

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Skaneateles Columbia Cup

07/03/2021

Skaneateles, New York

## 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.

## 2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by registering on-line at

**<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22578>**

Payment may be made on-line during registration. If you have questions or need assistance with this process contact Jim Bright at 315-420-2000 or jamesbright7@icloud.com. All participants are expected to familiarize themselves with and to follow published SSC Covid protocols regarding masking and social distancing. SSC Club protocols will be posted on the event website.

The series is open to all sailboats. However, only sailboats that have ratings listed in the US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick handicap tables will be eligible for race or series scoring. The Sandbagger Committee and administrators reserve the right to make adjustments to published handicaps to ensure fair racing. Any boat that does not have a Portsmouth rating prior to the start of the race will have a finish time recorded but will not be scored. One Design Classification requirements do apply.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the event website.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole or staff on the dock at the Skaneateles Sailing Club. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered. Updates from the race committee including delays, postponements and cancellations or rescheduled races may also be posted on the event website.

## 5. SCHEDULE

12:30pm -There will be a Skippers/Competitors meeting with race committee on the SSC dock.

2:00pm - Warning signal for the first race.

Dates of race

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If the warning signal for first race of the day has not been given before 2:45 PM due to weather or other reasons racing will be cancelled for the day. Subsequent races up to a maximum of 2 per day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. No races will be started after 4 PM. There will be two starts per race. The "Centerboard" fleet will start first followed by the "Keelboat" fleet. It is recommended that multihulls and any boat with a Portsmouth handicap rating lower than 83 start with the "Keelboat" fleet.

## **6. THE START**

The starting sequences for the Columbia Cup follow the racing rules of sailing (RRS) Rule26, which prescribes a 5 minute starting sequence using visual and audible signals

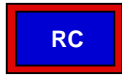


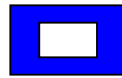
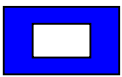
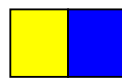

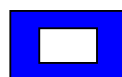
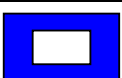

The class flag signals are as follows:

International signal flag "C" for "Centerboard" boats (Red White Blue horizontal stripes)



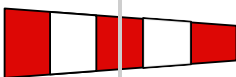
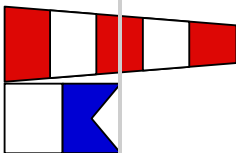
International signal flag "K" for "Keelboat" and multihulls (Yellow | Blue)

The 5 minute starting sequence for the centerboard fleet will be followed immediately by a second 5 minute sequence for the "keelboat" fleet. The starting signal for the centerboard fleet is the warning signal for the keelboat fleet which is sometimes referred to as a "rolling start". The overall 10 minute sequence for both fleets is shown in the table below.

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STARTING SEQUENCE & FLAGS						
Min. to Go	Flag Up		Flag Down		Horn	Meaning
<b>20 or more</b>	Race Committee		Race Committee flag remains up until all boats cross finish line at the end of the 2nd race		--	Established anchored vessel as Race Committee Boat
<b>About 11</b>	Race Committee		Race Committee flag remains up until all boats cross finish line at the end of the 2nd race		Some Short Quick Blasts	Get racer's attention
<b>10</b>	Red, White, Blue (C)		--	--	1 Long Blast	<b>Warning</b> Centerboard Class
<b>9</b>	Blue & White (P)		--	--	1 Long Blast	<b>Prepare</b> Centerboard Class
<b>6</b>	--	--	Blue & White (P)		1 Long Blast	<b>One Minute</b> to Centerboard Class Start
<b>5</b>	Yellow & Blue (K)		Red, White, Blue (C)		1 Long Blast	<b>Start</b> Centerboard Class & <b>Warning</b> Keelboat Class
<b>4</b>	Blue & White (P)		--	--	1 Long Blast	<b>Prepare</b> Keelboat Class
<b>1</b>	--	--	Blue & White (P)		1 Long Blast	<b>One Minute</b> to Keelboat Class Start
<b>0</b>	--	--	Yellow & Blue (K)		1 Long Blast	<b>Start</b> Keelboat Class

A general recall, postponement or abandonment involving the centerboard fleet will result in abandonment of the keelboat fleet starting sequence. A new sequence for the centerboard fleet shall be initiated which will be followed by the keelboat sequence in the typical manner. A general recall, postponement, or abandonment involving the keelboat fleet after the centerboard fleet has been successfully started shall result in a new 5 minute sequence for the keelboat fleet.

RECALL & RACE CANCELLATION FLAGS			
Flag/Pennant		Horn & Meaning	Action
<b>RECALL FLAGS</b>			
Blue Cross on White (X)		1 Long Blast INDIVIDUAL RECALL	Race Committee to Hail sail number(s) for boats that were over early. This flag shall remain up until all over early boats have re-started or for 4 minutes after the start, whichever occurs first.
Yellow on Blue Burgee (1st Substitute)		2 Long Blasts RECALL FLEET - RESTART RACE	After all boats in fleet have returned, 1 LONG HORN BLAST will be given at the same time the 1st Substitute is lowered and the Fleet Class Flag is Raised for the Warning of that Start Sequence. The Race Committee will continue with the remainder of the Start Sequence (prepare, one minute, start) for restarting that fleet.
<b>RACE CANCELLATION FLAGS</b>			
Red & White Pennant (AP)		2 Long Blasts TEMPORARY POSTPONEMENT	Race Committee to evaluate if conditions allow racing. If it is determined that racing will occur, 1 LONG HORN BLAST shall be given and the Starting Sequence shall begin at the "About 11 minutes to go" point.
Red & White Pennant (AP) OVER White & Blue Flag (A)		2 Long Blasts RACING CANCELED - NO MORE RACING TODAY	If the Race Committee determines that conditions do not permit racing, 2 LONG HORN BLASTS shall be given along with raising the A-Flag in addition to the already raised A-Pennant.

