

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Wednesday Night Offshore Series**

**May 18, 2011 through September 14, 2011**

### **Milwaukee Yacht Club**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States of America**

#### **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Milwaukee Yacht Club Fleet & Regatta Committee in conjunction with the Race Committee (RC) shall represent the Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) as the Organizing Authority for the Wednesday Night Offshore Series (WNOS).

#### **1 RULES**

1.1 The WNOS will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The following Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

27.1 No later than the Preparatory Signal the course and distance will be posted by the RC;

29.2 WNOS sections under General Recall will have their second start after all other eligible sections have had one chance to start first;

60.1 and 60.2 Protests or request for redress by competing boats or RC are not allowed except to report damage as a result of a collision while racing or gross misconduct by competitors or RC;

75.1 To enter the WNOS, a boat shall comply with the requirements of the organizing authority of the race. The boat owner shall be a member of the MYC, South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC), Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC), MAST, McBoat, or US SAILING.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the MYC, adjacent to the Main Clubhouse front entrance.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at MYC from the Flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP (red and white vertical striped pennant) is displayed ashore, '1minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 One or more races are scheduled each Wednesday night from May 18, 2011 through September 14, 2011, as specified in the 2011 Race Schedule found near the Main Office, the MYC website, or in Appendix A of these sailing instructions.  
For the Soling and J-24 sections only, WNOS ends August 31, 2011. The Fall WNOS will be held inside the breakwater beginning the following week on September 7, 2011.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1800. No warning signal for the first race will be made after 1930 at the discretion of the RC.
- 5.3 A second race will be started provided adequate conditions, mainly sunlight. Please monitor the Signal Boat for visual, and possibly radio, announcements. The failure for RC to broadcast an announcement is not grounds for redress.

### 6 SECTION FLAGS

Section flags, in full starting sequence order, will be:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Description of Section flag</u>
Soling	white square flag with black 'Greek Omega' symbol
PHRF 2	blue triangle flag with white dot/circle
PHRF 1	white triangle flag with red dot/circle
PHRF 4 = JAM 2	red triangle flag with white cross
PHRF 3 = JAM 1	red, white, blue triangle flag
J-24	white flag with blue J-24 logo

See Appendix B for visual aid.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be on Lake Michigan, east of the Milwaukee North Gap. The start will be in the vicinity of the MYC Center Mark. The Center Mark is approximately 1.6 nautical miles at 90 degrees leaving the North Gap. See Appendix C for the approximate location of racing areas.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 Typical courses will be windward-leeward and triangle. Appendix D shows the diagrams of courses available to RC which includes the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate leg length will be between ½ and 2 nautical miles.
- 8.2 No later than the preparatory signal, the RC Signal Boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 Courses may be shortened according to RRS 32. Additionally, the RC may elect to shorten course by one leg prior to the start. If a course is to be shortened prior to the start the RC will display flag S (white square with small blue square) no later than the preparatory signal for that race and the duration of the starting sequence.

## **9 MARKS**

Marks are throw-in buoys, either orange or yellow, cylinders or round buoys or tetrahedrons, with or without a short spar.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal for each succeeding class made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange square flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the Center Mark on the port end, unless RC moves the course to the east.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep well clear of the starting area and all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 10.4 The RC may change the location of the start by displaying both flag L and flag AP from the Signal Boat.

- 10.5 Once the first starting sequence has begun it will continue until all sections have had one chance to start a race. Sections under a General Recall will be started following the completion of the entire initial starting sequence.
- 10.6 The scheduled full starting sequence for the first race (Race One) and the scheduled warning signal time will be:

Soling	1800
PHRF 2	1805
PHRF 1	1810
PHRF 4 = JAM 2	1815
PHRF 3 = JAM 1	1820
J-24	1825

Please check the Official Board for the actual sequence to be used depending on the number of boats registered per section. Sections may be different during the Spring and Summer Series.

- 10.7 The RC may skip the starting sequence for any section if there are no boats of that section in the starting area.
- 10.8 Flag R (red square with yellow cross) , which indicates a second race for one or multiple fleets, removed with multiple sounds, indicates that the warning signal for the next race will be made in 1 minute. Please monitor your radios for instructions, though failure to broadcast a report will not be grounds for redress.

