

# Oshkosh Yacht Club

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May – September 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in:
- 1.2 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Including US Sailing Prescriptions. Rulebooks may be purchased through [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 1.3 The Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI)
- 1.4 Rules and Scantlings of the ILYA and applicable national class associations

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, & RC USE OF RADIOS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the north side of the OYC Shed at the Waters and may be also posted on the OYC web site ([www.oshkoshyachtclub.org](http://www.oshkoshyachtclub.org)) at least two hours prior to the warning signal for the first affected race. Changes to trophy assignments may not be posted.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may alter these Sailing Instructions on the water by hail, after displaying Flag “L” with one sound signal.
- 2.3 The Race Committee may use VHF radio competitor’s channel to communicate with competitors, who are free to monitor, on that channel only, while racing. Such communications are freely available to all competitors. Any use of communication devices to transmit or to obtain competitive advantage is strictly forbidden. The competitor’s channel is VHF 69. Failure to receive a radio transmission shall not be cause for redress under RRS 62.1a.

### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from OYC Signal Boat while moored in slip located in OYC Harbor.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than twenty (20) minutes’ in the race signal AP.

3.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

4.1 Schedule of Races will be as detailed in the calendar within the printed OYC Handbook and posted on the OYC Website. In the event there is a conflict between the Schedule of Races with the OYC Handbook and posted on the OYC Website, the Schedule of Races posted on the OYC Website shall govern.

4.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed before a warning signal is made.

## **5. THE COURSES**

The Courses Illustration page in OYC Handbook show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be dependent upon wind conditions, desired race time and number of races.

## **6. MARKS**

6.1 Marks of the course including starting and finishing marks will be temporary orange cylindrical type.

6.2 Offset mark, if used in vicinity of Windward mark, will be small orange tetrahedron.

## **7. THE START**

7.1 Races for Class E will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

7.2 Races for Class X, M15, Laser, and Laser Radial fleets will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal. Races for Optimist fleet will use Appendix U of RRS – Audible-Signal Racing System which consists of series of sound signals made at set intervals leading up to the start.

7.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

7.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

7.5 A boat in Class E starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. A boat in Class X, M15, Laser, Laser Radial or IOD starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A5.1.

## **8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

8.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. [or]

8.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

8.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

## **9. THE FINISH**

9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark. For Class X, M15, Laser, Laser Radial and Optimist fleets, the starting line may remain in place and serve as downwind finish line.

9.2 When a race is abandoned due to threatening weather or other safety reason, all boats are to discontinue racing and find safe harbor. If the abandonment signal is made after one or more boats have finished within the prescribed time limit, the Principal Race Officer (PRO) may either give the yachts remaining on the course the position of the last boat to finish plus 2, or order the complete race abandoned and disregard any finishers. This supplements Rule 32.

9.3 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **10. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

10.1 Personal Floatation Devices. All yachts must meet U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements. It is the yacht skipper's responsibility to see that an approved personal flotation device (PFD) is on the boat for each crewmember. RRS 40.2 is changed so Rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat to the M15, Laser, Laser Radial, Class X, 420 and Optimist fleets making the wearing of PFDs mandatory "shore to shore". For Class E, RRS 40.1 and 40.2 apply.

10.2 Discretion of Race Committee. It is the Principal Race Officer's discretion to postpone, shorten or abandon a race due to foul weather, insufficient wind or any other reasons directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition.

10.3 Floatation Panels. Sail flotation panels at the head of the sail are required at all times while racing for Class E.

10.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **11. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency including reporting Retirement from Racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in OYC racing entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS3, 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 racing.