



Sailing Instructions 2011 ACSA Red Cup Series



April 13– October 12, 2010

1 Rules

- 1.1 These races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the current prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, applicable one-design class rules (except those class rules requiring class membership), the Notice of Race, except as any of the above are changed by these sailing instructions, and these Sailing Instructions.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, in the vicinity of the dock bridge at the Alum Creek Sailing Association Marina. The Lima flag shall be flown with one horn sounded.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 6:00 p.m. on the day it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the porch of the ACSA facility building.

5 Schedule of Races - Dates and Times of racing:

April 13	Spring Series Race #1
April 20	Spring Series Race #2
April 27	Spring Series Race #3
May 4	Spring Series Race #4
May 11	Spring Series Race #5
May 18	Spring Series Race #6
May 25	Spring Series Race #7
June 1	Spring Series Race #8
June 8	Spring Series Race #9
June 15	Summer Series Race #1
June 22	Summer Series Race #2
June 29	Summer Series Race #3
July 6	Summer Series Race #4
July 13	Summer Series Race #5
July 20	Summer Series Race #6
July 27	Summer Series Race #7
August 3	Summer Series Race #8
August 10	Summer Series Race #9
August 17	Fall Series Race #1
August 24	Fall Series Race #2
August 31	Fall Series Race #3
September 7	Fall Series Race #4

September 14	Fall Series Race #5
September 21	Fall Series Race #6
September 28	Fall Series Race #7
October 5	Fall Series Race #8
October 12	Fall Series Race #9

6 Postponement and Abandonment

- 6.1.1 The Vice Commodore and/or Race Committee may postpone a race due to weather.
- 6.1.2 Lightning sighted is always grounds for Abandonment.

7 Number of races: 1 race is scheduled for each Red Cup Series date.

- 7.1 The Scheduled time of the warning signal is 18:25 for each Red Cup Series date.

8 Race Committee Responsibilities

- 8.1 The race committee is made up of volunteers. Every effort is made to ensure all members are trained in the proper procedures. To ensure there is adequate coverage for every race, the race committee will be made up of competitors and assigned in the following process
 - 8.1.1 One week prior to the beginning of each series, all entrants names will be placed in a hat and drawn, lottery style to determine which entrant is responsible for each race in the series.
 - 8.1.2 Any entrant may pre-select an open date, thus removing his/her name from the lottery.
 - 8.1.3 The selected entrant must provide a minimum of two qualified personnel to act as race committee for the designated date
 - 8.1.4 The entrant has the option to not sail on their designated date and receive a score for that race of an average of their non-discarded scores for the series.
 - 8.1.5 Late entrants will have a 50% change of being assigned a date, to be determined by a coin toss. If the entrant is required to take a date, they may either select on of the remaining in the series or be assigned at random, thus relieving another entrant of the obligation.
 - 8.1.6 Entrants having served as race committee in an earlier series will have their names removed from the lottery, until all entrants have served an equal number of dates

9 Class Flags:

- 9.1 Red flag – JAM / Open Fleet
Green flag – PHRF / Spinnaker Class
Blue flag – Cruising Class
- 9.2 The Vice Commodore as needed may add and/or split classes and starts.
- 9.3 A class will be split if there are 10 or more competitors. The split will be according to PHRF rating
- 9.4 Each class shall fly their respective class ribbon from a point as close to the rear of the boat as possible. This tape shall be visible to the race committee. Boats taking part in the race that are not officially registered shall keep clear and well leeward of registered boats.

10 Class ratings JAM/PHRF

- 10.1 Racers in the JAM and PHRF Fleets must state prior to the start of the series if they intend to run JAM or PHRF. A skipper declaring his/her boat JAM (Jib & Main) may not fly a spinnaker. A skipper declaring his/her boat PHRF will be scored as PHRF whether or not a spinnaker is flown.

11 The Courses

- 11.1 Courses will be displayed on the port side of the committee boat by listing the marks to be rounded in order along with a P or S designating whether marks are to be left to Port or Starboard.
(example: ABC P – Start, mark A, mark B, mark C, Finish, leaving all marks to Port)
(example: CB S – Start, mark C, mark B, Finish, leaving all marks to Starboard)

12 Marks

- 12.1 The following marks are used this series of races. GPS positions are approximate.
- 12.2 **A-Mark** is located nearly due south on a course of 173° - 1.4 miles from the starting line. This buoy is marked "ACSA".
GPS coordinates: 40° 11.27' N; 082° 57.92' W
- 12.3 **B-Mark** is located on the East side of the lake 1 mile NE of A on a course of 022°. This buoy is marked "ACSA".
GPS coordinates: 40° 12.13' N; 082° 57.46' W
- 12.4 **C-Mark** is a no wake buoy at the State marina entrance.
GPS coordinates: 40° 12.47' N; 082° 58.13' W
- 12.5 If other marks are added notice will be posted on the sailing facility notice board, in the ACSA newsletter and on the club website.

13 The Start/Finish

- 13.1 Races will be stated by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal
- 13.2 The starting area will be in an area just south of the Marina entrance.
- 13.3 The starting line will be between the port stern flag standard on the ACSA committee boat and course side edge of a nearby temporary buoy.
- 13.4 The finish line will be between the port stern flag standard on the ACSA committee boat and course side edge of a nearby temporary buoy.
- 13.5 The start/finish line shall rank as an obstruction; i.e. You may only sail through it when you are starting or finishing.
- 13.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Violators may be protested by the RC or Organizing Authority and may be disqualified.

14 Time & Time Limits

- 14.1 All time indicated is in daylight savings time, Eastern Time Zone.
- 14.2 Official time shall be the watch of the Vice Commodore or the designated series race starter.
- 14.3 If three boats have not rounded the first mark one hour after the start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.4 The time limit for each race will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest and Appeals shall be written on forms either:
- provided by the Race Committee
- downloaded from [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ProtestForm-\[474\].doc](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ProtestForm-[474].doc)
- 15.2 The Protest time limit is as follows:
15.2.1 verbal (including telephone) or email notification to the ACSA vice commodore within 24 hours of the start of the race in which the incident occurred (*generally 1830 the following day*)

15.2.2 a completed protest form filed with the ACSA vice commodore or his designated representative within 168 hours or 7 days of the start of the race in which the incident occurred (*generally 1830 the Wednesday, i.e. before the start of the next race*)

16 Scoring

16.1 Scoring complies with Rule 89.3, the low-point scoring system will be used.

16.2 This is a nine race series. The best six races will be used in scoring each contestant.

16.3 A boat not starting (DNS) will receive the points equal to the number of entrants in class +1.

16.4 A boat not finishing (DNF) will receive the points equal to the number of starters in class for that particular race +1.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 the regatta.

18 Insurance

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

19 Primary contact for the organizing authority and race committee is:

Brent O'Keeffe

Vice-Commodore

Cell Phone: 419-560-0059

Dock: X (on the main spine, between A and C docks on the North side)