



2012 ACSA May Cup Regatta

Alum Creek Sailing Association



Sailing Instructions

May 19-20, 2012

Alum Creek Lake, Lewis Center, OH

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership.
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS rule 63.7.
- 1.4. RRS rule 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) shall be in effect.
- 1.5. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is Alum Creek Sailing Association (ACSA).
- 1.6. One race shall constitute a regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND PLACEMENT

- 2.1. This event is open to members of US SAILING or other National Authority, members of recognized yacht clubs, members of recognized sailing class associations and others as may be designated by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2. Eligible boats shall be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority, including all required fees, prior to the filing deadlines prescribed in the Notice of Race.
- 2.3. The Organizing Authority, at its sole discretion, whose decision is final and without appeal, shall determine eligibility and placement within divisions.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board inside the shelter house.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted at least two (2) hours before the warning signal of the first race on the day it will take effect,.

- 4.1. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions made on water** shall be indicated by the display of the "L" flag, accompanied with a short sound, from the Race Committee Signal Boat. All competitors shall come within hailing distance or listen in a two-way radio VHF channel 69 to receive the oral instructions. Each boat shall acknowledge the instruction by providing her class and sail number, either orally or by VHF channel

69 or both. The Race committee shall repeat each boat's class and sail number to verify receipt of the acknowledgement. This changes rule 90.2(c).

4.2. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions on-shore** shall be posted to the Official Board not later than two hours before the Warning Signal for the first day on which they will take effect.

4.3. **Changes to the Schedule of Races** will be posted to the Official Board not later than 10:00pm on the day before they will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the ACSA Facility.

5.2. Flag "AP" with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means the race is postponed. The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered. This changes Race Signal "AP"

6. SCHEDULE

- Saturday 09:00-9:50 Registration
- Saturday 10:00 Competitor Meeting
- Saturday 11:00 First Warning Signal
- Sunday 10:00 First Warning signal

6.1. A maximum of ten races are scheduled for each class.

6.2. The Race Committee will run multiple back-to-back races within the schedule. Second and subsequent races for each class will start shortly after the last boat of the class finishes.

6.3. No race shall start after 4:00pm on Saturday and after 2:00pm on Sunday.

7. CLASSES





7.1. The **Multihull** class is for small racing catamarans. Portsmouth converted to PHRF handicap will be used to determine the final finishing positions for each boat.

7.2. The **Catalina 22** class will be divided into two fleets – Gold and Silver. The fleets are elective and intended to designate Advanced (Gold) and Intermediate (Silver) competitors.

7.3. The **PHRF** class is for mono-hulls and larger cruising catamarans intending to use a spinnaker.

7.4. The **JAM** class is for mono-hulls and larger cruising catamarans using only Jib and Main sails

7.5. Class Flags & Start Order

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| 7.5.1. Multi-hull | Code Flag #1  |
| 7.5.2. Catalina 22 | Code Flag #2  |
| 7.5.3. PHRF | Code Flag #3  |
| 7.5.4. JAM | Code Flag #4  |

- 7.6. The Race Committee may add other classes and starts as deemed necessary.
- 7.7. The Race Committee may change the start order after the first race of the day
- 7.8. The Race Committee may start multiple classes simultaneously by flying multiple class pennants during the starting sequence.

8. RACING AREAS

Racing will take place on Alum Creek Lake between the dam and the Cheshire Road bridge.

9. COURSES

Windward/Leeward Courses:

These courses will be designated as A, B or C and displayed from the Race Committee Signal boat. See Illustration #1.

Mark Sequences:

Course A:	Start – 1(p) - Finish	(Finish downwind)
Course B:	Start – 1(p) - 3(p) – 1(p) - Finish	(Finish downwind)
Course C:	Start – 1(p) - 3(p) – 1(p) - 3(p) – 1(p) - Finish	(Finish downwind)

Key= (p)-to be rounded to port; (s)-to be rounded to starboard)

10. MARKS

All marks will be inflatable cylinders. See Illustration #2.

The following are the Mark colors.

