



59th NCESA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 REGATTA

(moved due to Hurricane Irma)

April 27-29th, 2018

**The Carolina Yacht Club
Charleston, SC**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- The regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- The Prescriptions RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4 are deleted.
- Appendix V (“Post Race Penalties”) will be in effect.
- The National Class E Scow Association (NCESA) By-Laws Articles V (Eligible Yachts), VI (Yacht’s Number), VII (Recognized Events), VIII (Rules for Recognized Events) and IX (Trophies) will apply and are available on the class web site.
- NCESA documents Part V (Scantling Rules) will apply and are on the class web site.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located downstairs at the Boathouse.

3.0 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Any Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 0930 on the day they will take effect.
- Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 hours on the day before the change takes place.
- Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the Signal Boat under code flag “L” in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c).

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE –

- Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Carolina Yacht Club.
- When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in the RRS Race Signal “AP.”

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES – Races are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, April 26th	1400 – 1800	Registration at CYC Boathouse
	1500	Practice race at the race course
	1700-1800	Discussion of local tides/currents conditions
Friday, April 27th	800-900	Registration, Under the Boathouse
	900	Skipper’s Meeting, Boathouse
	1100	First Warning, other race(s) to follow.
Saturday, April 28th	0830	NCESA Annual Membership Meeting at CYC Clubhouse
	1100	First Warning, other race(s) to follow
	Sunday, April 29th	1100

- 5.1 No original warning signal shall be made after 1300 on 10 September, unless three races have not been completed prior to that, in which case the limit is 1500.
- 5.2 Charleston is in the Eastern Time Zone, and all times indicated herein are Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS – e-Scow class flag.

7.0 RACING AREA – Charleston Harbor.

8.0 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram shows the courses and the approximate angle between legs and the order in which the marks are rounded and the side on which each mark is to be passed. The Course to be sailed will be designated by international code numeral flags. In the absence of flags, course boards may be used.
- 8.2 If the offset mark (o) is missing, boats should sail to the leeward mark (2b or 2a) after rounding Mark 1. This in addition to RRS 34.
- 8.3 The offset Mark (o) will not be used with the change mark.
- 8.4 The course diagram shows a gate which will be used if conditions permit. If conditions are such that a gate is impractical, only one leeward mark will be used and it shall be rounded to port.

9.0 MARKS

Marks 1, 2a & 2b	Orange tetrahedron (yellow tetrahedron may be used for 2a & 2b at discretion of race committee)
Offset Mark 0	Orange Ball
Starting Mark	Orange Flag
Finish Mark	Orange Flag or Yellow Inflatable (see paragraph 11.3)
Change Mark	Green Inflatable (No offset mark will be used with the Change Mark).

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 Races for will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be either a 'one part starting line' OR a 'two part starting line' using a mid-line boat as follows:
- 10.2.1 ONE PART STARTING LINE: The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat on the starboard end of the starting line and the port end starting boat with orange flag.
- 10.2.2 TWO PART STARTING LINE: The starting line will consist of three RC boats: Port end line boat, mid-line boat and the Signal boat at the starboard end of the line. The starting line will be two line segments: one between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line boat. The other between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end.
- 10.3 When RRS 30.1 I Flag Rule is in effect with a Two (2) Part Starting Line, boats subject to this rule shall thereafter either: (a) sail from the course side across and extension of the starting line beyond either the port or starboard end line boat to the pre-course side before starting, or (b) round the mid line boat before starting, leaving it to port. This is in addition to RRS 30.1.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) for that race. This is in addition to A3.

11.0 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line on Courses 1, 2 & 3 will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat on the starboard end of the finish line and the port end finishing boat with an orange flag.

11.2 The finish line on Course 4 will be on the side of the Committee Boat opposite the Start Line (S).

11.3 At the RC's discretion a yellow inflatable may be used on the port end instead of the finishing boat with orange flag.

