

After the start of the last division, a red flag will be flown while boats are racing unless replaced by the Sierra (S) flag. This is a change to the RRS 2013-2016 Race Signals.

The starting sequence for the Cruiser II, Cruiser III, and any recalled Divisions will begin with a Warning signal which was the Start signal for the preceding Division.

Boats whose Warning signal has not occurred will keep clear of the boats whose Warning signal has occurred.

Before the start signal for the first division, the race committee may signal a postponement of the race using two (2) sounds and making an announcement on VHF channel 68 or may signal an abandonment of the race using three (3) sounds and making an announcement on VHF channel 68. This modifies rule 27.3.

Boats on the course side of the starting line at their start signal will be responsible for assuring their proper return to the pre-start side of the line and restarting. The Race Committee may attempt an oral notification of offending boat(s) with no flag, but the responsibility to properly restart is upon the offending boat(s). This modifies rule 29.1.

A General Recall for a division will be signaled by two (2) sounds and no flag, this modifies rule 29.2. The recalled division will then restart after the last division in the scheduled start sequence and after any preceding recalled divisions.

A race may be shortened by the Race Committee by flying the S flag, providing two (2) sounds and making an announcement on VHF radio channel 68. The next leg (relative to the lead boat) will be the last leg to the finish line. The finish line will be between the Race Committee Boat's race flag(s) and either a permanent or a temporary mark.

Boats will not cross the finish line while the boats in any Division are racing, except to finish a race. Boats in violation will be disqualified with no opportunity for exoneration.

10 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each Division's race will be 90 minutes for the first boat in each Division to finish. Races exceeding this limit will be Abandoned.

11 PROTESTS

Written protests will be delivered to either the Race Committee Boat (her dock location will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting) or to the Official Notice Board at Atwood Yacht Club porch within one hour after the Race Committee Boat docks. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the Clubhouse conference room.

12 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the *2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing* will apply. Finishing place will be determined by using the time-on-distance handicap method with handicaps determined by PHRF-AL. One or more races will constitute the regatta.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors agree to participate in this event at their own risk, see RRS Rule 4: Decision to Race. Competitors agree that AYC; PHRF-AL; any officers, members, committees or affiliates of these organizations will not be responsible for equipment damage, personal injury, injury to any other competitor or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the races.

