



**SHREWSBURY
SAILING & YACHT CLUB**

Melges 15 Fall Regatta

Hosted by: Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Sailing Instructions

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

1.2. Changes to the Rules

1.2.1. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4, A5.

1.2.2. Boats still racing (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified or get redress) 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE. This changes RRS35, A4, A5

1.2.3. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. Boats scored DNC will be scored points equal to the number of boats that came to the starting area plus one point. This changes RRS A4, A5 and A10.

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

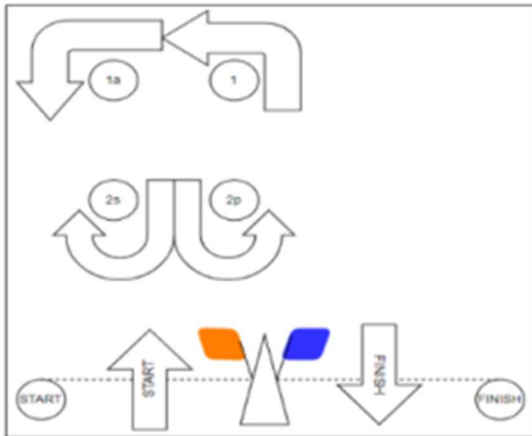
3. Communications to Competitors

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the main deck

4. Code of Conduct

4.1. (DP) Competitors and support person shall comply with reasonable request from race officials

- 4.2. (DP) Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
5. Signals made Ashore
 - 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole.
6. Schedule
 - 6.1. Saturday, September 20
 - 6.1.1. 08:00 – 09:00 Check-In and Late Registration
 - 6.1.2. 09:00 Competitors Meeting
 - 6.1.3. 09:30 Harbor Gun
 - 6.1.4. 10:00 Warning Signal of the first race
 - 6.2. A maximum of five races is planned
7. Racing Area
 - 7.1. Racing will be held in the vicinity of SSYC
8. The Courses
 - 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward portable course marks
 - 8.2. The diagram below shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- 8.3.
- 8.4. No Later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course to be sailed by indicating the number of Legs.
9. Marks
 - 9.1. Marks will be inflatable buoys (color to be announced at the Competitors Meeting)
 - 9.2. Offset marks will be described (size/color) at the Competitors Meeting
 - 9.3. The starting mark will be an Orange Whip Buoy
 - 9.4. The finishing mark will be an Orange Whip Buoy
10. The Start
 - 10.1. Races will be started using a 3 minute Dinghy Starting Sequence

10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Boat at the starboard end and an orange whip buoy at the port end.

10.3. The race committee may attempt to hail and broadcast sail numbers of boats that are OCS on VHF Radio. Failure to hail or broadcast any sail numbers; failure of a boat to receive the recall hail; a boat's position in the sequence of hail; promptness of the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 61.4(b)(1)

10.4. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

11. The Finish

11.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end orange whip buoy.

12. Penalty System

12.1. RRS Appendix V1 is in effect

12.2. Penalties for incidents after entering the zone for Mar 1 and until passing M1a may be delayed and taken after passing Mark 1z. This changes RRS 44.2

13. Time Limits

13.1. Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 30 minutes of the start, or finishes within 90 minutes of the start shall be abandoned.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1. (DP) (NP) A boat shall inform the race committee immediately after finishing of its intention to protest.

14.2. Protest forms will be available onshore

14.3. Protest Time Limit: 30 minutes after the RC boat docks

14.4. Notices will be posted no more than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

14.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)

14.6. The US Sailing prescription for RRS 63.1(b) shall not be in effect for this event. This changes RRS63.2

15. Scoring

15.1. RRS Appendix A, except that when fewer than 5 races are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races are sailed, each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1

15.2. One Race constitutes a regatta

16. Radio Communications

16.1. Radio Channel will be announced at the competitors meeting

16.2. The Race committee will communicate intentions, courses via radio and loud hail on the course.

17. Prizes

17.1. Awards for skipper and crew for top 3 boats.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

18.1. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS3, Decision to Race.

18.2. The Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club, as organizing authority, its Race Committee, Protest Committee and volunteers accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience incurred, in conjunction with the regatta, however caused. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the regatta organizers and authority from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.