12.0 PENALTY TURNS

12.1 RRS 44.1 (Two Turns Penalty) is in effect except RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

12.2 Any boat that does a penalty turn will report this fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, giving them the sail number of the boat doing the penalty turns. This is in addition to RRS 44.2. (DP)

12.3 Appendix V (Post-Race Penalties) is in effect.

13.0 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be scored two more places than the last place finisher without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A 11 and A4.1.

14.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This is in addition to RRS 61.1(a). (DP)

14.2 Protest Forms will be available at the jury table near the "Official Notice Board". Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the finish Committee Boat has docked for the day and sounded a horn, which starts the time limit.

14.4 Appendix V is in effect.

14.5 Notices of scheduled protests or requests for redress hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.6 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Protest Notice Board to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b). Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest hearing room until excused by the Protest Committee."

15.0 SCORING

15.1 Seven races are scheduled of which three (3) must be sailed to constitute a regatta.

15.2 If less than 6 races are completed, each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores. When 6 or more races have been completed a boat series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.0 SAFETY

16.1 E-Scows are required to sail with masthead flotation panels at all times while racing. Failure to do so will result in being scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

16.2 A boat that retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

16.3 A boat and its crew shall at all times *keep clear* of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to maintain her proper course or carry out their commercial functions in a normal manner.

16.4 A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 Horns or Sounds) from a commercial vessel may be protested.

16.4.1 This Sailing Instruction can only be protested by the RC. This modifies RRS 60.1.

16.4.2 The penalty for breaking this rule may be disqualification from the entire regatta or a DSQ by the Protest Committee for the race sailed closest in time to the Danger Signal.

17.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

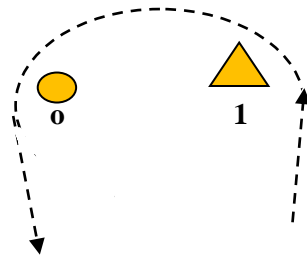
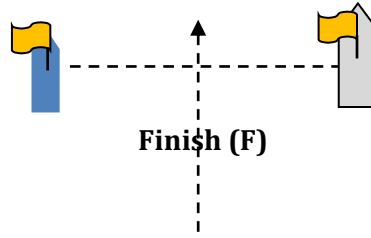
17.1 The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirement, protests, penalties reported or requests for emergency assistance. The race committee will use VHF channel 74. Alternate channels may be used at the discretion of the Race committee.

17.2 The race committee broadcasts (hails or other communications, also considered broadcasts) concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times; course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the channel of the broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for granting redress.

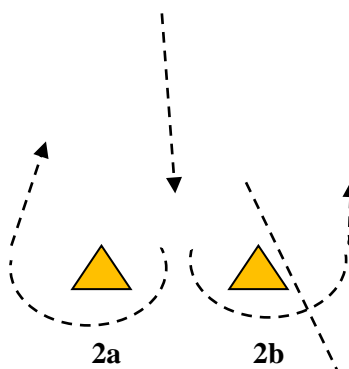
18.0 PRIZES – Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

19.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 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 the regatta.

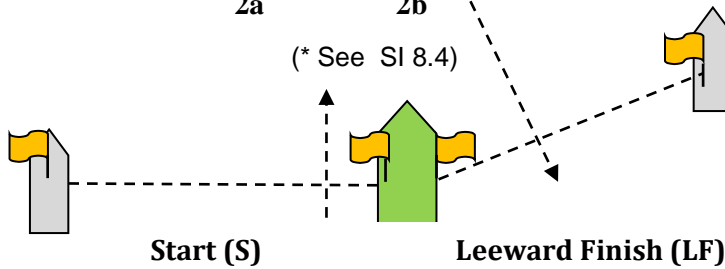
CYC E-Scow Regatta – Course Diagrams



Course No	Course
1	S-1-o-2-F
2	S-1-o-2-1-o-2-F
3	S-1-o-2-1-o-2-1-o-2-F
4	S-1-o-2-1-o--LF



(* See SI 8.4)



Two Part Starting Line (per SI 10.2.2)

