

2016 Grits 'n Haggis and 2016 Dixie Lakes District Championship Keowee Sailing Club Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The 2016 Grits 'n Haggis Regatta and the 2016 Dixie Lakes District Championship Regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016*, except as these may be modified by these Sailing Instructions.
2. **Entries:** All Flying Scots equipped with a bow bag and transom port are eligible to compete in the 2016 Grits 'n Haggis Regatta. In addition, skippers who are paid members of the Flying Scot Sailing Association AND members in good standing of a chartered Flying Scot Sailing Association Dixie Lakes District fleet, OR who are paid FSSA members AND residents of western North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, or Tennessee and NOT members of any chartered Flying Scot fleet, are eligible to compete in the Dixie Lakes District Championship Regatta. Eligible boats may be entered in either or both events by completing a single, combined registration form by 11:30am on Saturday, May 21, 2016.
3. **Format:** The 2016 Grits 'n Haggis Regatta and the 2016 Dixie Lakes District Championship Regatta will be held concurrently, utilizing a single starting sequence for both events. All skippers competing in the 2016 Dixie Lakes Championship Regatta will also compete in the 2016 Grits 'n Haggis Regatta, but there will be separate prizes for each event.
4. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the KSC Official Notice Board, which is located on the southeast wall of the Pavilion, near the inside entrance to the club house.
5. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:**
 - 4.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the KSC Official Notice Board not less than one hour prior to the warning signal of the first race in which the change will take place.
 - 4.2 Exception to 4.1: The Race Committee may also make oral changes to these Sailing Instructions on the water, by displaying code flag "L" and verbally informing each boat that comes within hail of the changes.
 - 4.3 Any change to the schedule of races must be posted on the KSC Official Notice Board no later than 1800 hours on the day before the change takes place.
6. **Signals made ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagstaff on the lakeside of the clubhouse. If the flag AP (Postponement) is displayed ashore, no Warning Signal shall be made less than 1/2 hour after AP is taken down.
7. **Schedule of Races:** The Race committee shall attempt to run 6 races. There shall be no more than 4 races on Saturday, May 21, and no more than 3 races on Sunday, May 22. No warning signal shall be made after 1300 on Sunday.
 - Saturday, May 21:1300 Warning Signal for Race 1. Up to 3 additional races to follow as conditions permit, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - Sunday, May 22 :1000 Warning Signal for the first race of the day. Additional races to follow, up to a total of 6 races on both days, as conditions permit, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. **Class Flag:** The class flag shall be a Black Flying Scot Logo on a white background.

9. **Racing Areas:** There are 2 possible racing areas. Area "A" is directly in front of Keowee Sailing Club, south of the chain of 3 small islands that form its northern edge, and extends to the left (south and west) around the point directly across from the KSC clubhouse. Area "B" is directly north of that chain of small islands. The Race Committee will indicate which area is to be used for the first race of the day, either verbally at the Competitor's meeting, or by means of a notice on the KSC Official Notice Board.

10. **Check-in Procedure:**

Prior to the first race of the day, competitors will check in by sailing across the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hailing their boat's sail number. When the race committee repeats the sail number, the check-in procedure is complete. The race committee boat will display Code Flag "L", (black and yellow checks) when on station to take check-ins. Competitors failing to check-in will be scored DNC without a hearing. Competitors who retire during or after a race are requested to notify the Race Committee of their decision to retire, if circumstances permit.

11. **The Courses:**

11.1 The course for all races shall be in a Windward-Leeward configuration, with the Race Committee signal boat positioned below the Leeward marks.

11.2 The course designation for each race shall consist of a single number between 2 and 6, displayed at the stern of the Race Committee signal boat no later than the Preparatory Signal. This number indicates the number of legs in the course.

11.3. There shall be an offset mark (a small yellow tetrahedron or an orange ball) near the windward mark.

11.4. There shall be a leeward gate instead of a single leeward mark.

11.5 Appendix A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

12. **The Marks:**

Marks A & C	Orange Tetrahedron
Offset Mark	Small Yellow Tetrahedron or Orange Ball
Changed Mark	Yellow Cylinder
Starting Mark	Red Flag
Finish Mark	Red Flag

13. **The Start:** Races will be started in accordance with RRS #26. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and a port-end starting mark consisting of a staff with a red or orange flag. A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes Rule A4.1.

14. **Change of the Position of the Next Mark:** 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 practical. 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, in order to maintain the course configuration. If a changed mark is further moved in a subsequent change, it will be replaced by an orange tetrahedron.

15. **The Finish:** Even numbered courses (2, 4, or 6) include a downwind finish, and the finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a mark displaying a red or orange flag, positioned to the opposite side of the RC signal boat from the starting line pin end mark. Odd numbered courses (3 or 5) indicate an upwind finish, and the finish line shall be above the windward mark, between a mark displaying a red or orange flag and a staff on a nearby Race Committee vessel also displaying a red or orange flag. (See Appendix A.)

16. **Time Limits:** The time limit for each race shall be two hours. All boats failing to finish a race within this time limit will be scored as DNF (Did Not Finish) for that race.

17. **Scoring:** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will be used, except that there will be no throw outs. Six races are scheduled; one race must be completed to constitute a series. There will be separate scoring for the 2016 Grits 'n Haggis Regatta and for the 2016 Dixie Lakes Championship Regatta. All competitors will be scored for the 2016 Grits 'n Haggis Regatta. Skippers who are not also competing in the 2016 Dixie Lakes Championship Regatta will have their finishes discarded, and the finishing order will be re-calculated, before scoring the 2016 Dixie Lakes Championship Regatta

18. **Protests:** Protest forms are available from the RC. Protests shall be delivered to the RC dock within 45 minutes of the docking of the RC signal boat. Protests will be heard in the approximate order they are received. Protests will be posted on the official notice board..

18.1 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

18.2 Notices will be posted within 15 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 Regatta Room, beginning as soon as practical.

18.3 On the last day of the regatta 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; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18.4 On the last scheduled 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, changing RRS 62.2

19. **Safety:** Each contestant is solely responsible for his or her own safety. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. **Prizes:** Prizes will be given to the top ten overall finishers in the 2016 Grits 'n Haggis regatta, and to the top three finishers in the 2016 Dixie Lakes Championship Regatta. Some competitors may win prizes in both events.

21. **Use of Radios:** Competitors may use hand held radios to monitor Race Committee communications, but may not call anyone except in case of emergency, and may not receive a broadcast on any channels other than the Race Committee channel and/or an official NOAA channel.

22. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the races 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 or prior to, during, or after races.

APPENDIX A