## 11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark, either orange or yellow, on the port end. If the RC intends to start another race on the same day, it will display flag R (red square with yellow cross) with no sound while boats are finishing.

## 12 THE PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.1, will apply.

### 13 TIME LIMITS

Any race in which no one design boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes of their start or finishes within 1.5 hours of the start will be abandoned by RC. If any boat finished within the 1.5 hour limit, the time limit for all other racing boats will be 30 minutes after the finish of the first boat. For PHRF sections, it is the above time limits plus the boat's time allowance. This changes RRS 35. One design boats may be finished in place. PHRF boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

### 14 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms for gross misconduct or a collision resulting in damage are available near the MYC main office. Additionally, they can be found on our website [www.milwaukeeyc.com](http://www.milwaukeeyc.com)-> Sail Fleets.
- 14.2 For each section, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the MYC Signal Boat (usually Raven) docks at MYC. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

Parties shall be notified by the Protest Committee or Race Committee Director of the time and place of their protest hearing.

### 15 SCORING

- 15.1 One race of a series is required to be completed to constitute the Spring or Summer series. The 2011 Spring Series dates are May 18, 25, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, and July 13. The 2011 Summer Series dates are July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24, August 31, September 7, and September 14. The Soling and J-24 sections only will not sail with the PHRF classes September 1 or September 8, instead racing inside of the harbor for the Fall WNOS. Further instructions for the Fall WNOS will be issued by August 31.
- 15.2 The Low Point System found in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply. For the Spring Series or Summer Series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores. 20% of her scores, rounded down to the next lowest integer, will be excluded. A boat's Overall WNOS Series score will be the combined score of her Spring and Summer series scores.
- 15.3 RC will score each boat's finish place and post the results on the MYC Official Notice Board as well as the MYC website.

## 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Before the start of racing, each boat will check in with the RC on the Signal Boat. The boat's skipper, or designated crew, will hail the boat's sail number and/or name to the RC on the Signal Boat.
- 16.2 A boat retiring shall notify the RC as soon as possible, preferably before leaving the racing area by radio or direct communication. Provisionally, racers may notify an MYC employee immediately upon arrival at the dock (Yard and Dock or Office staff). For safety purposes, the boat's designated person should be sure that RC is contacted by radio by an MYC employee as soon as practicable.

## 17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 Except in an emergency, 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, with exception for emergencies.
- 17.2 RC will use radio channel 72 for general announcements and comments. RC will attempt to announce the starting time, starting sequence, course type, and course directions twice prior to the first warning signal. Typically, the 'Raven' will be the Signal Boat and 'Judge' will be the Markset Boat. RC also may use 'Rhonda' or any other motor vessel if more support is necessary.

## 18 PRIZES

Awards shall be presented at the MYC Annual Awards Banquet to boats finishing first, second, and third in the Spring Series, Summer Series, and Overall Season Series. Please see the NOR for further information.

For the Soling section only, the Thunder Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first in the Spring Series. The Shadow Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first in the Summer Series. The Kotovic Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first in the Overall Season Series. The Crew Championship Trophy will be awarded to the Crew steering the first place Soling on one or multiple Wednesday nights as determined solely by the Soling fleet.

## 19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the WNOS entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 a race in the series. All boat owners/responsible parties will submit a completed waiver of liability to the MYC main office prior to racing. Waivers are available through the online registration system as well as near the MYC main office.

## 20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000.

## 21 FURTHER INFORMATION

All race documents will be available near the Main Office as well as on the MYC website, [www.milwaukeeeyc.com](http://www.milwaukeeeyc.com) -> Sail Fleets.

