



## **2021 Spring Dinghy Series**

**March 18 - May 20**

Columbia Sailing Club

Columbia, SC

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be sent via email between race days.

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will only be made orally on the water by the Race Committee. This modifies rule 90.2 RRS

#### **4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

4.1 Dates of racing: 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/23 and 5/20 (10 days of racing).

4.2 Number of races: Will be determined by the Race Committee subject to conditions.

4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 18:30.

4.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, a gather signal of multiple sounds will be made.

4.5 No race will be started after sunset.

#### **5 RACING AREAS**

5.1 The waters of Lake Murray, in front of Columbia Sailing Club

#### **6 THE COURSES (See Appendix A)**

6.1 The course will be windward leeward.

6.2 The number of laps will be determined by the Race Committee and announced prior to the start. (ex. Once around, twice around, etc.) Different classes may have a different number of laps.

6.3 On multiple lap races the starting/finishing line(s) will be closed except when boats are starting or finishing.

## 7 MARKS

7.1 Marks will be orange or red spheres.

## 8 THE START

8.1 The starting line will be between a mark on the port end of the starting line and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end of the line.

8.2 Races will be started as follows: Appendix U, Audible -Signal Racing System. This changes rule 26.

8.3 The Race Committee may choose to use a two-minute sequence. This changes Appendix U.

Horns	Time Event
4 short	10 seconds to 2 min. warning
2 long	2:00
1 long, 1 short	1:30
1 long	1:00
3 short	0:30
2 short	0:20
1 short	0:10
5 short	0:05 - 0:01
1 long	Start

8.4 If more than one class is racing, and there is to be more than one start, the Race Committee shall announce the order in which the classes start.

8.5 Classes that are not starting shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence.

## 9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line will be the same as the starting line, unless a course is shortened to a rounding mark.

9.2 The Race Committee may choose to alter 9.1 and set the finishing line adjacent to the start line on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat. In this case the finish line will be between a mark on the starboard end of the finishing line and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the port end of the line.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Protest forms will be available in the Beach House.

## **12 SCORING**

12.1 The scoring system is as follows: Each boat's series scores shall be the total of all races, excluding 25% of her worst score.

## **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

13.1 Check-Out and Check-In: Each boat must check-in with the Race Committee by hailing her sail number.

13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **14 PRIZES**

14.1 Awards will be given as follows: One award for every five boats registered in each class.

## **15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 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.

15.2 The Columbia Sailing Club has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The club commodore has communicated these measures via email and will update them as the situation changes. It is expected that each participant adhere to these measures while participating in the Summer Dinghy Series. However, the club cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in club activities could increase your risk and your risk of contracting COVID-19. Each participant should evaluate their personal risk and proceed accordingly. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for the spread of COVID-19 in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## ADDENDUM A

### Example: A 2 lap Windward Leeward Course

Start - W - L - W - L - Finish

Left course uses standard finish. Right course uses a separate finish as described in 9.2.

Options include increasing or decreasing the number of laps.

