

FLYING SCOT SAILING ASSOCIATION
2023 GREATER NEW YORK DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

September 8th and 9th, 2023

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB

Riverton, NJ

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of U.S. SAILING, the Flying Scot Sailing Association (FSSA) Rules, the Notice of Race (NOR), these Sailing Instructions (SI), and any amendments thereto. In the event of conflict between the NOR and SI, the SI shall prevail.

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (including one tack and one jibe).

The use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted. The official channel for Race Committee (RC) communication is 72.

The Delaware River is subject to commercial ship traffic by hull limited ships which have the right of way over all recreational boaters. The RC will set courses that avoid commercial channels wherever possible. If a boat needs to clear a shipping channel because of ship traffic the use of a paddle is permitted provided the skipper does not advance his position toward the next mark (see section 15 of this SI).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the clubhouse breezeway.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 8:30 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 7:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals & announcements made ashore will be from the 2nd floor rear deck of the clubhouse.

Code flag "AP" Answering Pennant, with two horns means "THE RACE IS POSTPONED". The time of the next warning signal will be announced over radio Channel 72.

Code Flag "N" over Code Flag "A", with 3 horns means all races are cancelled for the day.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND ACTIVITIES

9/8 FRIDAY

- 5:00 -7:00 pm Welcome gathering and early on-site check-in and registration

9/9 SATURDAY

- 8:00- 9:30 am Registration/Check-in
- 8:00- 9:30 am Continental breakfast served to competitors at clubhouse
- 10:00 am Competitor's meeting
- 10:30 Harbor gun
- 11:00 am Warning signal for first race
- Refreshments after the races
- 6:00 pm Dinner/party- Hawaiian Luau

9/10 SUNDAY

- 8:00- 9:00 AM Continental breakfast served to competitors at clubhouse
- 9:30 am Harbor gun.
- 10:00 am Warning signal for first race of the day. (No race to start after 2:00 pm)
- Awards Ceremony at clubhouse as soon as possible after racing ends.

The RC may adjust the race schedule to suit weather conditions.

Back-to-back races are scheduled for each day. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practical. No more than 5 races will be sailed.

6. RACING AREA

The waters of the Delaware River near Riverton, NJ.

7. COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward. Attachment A shows the course configuration, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded. Course "4" is shown for example purposes.

No later than the warning signal, the specific course to be sailed will be displayed as a number ("3", "4", "5", "6", or "7") on the starboard side of the RC signal boat, which number will correspond to the number of legs to be sailed.

Mark 2 is not a mark of the course on the first leg, and on a leg when finishing to leeward of Mark 2.

The anchorage at Quaker City Yacht Club (QCYC) in Philadelphia (across the river from Riverton YC) is closed to navigation; any boat observed inside the QCYC mooring field during a race will be disqualified without a hearing.

8. MARKS

Mark 1 will be an orange cylinder. Mark 2 will either be a single orange tetrahedron, or a gate consisting of 2 orange tetrahedrons, in which case boats must pass between the 2 tetrahedrons (the "gate"), and round either the starboard mark to starboard, or the port mark to port. A new mark, as provided under section 11 of this SI, will be a yellow cylinder.

The starting mark will be an orange cylinder.

The finishing mark will be Mark 1, Mark 2 (in case of a shortened course at Mark 2, and if Mark 2 is a gate, finish through the gate), a new mark as described above, or an orange cylinder (when finishing to leeward of Mark 2).

A red/orange ball offset mark may be used adjacent to Mark 1.

9. STARTING & FINISHING

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC boat and the starting mark.

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC boat and the appropriate mark as described in section 8, or in case of a shortened course, in accordance with RRS 32.2.

Races will be started using RRS 26.

The Class flag will be the Flying Scot Class flag.

A boat not starting within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

No race will be started unless there is enough wind to buck the tide at all times during the starting sequence.

10. Recalls

A boat's recall number shall be its sail number.

Individual recalls will be signaled with one (1) horn & hailing the recall number(s) of the offending boats.

The RC will attempt to hail individual boats over the line early, failure of the boats to hear the recall shall not constitute grounds for redress. The RC may use VHF channel 72 to hail boats.

A **General Recall** will be signaled by displaying "First Substitute" with Two Horns.

11. Change of Course After the Start

To change the position of a mark, the RC will use a yellow tetrahedron as the new mark. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. RRS 33 shall apply.

12. Time Limits

The leading boat must complete the course in Two (2) Hours. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the leader will be scored "TLE", and awarded 2 points more than the last boat that did finish within the 30 minute limit. This changes RRS 35.

No course will be shortened such that Mark 1 is not rounded or passed twice.

13. Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. There will NOT be "throw out". One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.

14. PROTESTS

A competitor having reason to protest must do so in strict compliance with the requirements of RRS 61. Competitors must notify the RC at the finish of their intent to protest.

The RC, after docking, will post on the Official Notice Board the numbers of all boats protesting & being protested.

Written protests must be filed on an official Protest Form with a RC representative within one (1) hour of RC docking.

