



M15 Regatta April 12-13, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS M15

(version V5 4/7/2025)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the rule is subject to a discretionary penalty which can be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified in the Notice of Race.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the SIs made on shore will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the RC Signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The official notice board is online at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/29184.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee (RC) will display code flag L with one sound and courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

4. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SYC Mast on the Bluff of the Wilmington River.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday, April 12</u>	0930	Coffee and Juice
	1030 - 1130	Check in
	1130	Competitors Meeting
	1200	Harbor Start
	1300	First Warning Signal
	1800	Dinner SYC Dock House
<u>Sunday, April 13</u>	0800	Coffee and Juice
	0900	Harbor Start
	1000	First warning signal
	1400	No warning signal will be made after this time
	After racing	Awards & wings at SYC Dock House

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1.M15 Class Flag

8. RACING AREA

The Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers.

9. COURSES

The courses are described in SI Attachment 1.

10. MARKS

10.1.Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange tetrahedrons.

10.2.Offset mark 1o will be an orange ball.

10.3.The start/finish mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.

10.4.The course diagram shows a gate which will be used if conditions permit. If only one gate mark is present, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

10.5.Change marks as provided for in RRS 33 will be green tetrahedrons with no offset Mark.

11. THE START

11.1.Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2.The race Committee will make several sound signals shortly before any warning signal that is not at a scheduled time or is not preceded by the lowering of another signal.

11.3.Before the Warning Signal for the first race of each day, all competitors intending to race shall check in by sailing past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number. A boat that competes but fails to check in may at the discretion of the race committee receive a 20% scoring penalty. This modifies Rule 63.1 and A5.

11.4.The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on RC Signal Vessel and a yellow tetrahedron at the port end of the line.

11.5.A boat that does not meet the definition of *start* within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This is added to RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

After the start a change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1.The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Boat and a yellow tetrahedron.

13.2.The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 is 90 minutes.

13.3.The finishing window is 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the finishing window but not worse than DNF. This is added to RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10. 16.4.

13.4.The race committee will display flag A (with no sound) while boats are finishing to signal that there will be no more races conducted that day.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1.RRS Appendix V1 shall apply.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1.Protest forms will be available at the Dock House.

16.2.The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC Signal vessel docks or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3.Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.
- 17.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3. One race in a fleet is required to be completed to constitute a series for that fleet.

18. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Official at the first reasonable opportunity or a SYC Staff Member promptly after returning to shore. A boat that withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall inform a Race Official as soon as possible.
- 18.2. The PFD must be worn at all times while on the water except while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

19. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 19.1. Any official or support vessel may assist any competitors in the case of an emergency.
- 19.2. Coach vessels shall remain a minimum of 100 yards from the course area except when asked to assist by a race official. All coach and support vessels are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be ready to assist with safety when requested.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash and empty water bottles may be placed aboard support or race official vessels.

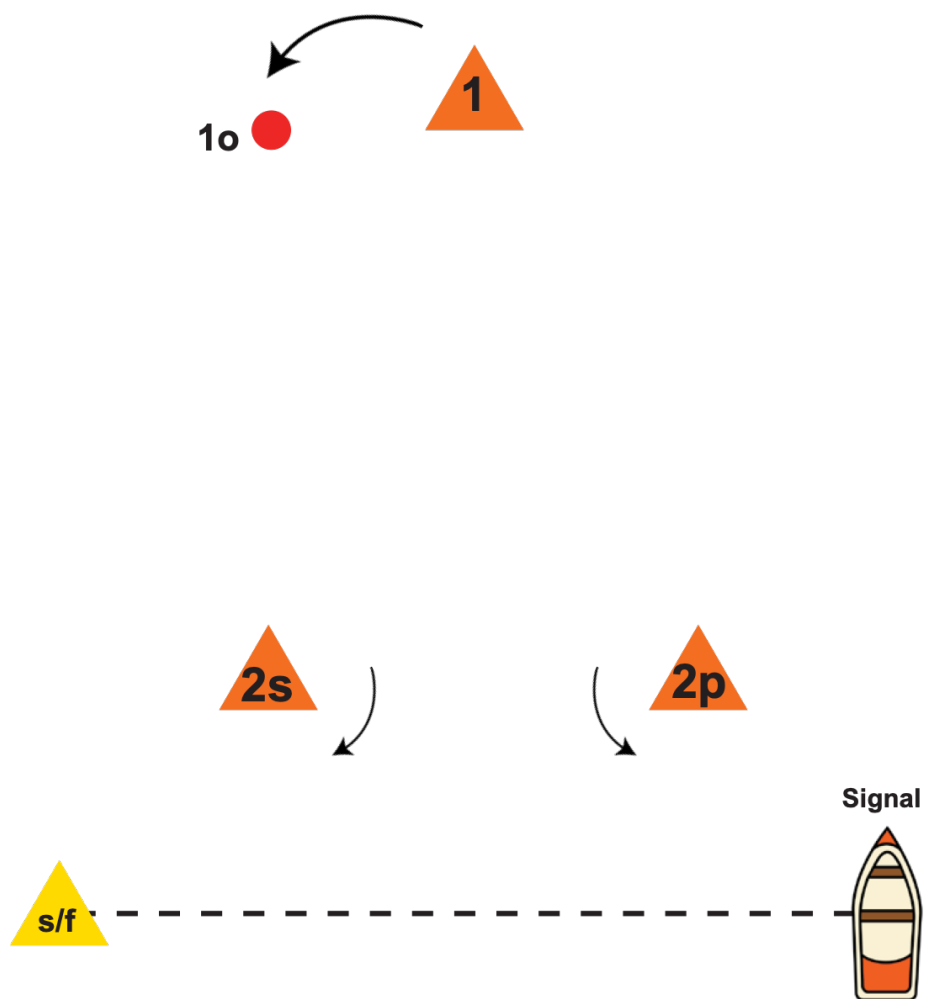
21. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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SI Attachment #1 M15 Fleet



Course: WL1: S - 1 - 1o - F

Course: WL2: S - 1 - 1o - 2(s/p) - 1 - 1o - F