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**2011 Wednesday Night Offshore Series Season Race Schedule  
Milwaukee Yacht Club**


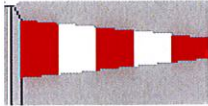













<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	PHRF 1,2,3,4	J-24	Soling
5/18/2011	WNOS Spring Series #1	X	X	X
5/25/2011	WNOS Spring Series #2	X	X	X
6/1/2011	WNOS Spring Series #3	X	X	X
6/8/2011	WNOS Spring Series #4	X	X	X
6/15/2011	WNOS Spring Series #5	X	X	X
6/22/2011	WNOS Spring Series #6	X	X	X
6/29/2011	WNOS Spring Series #7	X	X	X
7/6/2011	WNOS Spring Series #8	X	X	X
7/13/2011	WNOS Spring Series #9	X	X	X
7/20/2011	WNOS Summer Series #1	X	X	X
7/27/2011	WNOS Summer Series #2	X	X	X
8/3/2011	WNOS Summer Series #3	X	X	X
8/10/2011	WNOS Summer Series #4	X	X	X
8/17/2011	WNOS Summer Series #5	X	X	X
8/24/2011	WNOS Summer Series #6	X	X	X
8/31/2011	WNOS Summer Series #7	X	X	X
9/7/2011	WNOS Summer Series #8	X		
9/14/2011	WNOS Summer Series #9	X		



# SECTION FLAGS AND COMMON RACING SIGNALS

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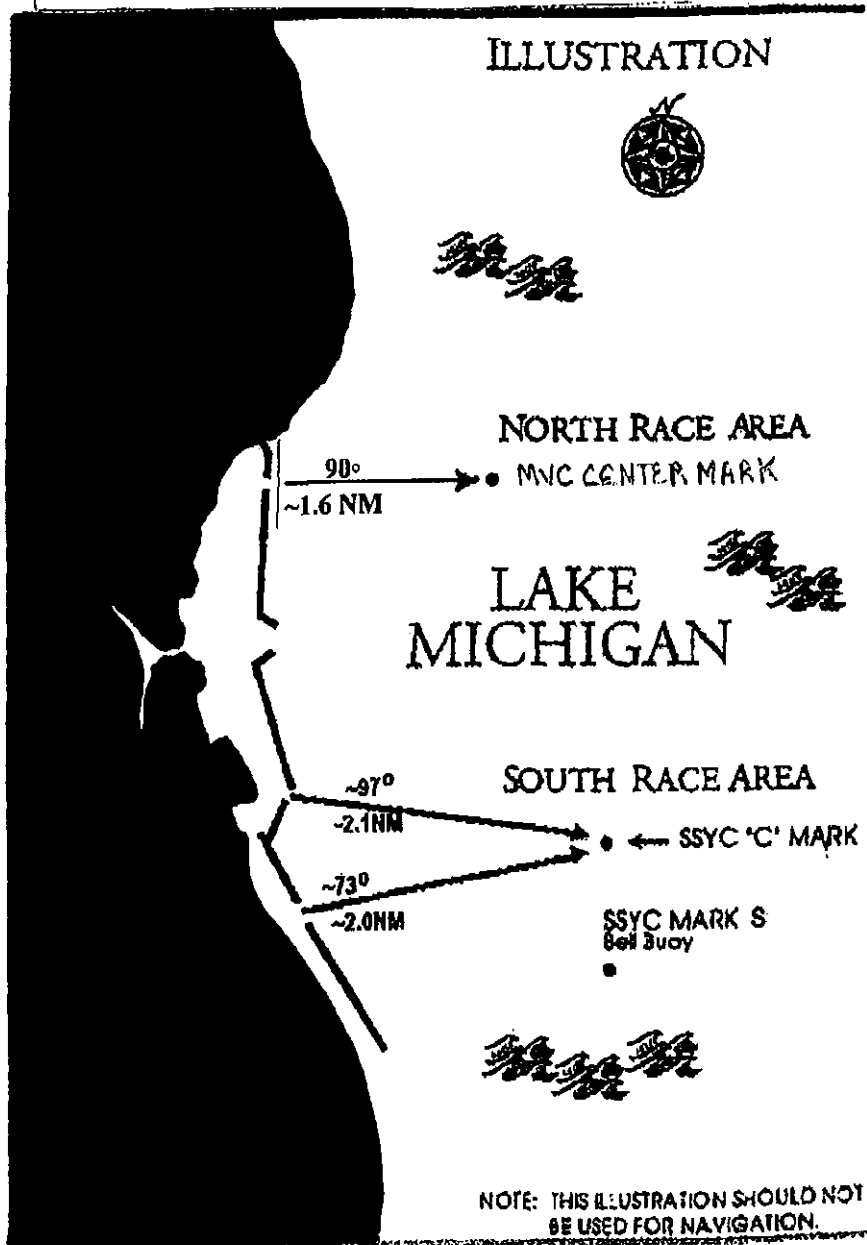
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	Soling		"L"- come within hail/ follow-me
	PHRF 1		"P"- preparatory
	PHRF 2		"R" another race
	PHRF 3 = JAM 1		"S"- shorten course
	PHRF 4 = JAM 2		"C" - change course
			"N" - abandon
			"H" under "N" - races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore.
			"A" under "N" - no more racing today