Protest Forms will be available in the clubhouse.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board at the conclusion of the day's racing. All boats listed as protesting or being protested shall report to the judges at the clubhouse no later than 15 minutes from the end of the protest period to determine where & when protests will be heard. Failure to report shall permit the judges to hear and decide the protest without the testimony or presence of those competitors.

15. SAFETY

All boats shall carry all safety gear as required by FSSA Rules.

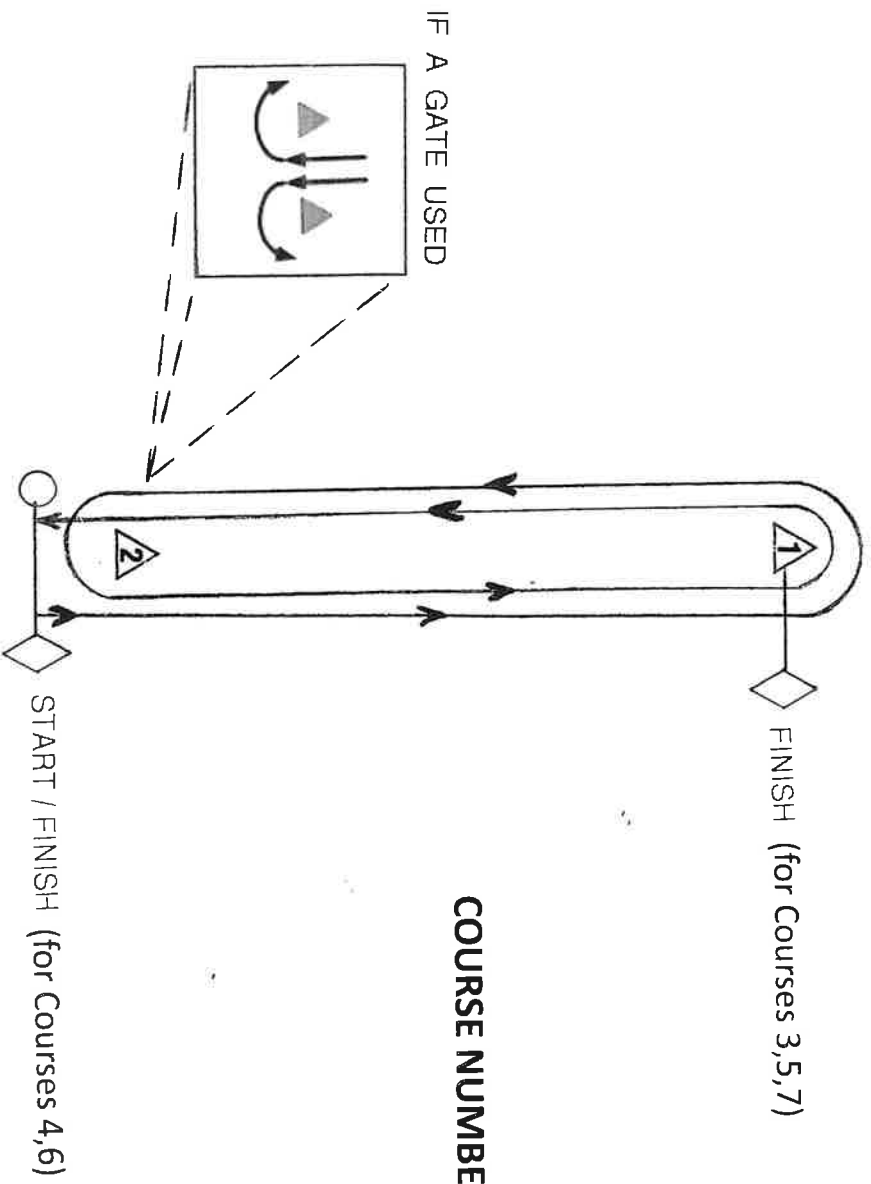
It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant. This replaces RRS 40.

A boat that withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall inform the RC as soon as possible.

It is the intent of the RC not to start or continue any race in what it deems as unsafe conditions. The decision, however, not to sail in any race is the responsibility of each individual skipper per RRS 3.

If in the judgment of the RC, severe weather conditions make it advisable to discontinue a race in progress, the RC may abandon such race. The RC and/or Patrol Boats will display Code Flag "N" over "H" accompanied by three (3) horns.

Boats approaching or in the ship channel will not exercise their right-of-way over any commercial traffic (ships, tugboats, and the like) that are not able to respond readily. **A boat must not exercise right of way, crossing in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial freighters, tugs or tows or other commercial vessels that are unable to respond readily. If a boat is without way in a shipping channel the skipper shall take whatever action is necessary to clear themselves from harm's way, including motoring or paddling. If a boat advances her position in the race she shall retire, however if they did not go closer to the next mark of the course they may continue racing.**



COURSE NUMBER = NUMBER OF LEGS TO BE SAILED

Course "4"
(shown for example purposes)

NOTE: MARK 2 IS NOT A MARK OF THE COURSE ON THE FIRST LEG,
AND WHEN FINISHING TO LEEWARD OF MARK 2