## 7. RACING AREA

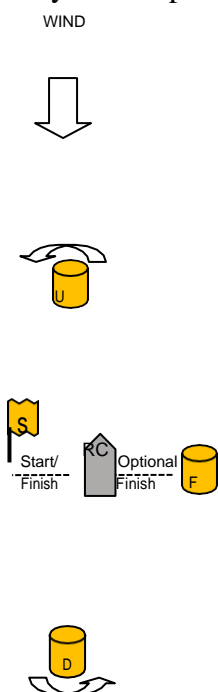
The racing area is located on Skaneateles Lake in front of the Skaneateles Sailing Club, approximately 3.5 miles South of the Village of Skaneateles. For your reference, the Sailing Club address is 2745 East Lake Road, Skaneateles.

## 8. CHECKING IN

Each entrant will check in with the Race Committee boat prior to the first race each day. Boats will not be scored unless they have completed the registration and paid the entry fee.

## 9. COURSES AND MARKS

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward. The diagram below shows marks that may be used to define the course. Windward and leeward marks will be round or cylindrical inflatable orange or yellow buoys. The optional finishing mark will be a small round buoy.



The start/finish line is between a staff on the Race Committee (RC) boat (typically an orange flag pole flying the RC “on station” flag ) and the starting pin on the port side of the RC boat. Optionally the RC may chose to utilize an inflatable mark to create a separate finish line on the starboard side of the RC boat. To begin, the start line is crossed from the downwind side of the line and marks are rounded in the order listed below leaving the marks to the port side of the boat. The course is completed by crossing the finishing line from the direction of the last mark rounded.

The course designations are as follows:

- W1        START between RC and S, U, D, FINISH between RC and S
- W2        START between RC and S, U, D, U, D, FINISH between RC and S
- D1        START between RC and S, U, FINISH between RC and S
- D2        START between RC and S, U, S, U, FINISH between RC and S

## **10. TIME LIMIT**

In a race where no further racing will be scheduled that day due to constraints of time, competitors finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will not be scored for the race. If no competitor finishes within 90 minutes of the start, the race may be abandoned.

## **11. EXONERATION**

RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for violations "when boats meet".

## **12. PROTESTS, REQUEST FOR REDRESS and PENALTIES**

A protest committee will be available to hear protests should the need arise. A protesting boat shall notify the **Race Committee** verbally or in writing as soon as possible after her finish of her intent to file a protest and provide the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the arrival of the race committee boat at the dock. The time limit may be extended if the Sandbagger Administrators need more time to obtain relevant information. The Race committee will notify the Sandbagger Administrators [Skaneateles.Sandbagger@Gmail.com](mailto:Skaneateles.Sandbagger@Gmail.com) of the protest and a protest hearing will be convened at the earliest convenience.

## **13. SCORING**

2 races will constitute a series.

The Sandbagger Series races will be scored using the RRS Appendix A low point scoring system and the Portsmouth handicap boat rating system using Regatta Network.com's event website scoring module. Ratings may be adjusted at the discretion of the Sandbagger Series Committee if an entrant's boat and sails differ from the ratings assumptions for that class of boat or the published handicap numbers and do not promote fair racing.

One design classes with 3 or more registered boats in the series will also be scored.

It is the boats that are the entrants and are scored. A skipper is permitted to change their boat with one of the same class whether on a temporary or permanent basis and be scored as one entrant. Simply advise the Sandbagger Series Race Committee/scorer of the alternate boat so that results are posted properly.

Registered entrants serving personally as race committee or Principle Race Officer (PRO) will earn one BYE for that day. There is a limit of one BYE per season for serving. The BYE is earned even if the races for the day were not completed or cancelled. Boats earning a BYE may use the BYE for any completed Series races in which they did not start and will be scored for that BYE as the average points of their races started.

For the low point scoring system Boats not starting will be scored as the number of boats finishing that race +2 and boats starting but not finishing a race will be scored as the number of boats finishing that race +1. "Throw outs", or scores which may be excluded from the series low point total, will be awarded as follows: Starting at 4 races, add one throw-out per 3 races.

#### **14. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information, please contact Jim Bright, registrar.  
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#### **Sandbagger Series Committee Administrators-Voting members**

Rebecca Fleckenstein-Race Committee Manager  
Tim Rosbrook-Waterfront Race Officer  
Jim Bright & Norm Richter-Registrars and Event Managers

#### **Other-non-voting members**

Timer-Rhonda Fabrizio

Scott Laundry-US Sailing Representative  
Griff Williams-US Sailing Representative  
Patti Gonella-Social Director