(The areas in grey are not part of the flag/pennant. They are background only.)

## APPENDIX B

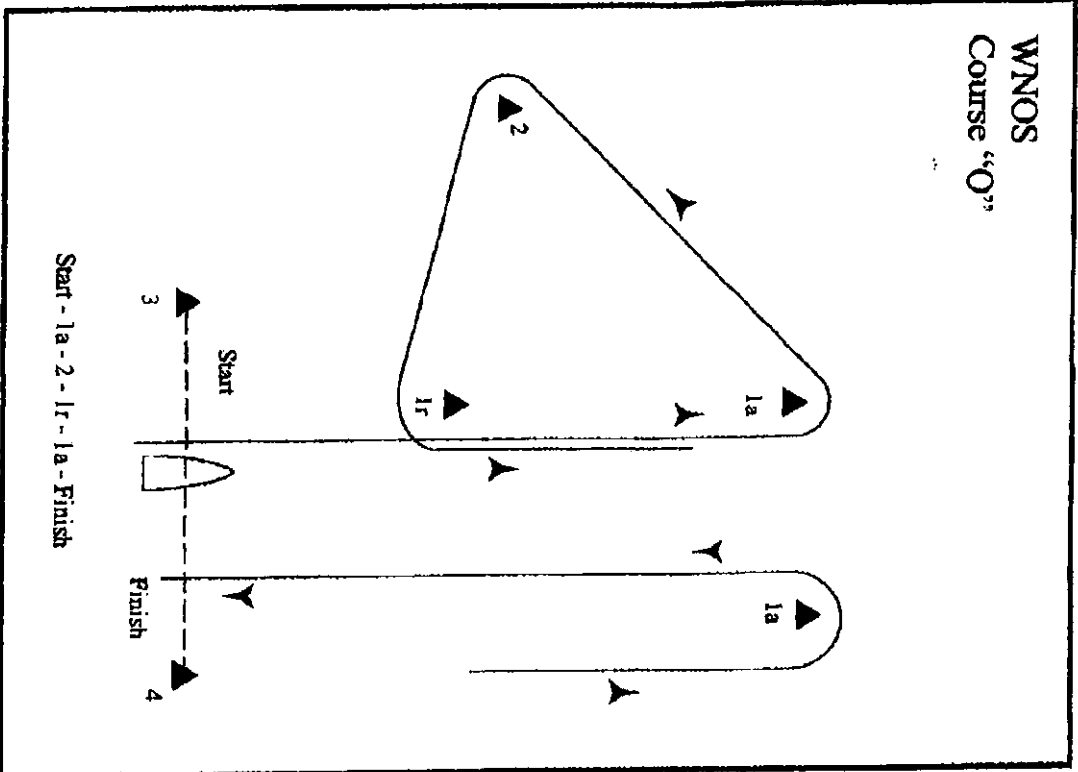
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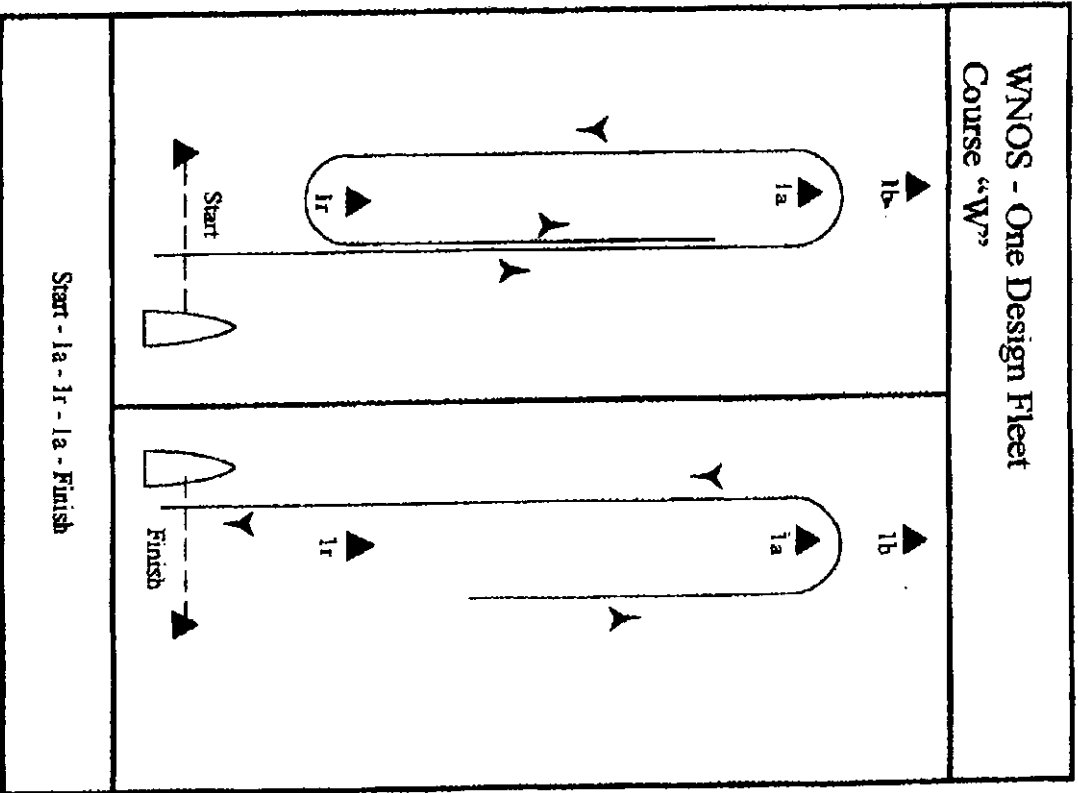


