



**2020 Midlands Regatta
November 7, 8
COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB**

**Large Dinghy Sailing Instructions (SI)
for
Lightning, Laser, Laser Radial, Sunfish**

- 1) Organizing Authority** - This regatta is organized by the Columbia Sailing Club (CSC).
- 2) Rules**
 - a)** The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), Notice of Race (NOR) and these SI’s.
 - b)** All competitors shall comply with Columbia Sailing Club COVID protocol and policy including masks, social distancing and daily temperature checks upon arrival.
- 3) Entries** - Eligible boats may enter by registering with the CSC as stipulated in the NOR.
- 4) Notice to Competitors** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located inside the main entrance of the CSC Clubhouse.
- 5) Changes in SI**
 - a)** Any change will be posted either within 20 minutes after the Competitor’s Meeting or before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
 - b)** Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c). When the “L” flag is raised with one sound on the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel, all competitors must come by the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel stern on starboard and acknowledge the change.
- 6) Signals made ashore**
 - a)** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm in front of the CSC Clubhouse.

- b) Flag AP means “The race is postponed”. The warning signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS “Race Signals.”

7) Schedule

Saturday, November 7, 2020

1100 Competitors’ Meeting on CSC front porch and lawn.

1230 Warning signal for the first race; other races to follow.

Sunday November 8, 2020

1000 Warning signal, racing continues.

1300 No starting sequence of the four classes will begin after this time.

- 8) **Class Flag** - Class flags will be announced at the Skipper’s meeting and immediately posted on the ONB.

- 9) **Racing area** - The racing area is between the Lake Murray Dam and the Spence Islands to the west.

10) Courses

- a) Courses (WL1, WL2 or WL3) for each class start will be posted on the display board on the stern of the RC signal vessel before each class starting signal.
- b) Appendix A displays the courses.

11) Marks

- a) The start marks will be a yellow tetrahedron and a RC signal vessel displaying an orange flag on a staff.
- b) Mark W will be an orange tetrahedron.
- c) Offset Mark O will be a red ball or large fender.
- d) Mark L will be an orange tetrahedron.
- e) The finish marks will be a RC vessel displaying an orange flag on a staff and either a buoy displaying an orange pennant or a red fender ball.

12) The Start

- a) Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- b) Before the Warning Signal for the first race of the day, all skippers intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the RC signal vessel on starboard tack and hail their sail number. The RC will acknowledge by hailing the number back to the skipper.

- c) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end of the line and a yellow tetrahedron at the port end.
- d) Any boat starting more than five minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.

13) Change of Course - A change of course will not be made during a race. The RC per RRS 32.1(d) may abandon a race due to a significant wind shift, that seriously affects the start of the following classes, if the first start has not reached Mark W.

14) The Finish

- a) The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC vessel and the finishing marks described in SI 11, e.
- b) Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

15) Penalty System – The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one of more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

16) Time Limits - The time limit is one and a half hours (90 minutes). Boats that have not retired and are still racing but fail to finish within 15 minutes of the first place boat in their class flag start (all boats that started under their class flag) shall be scored two points more (scored TLE, "Time Limit Expired") than the last place boat that finishes within the "finishing window," but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4.2.

17) Retirement - A boat which retires from the race shall notify the RC before leaving the race area, or notify the RC personnel on shore.

18) Protests

- a) Protest forms and Post-Race Penalty forms are available in the main club house. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- b) The protesting boat shall deliver a written protest to the protest committee within the 30 minute protest time limit. It begins when the signal vessel docks with one sound. The docking time will be posted on the ONB.
- c) Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing that they are a party to or witness.
- d) RRS 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing a **party** to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.

19) Scoring - A minimum of one (1) race for each class must be completed to constitute this regatta. After six (6) races are completed each boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score that is not excludable (RRS 90.3(b). This modifies RRS A2.

20) Prizes - Awards will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each class.

21) Safety

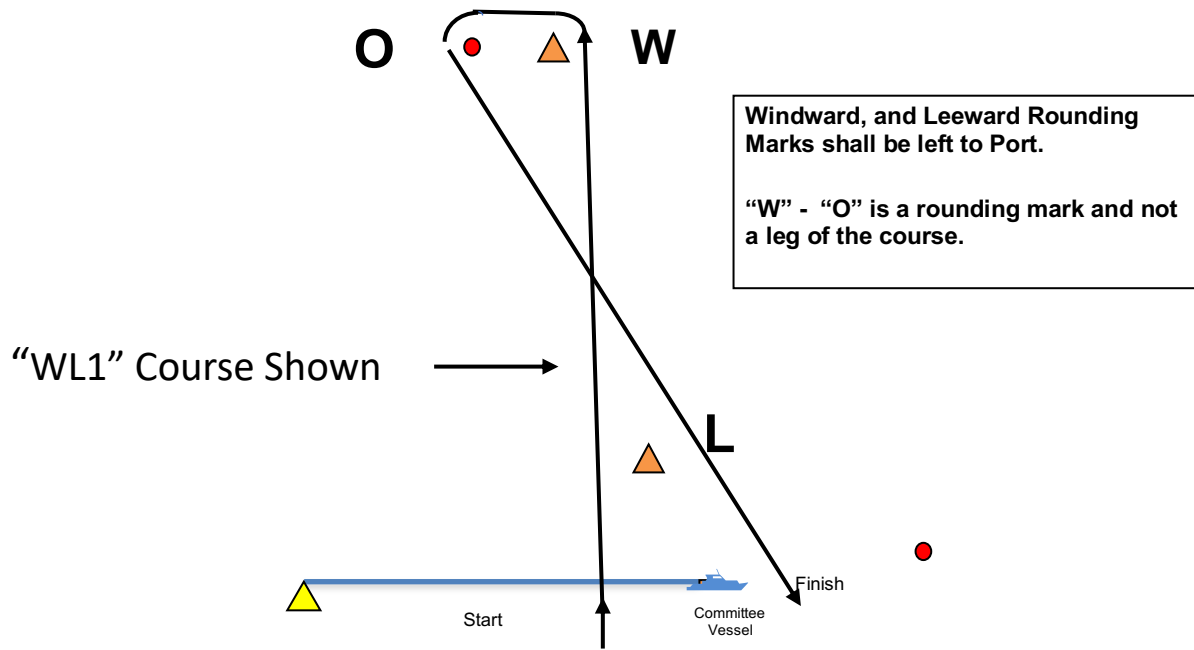
- a) A PFD shall be worn according to class rules.
- b) The safety of a boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether or not to start or continue racing.

22) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority (CSC) 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.

23) No Discharging Trash - Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters at any location will, after a hearing be scored **DSQ** for all races that day. All RC and safety vessels will gladly receive your trash.

Appendix A



Courses:

WL1 – Start – W – O – L – Finish

WL2 – Start – W – O – L –
W – O – L – Finish

WL3 – Start – W – O – L –
W – O – L –
W – O – L Finish