

**2021 Whale of a Sail Regatta 17 – 19 September 2021**

**Buoy Course**

**Sailing Instructions**

1. **RULES** – The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing shall govern this regatta. No advertising shall be displayed on hulls or sails except a maker's mark limited to an area of 6 in, square unless permitted otherwise by class rules. Boats entered as belonging to a one-design class shall comply with the scantling rules of that class.
2. **ENTRY** – Yachts may enter by properly submitting the registration form, liability release form, and paying the entry fee prior to the announced close of registration.
3. **NOTICES** – Notices will be posted on the bulletin board located on the harbor grounds adjacent to the pavilion entrance
4. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – Any changes to these instructions shall be approved by the Regatta Chairman and the Principal Race Officer, and shall be posted on the bulletin board prior to the first affected race. Posting shall be signaled by display of Code Flag Lima from the committee boat at its mooring and one audible signal.
5. **NUMBER AND SCHEDULE OF RACES** –
  - 5.1. There shall be a maximum of five (5) races in the series, and a minimum of one race.
  - 5.2. The warning signal for the beginning of racing shall be:
    - 5.2.1. Saturday, September 18, 2021: 11:00
    - 5.2.2. Sunday, September 19, 2021: 9:30
  - 5.3. Up to four (4) races may be scheduled on Saturday, weather permitting
  - 5.4. No race shall be started after 1300 on Sunday unless no races have been completed by that time.
6. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** –
  - 6.1. Signals made on shore shall be displayed from the committee boat at its berth.
  - 6.2. Code Flag Lima (one audible signal) – a change to the sailing instructions has been posted.
  - 6.3. Code Flag AP (two audible signals) – the next race is postponed. The time of the next WARNING signal shall be 30 minutes after striking of AP with one audible signal.
7. **OTHER SIGNALS** –
  - 7.1. Orange Flag – upon leaving the harbor; approximately ½ hour until the warning signal and will be struck with one audible signal one minute prior to the WARNING signal.
  - 7.2. Orange Flag – at the finish line; a back-to-back race will follow.
8. **COURSE** – The first two digits of the heading to first mark will be posted on the committee boat.
  - 8.1. Depending on the fleet makeup, there may be short and extended weather marks.
  - 8.2. (WL), Windward-Leeward twice around with finish line in the general location of the starting line.
  - 8.3. (OM), one triangle followed by a windward and leeward with finish line in the general location of the starting line.
  - 8.4. See attached course diagrams.
9. **MARKS** – The turning marks will be orange or yellow cylinders, and will be displayed at the dock prior to racing.
10. **STARTING** –
  - 10.1. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26.
  - 10.2. Signals shall be made from the committee boat, which defines the starboard end of the line.
  - 10.3. The port end of the line will be marked by a spar buoy.
  - 10.4. The various classes shall be started in several divisions at five (5) minute intervals. Division assignments and the order of starts shall be posted on the bulletin board prior to the start of racing.
11. **RECALL** -
  - 11.1. After an Individual Recall signal is made, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats as a courtesy only. Failure to hear the hail is not a reason to seek redress.

- 11.2. After a General Recall the recalled division shall move to the end of the starting order, and the clock shall not stop, thus the next division will start at its originally scheduled time. Subsequent recalled divisions shall start following the previously recalled divisions.
12. SHORTENING COURSE – A shortening of the course shall be signaled from a boat stationed near the mark beginning the leg containing the finish line. This leg may not be of full original length. The boat shall display code flag S and shall make periodic sound signals. This changes RRS 32.2.
13. TIME LIMIT – 90 minutes for the entire course or thirty (30) minutes to the first mark. All yachts not finishing within twenty (20) minutes of the first yacht or their scoring group to finish shall be scored one point more than the last boat that finished within the time limit.
14. FINISHING – The finish line shall be between the flag mast of the Committee Boat (or mark set boat) that is flying a blue flag and a spar buoy or the staff of a small boat flying IC flag P. In the case of a shortened course, a mark of the course may take the place of the spar buoy. If another race is to be sailed back-to-back it shall be indicated by the display of the orange flag from the committee boat at the finish.
15. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES –
- 15.1. A yacht intending to protest shall inform the Committee Boat of such at the finish line. This modifies RRS 61.1.a.
- 15.2. Any written protest shall be submitted on a USSailing Protest Form (available at the committee boat) to the Committee Boat within one hour of her docking. The official docking time shall be posted. All interested parties to protests shall remain within hearing range of the Committee Boat until informed of a time and place for a hearing.
16. SCORING –
- 16.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of ISAF RRS Appendix A4.1 shall be used.
- 16.2. Paragraph A2 of the RRS is modified to read: “Each boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores. A yacht’s highest race score will be excluded if five or more races are completed.”
- 16.3. Classes that require the use of handicaps will use the current Portsmouth Yardstick.
17. SAFETY –
- 17.1. All Illinois safety requirements regarding sailboats shall be observed.
- 17.2. It is the responsibility of the individual skipper to decide whether to start a race or continue a race. If you retire from a race, please notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17.3. Course Diagrams:

	OM Course	WL Course
	1A	1A
	1	1
2	-----() S/F	-----() S/F
	3	3
	S, 1 or 1A, 2, 3, 1 or 1A, 3, F	S, 1 or 1A, 3, 1 or 1A, 3, F