**APPENDIX C**

**WNOS  
Course "O"**



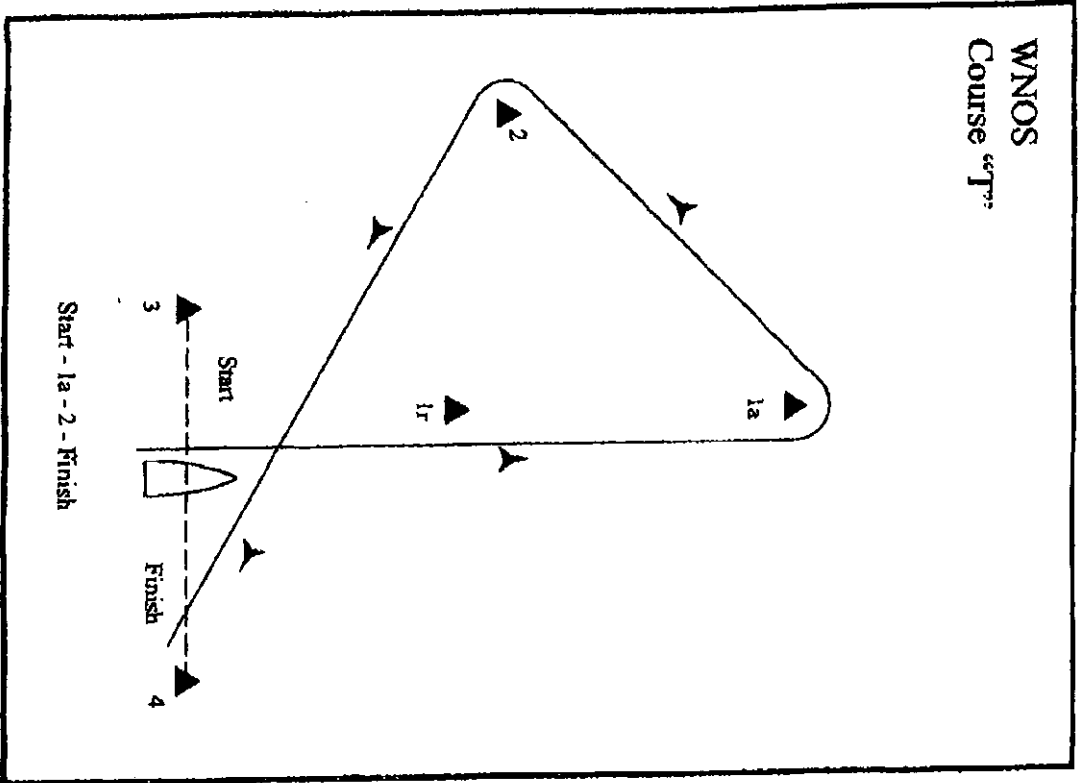
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Course "W"**



