



2019 M Scow North American Championship SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



**SEASIDE PARK YACHT CLUB
July 27-28, 2019**

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *International Sailing Federation (ISF) Racing Rules of Sailing—2017-2020* and the prescriptions of *US Sailing* (except as any of these are altered by these *Race Instructions*, which take precedence).

2. Entries

All contestants shall enter by formal registration in advance via regatta network or on day of regatta at the registration desk, which will be located in the SPYC Lobby. Registration fee is \$100 if paid in advance at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/> or \$120 onsite on day of regatta. Registration includes continental breakfast and lunches both days for skipper and crew. All entries (skippers *and* crews) are required to sign a Waiver of Liability form as a condition of entry.

3. Measurement

Competitors are on their honor to compete with boats and sails meeting current M-Scow class scantling requirements. All contestants *may* be required to have their boats weighed upon initial launching on the day of regatta, conducted under the auspices of the EMSD Measurer.

4. Notice to Competitors

Official notices will be posted on the Race Committee Notice board in the SPYC Lobby.

Changes to these instructions *may* be made at the skippers meeting, with the exception of Paragraph 21 (Liability and Safety).

All changes to these instructions shall be posted by 0930 on the day of the regatta, except as noted above regarding changes made at the skippers meeting.

4.1 Radio Transmissions

The Race Committee will be operating on VHF Channel 71 for this regatta. Competitors are encouraged to monitor this channel for RC announcements during the regatta but are cautioned that, except for emergency purposes, no transmission shall be made to the RC or any other person when racing.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee (RC) boat while still at the dock, or from the Yacht Club flagpole located on west side of the club patio.

Code flag “AP”, along with two sounds when hoisted, means all races not started are postponed. One sound will be used when the signal is lowered. The next race will start no sooner than one-half hour after lowering this signal when ashore.

Code flag “B” with one sound means “Protest filing time has begun”. When hoisted, it means “There are less than 30 minutes remaining before protest time ends.” When lowered, also with one sound, it means “Protest time has expired”.

6. Signals Made on the Race Course

Code flag “AP”, with two sounds when hoisted, means all races not started are postponed. One sound will be used when the signal is lowered. The starting sequence for the next race will commence *approximately* one minute after lowering of this signal.

See paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2 herein for additional signals that may be made after a race starts.

Cancellation of any further racing will be made by hail from the RC and/or authorized patrol boats.

7. Number of Races

The number of races planned is seven (7). The completion of said number of races may be subject to schedule and weather limitations. The completion of one (1) race shall constitute an official regatta.

8. Schedule of Races

8.1 Friday July 26th 2019

1500-1730 Registration/Check-In onsite

8.2 Saturday July 27th 2019

0800 Registration/Check-In onsite

Continental Breakfast for Competitors

0930 Competitors Meeting

1000 Harbor Gun

1030 Initiation of Starting Sequence, Race #1 (Time approximate)

Subsequent races will start as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race.

Lunch will be on the water, at an appropriate break in the racing.

Additional races will be held after lunch as necessary.

No warning signal will be made after 3:30 PM on Saturday.

8.3 Sunday July 28th 2019

0800 Continental Breakfast for Competitors

0900 Harbor Gun

0930 Initiation of 1st Starting Sequence, (Time approximate)

Subsequent races will start as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race.

Lunch will be on the water, at an appropriate break in the racing.

Additional races will be held after lunch as necessary.

No warning signal will be made after 2:00 PM on Sunday.

9. Racing Area

The racing area will be on the Seaside Park Course, just west of the yacht club marina. Portable mark locations will be set according to wind direction, velocity, and depth of water.

10. Courses

Courses shall be around YELLOW inflatable marks, in WINDWARD/LEEWARD configurations as follows. All courses will utilize a single weather mark (with a smaller offset mark) and a leeward gate. All windward marks will be left to PORT. The leeward gate will be positioned just upwind of the starting line.

Just prior to the starting sequence, the RC Boat will display the NUMBER OF LEGS to be sailed, examples as follows:

2 = W/L (1 weather leg, finish to leeward)

3 = W/L/W (2 weather legs, finish to *windward*)

4 = W/L/W/L (2 weather legs, finish to leeward)

5 = W/L/W/L/W (3 weather legs, finish to *windward*)

6 = W/L/W/L/W/L (3 weather legs, finish to leeward)

11. The Start

Races will be started via an automated 3 minute audible Dinghy Start System.

The starting line will be between the mast of the RC Boat displaying an orange flag and an orange mark at the port end of the starting line. A small limiting mark *may* be attached to the stern of the RC Boat, and shall be considered part of the RC Boat.

Any yacht starting later than five (5) minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS.

The start sequence is as follows: (Sound signals will be made by automated horn system)

Signal	Sound	Time before Start
“To get your attention”	Several Short Horn Sounds	Just prior to 3 minute signal
3 Minute Signal	Three Long Sounds	3 minutes
2 Minute Signal	Two Long Sounds	2 minutes
1 ½ Minute Signal	One Long, Three Short Sounds	1 minute, 30 sec.
1 Minute Signal	One Long Sound	1 minute
30 Second Signal	Three Short Sounds	30 seconds
20 Second Signal	Two Short Sounds	20 seconds
10 Second Signal	1 Short Sound	10 seconds
5 Second Countdown	5 Short Sequential Sounds	5-4-3-2-1 seconds
START	One Long Sound	0

11.1. Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled by hoisting of Code Flag “X” from the RC Boat, with one sound signal. The RC boat and/or other designated patrol boats may attempt to hail and broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS on VHF channel 71. Failure of the race committee to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail or broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence of hail or broadcast numbers; promptness of the hail or broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

A General Recall will be signaled by 2 sound signals and hoisting of Code Flag “1st Repeater” by the Race Committee. There is no prescribed time interval between a start, which has been generally recalled, and the initiation of the subsequent starting sequence. The Code Flag “1st Repeater” will be dropped with one horn sound, *approximately* one minute prior to the initiation of the next three minute starting sequence. This changes RRS 29.2

The "round the ends" rule (RRS 30.1) will be in effect after any general recall. Code flag "I" will NOT be flown in such instances.

12. Change of Course after the Start

The Race Committee may make minor course adjustments as appropriate after the start, providing the lead yacht has not yet reached the preceding mark, and the trailing yacht (where applicable) has rounded the mark that is intended to be changed. This modifies RRS 33.

12.1 Shortening of Course after the Start

The Race Committee may choose to shorten course for reasons cited in RRS 32.1. This will be signaled by displaying of Code Flag S and two sounds. The finish line shall be either (a) at the windward mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S, or (b) at the leeward gate, between the two gate marks. Any shortened course will be signaled before the first boat crosses the finish line.

12.2 Abandoning Race after the Start

The Race Committee may choose to abandon any particular race after the start should weather conditions dictate such a need (e.g. for reasons of fleet/participant safety). This will be signaled by three long horn sounds. Upon hearing any such signal, return to the Yacht Club to await further instructions. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

13. Retiring from Race

Yachts leaving the racing area for any reason are requested to report their departures to any RC or Patrol Boat. Such reports may also be made on VHF Channel 71.

14. The Finish

The finish line will be between the mast of the RC boat (or designee) displaying an orange flag, and the windward or starting mark as applicable. For leeward finishes, the RC boat will not relocate from its starting position, so the finish mark will be left to starboard and the RC boat to port. For leeward finishes, the leeward gate need not be honored on the way to the finish.

15. Time Limit

The time limit will be 1.25 hours for each race. The Race Committee may assign finish places to yachts, not otherwise finishing, when conditions of safety or expedience prevail, and when the positions of the leading yachts are not compromised.

16. Protests

A yacht intending to protest must notify the yacht being protested, and fly a red signal (Code Flag B or equivalent), *and* so inform the Race Committee immediately after crossing the finish line. Protests must be filed in writing with the Race Committee within the "Protest Time" period specified in Paragraph 5 herein. Refer also to Paragraph 17 for procedures for exonerating penalties, the use of which are strongly encouraged.

17. Penalties for Rules Infractions

A one turn (tack and gybe) penalty, (modified RRS 44.1) will apply for breaking a rule of Part 2. A yacht completing a one turn maneuver for a rules infraction should inform the RC Boat immediately after crossing the finish line in that race.

The penalty for touching a mark per RRS 31 shall be a single turn (tack and gybe) in accordance with RRS 44.1.

18. Scoring

The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, modified so that each Competitor's series score will exclude her worst race score if at least five (5) races are completed. If fewer than five (5) races are completed there will be no exclusions. This changes RRS A2. The completion of one race will constitute an official regatta.

19. Prizes

There will be keeper prizes awarded to skipper and crew of the top five (5) finishing boats.

20. Liability and Safety

The safety of a yacht and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.

Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 40. The Race Committee does not intend to display Code Flag "Y", as the decision of when to wear personal buoyancy lies with each individual competitor.

Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this regatta will be liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage or loss of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation for or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the regatta. Nothing in these sailing instructions, or oral statements by the Organizing authority, their officers, directors or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.