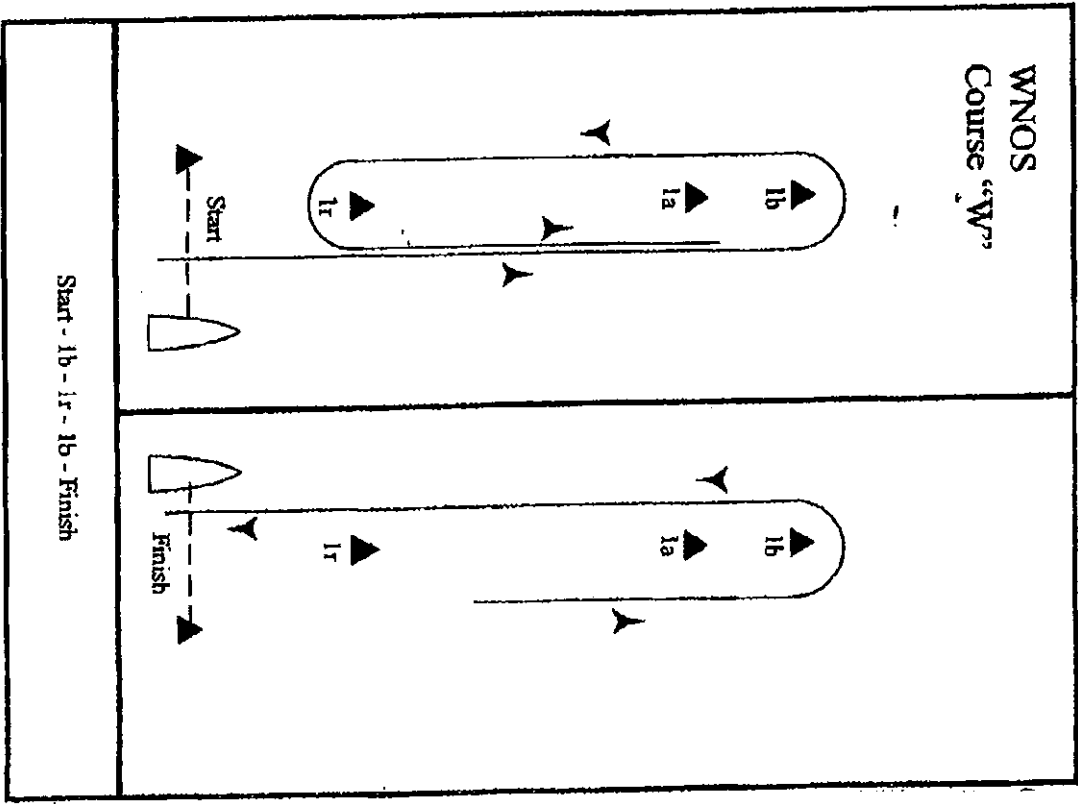
Milwaukee Yacht Club Course Diagrams 2011 Sailing Season



WNOS  
Course "T"



WNOS  
Course "W"



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APPENDIX D