Start and Finish – Red Balls

Multi-hull weather mark (Mark #1) – Yellow Cylinder

Mono-hull weather mark (Mark #1) – Red Cylinder

Leeward Mark (Mark #3) – Yellow Cylinder

Change Marks – Multi-hull – Yellow with Black Stripe

Mono-hull – Red With Black Stripe

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26.
- 11.2. Starting sequence for second and subsequent races may, after the first race of the day, vary.
- 11.3. The race committee may elect to start multiple classes together by simultaneously displaying, at the warning signal, the class flags of the classes affected. This changes RRS rule 26.
- 11.4. The starting line will be between the staff supporting **ORANGE FLAG** on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a **Red Ball** at the port end, **or** the staff supporting **ORANGE FLAG** on a Race Committee Boat on the Port end of the Starting Line.
- 11.5. The course to be sailed and the approximate compass direction to Mark 1 will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat, using placards or flags with or before the preparatory signal. This changes RRS rule 27.1.

- 11.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area
- 11.7. A boat or boats starting later than five minutes after her starting signal shall be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS rule 35, 63.1 and A5.

12. RECALLS

- 12.1. **It is each competitor's responsibility to start properly.** Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS rules 29.1 and 29.2 respectively. The race committee intends to make an attempt to hail boats who have not started properly on VHF Channel 69. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of the committee to radio or hail any or all boats, failure of a boat to hear or receive its hail, timeliness of the hail, or the order of boats within the hail.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 13.1. **A change of course before the start for any class**, may be signaled from the Race Committee Signal Boat, before the preparatory signal by hoisting Code flag "C" with repetitive sounds and posting of the new approximate compass bearing to the first mark. The class starting for which the change has been signaled and all subsequent classes to start will sail to the change mark, which shall be Yellow with Black stripe. Any further changes will be back to the original mark (Yellow with no stripe).

14. COURSE SHORTENING

- 14.1. If the Race Committee boat signaling a course shortening is displaying class flag(s) the course is shortened only for those classes whose class flag is displayed. If no class flags are displayed, the race is shortened for all classes for which that mark is appropriate.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff, displaying the Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat and a Red Ball placed to Starboard.
- 15.2. Boats, which retire from a race, for any reason, shall report their action as soon as possible to the Race Committee. This report may be made either by marine radio (VHF Channel 69) or in person to one of the Race Committee Boats.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. If the lead boat of a class has not rounded the first mark within one (1) hour after its start, the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 16.2. The Time Limit is two (2) Hours for each class.
- 16.3. Boats finishing more than thirty (30) minutes after the first finisher in its class will be scored DNF. This changes RRS rule 35, 63.1, A4.1, A4.2 and A5.
- 16.4. Boats not starting within four minutes after the starting signal for their fleet will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS rule 63.1, A4 and A5..

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1. Protests shall be made as defined in RRS rules 60 and 61. Boats intending to protest shall, after finishing or retiring, notify the Race Committee Signal Boat either in person or by VHF radio, of their intent to protest and shall provide their sail number and the sail number of the boat or boats being protested. This changes RRS rule 61.
- 17.2. Protest Time shall be one (1) hour after the Race Committee Signal boat docks. The dock time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.3. Protests forms are available at the ACSA protest desk in the shelter house and protests shall be delivered there within the time limit specified in instruction 17.2.
- 17.4. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received, and as soon as possible.
- 17.5. Protest notices will be posted on the notice board, shortly after Protest Time ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses.
- 17.6. Protests delivered on the last day of this regatta, which do not involve award winners may, at the Protest Committee's discretion, be heard after the awards presentation.
- 17.7. A copy of the completed protest may be requested within 24 hours of the protest hearing. This changes RRS rule 65.2

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, rule A4, will apply with the following modification:
 - 18.1.1. If fewer than four races are completed, no scores will be excluded.
 - 18.1.2. If 4-6 races are completed, each competitor's worst score will be excluded
 - 18.1.3. If more than six races are completed, each competitor's two worst scores will be excluded

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1. Race Committee communications will be on channel 69.
- 19.2. Race Committee communications, which may be overheard by competitors, shall not be grounds for redress or protest.

20. AWARDS:

- 20.1. Boats shall receive first, second and third place awards for the series

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

ILLUSTRATION #1

Course Descriptions

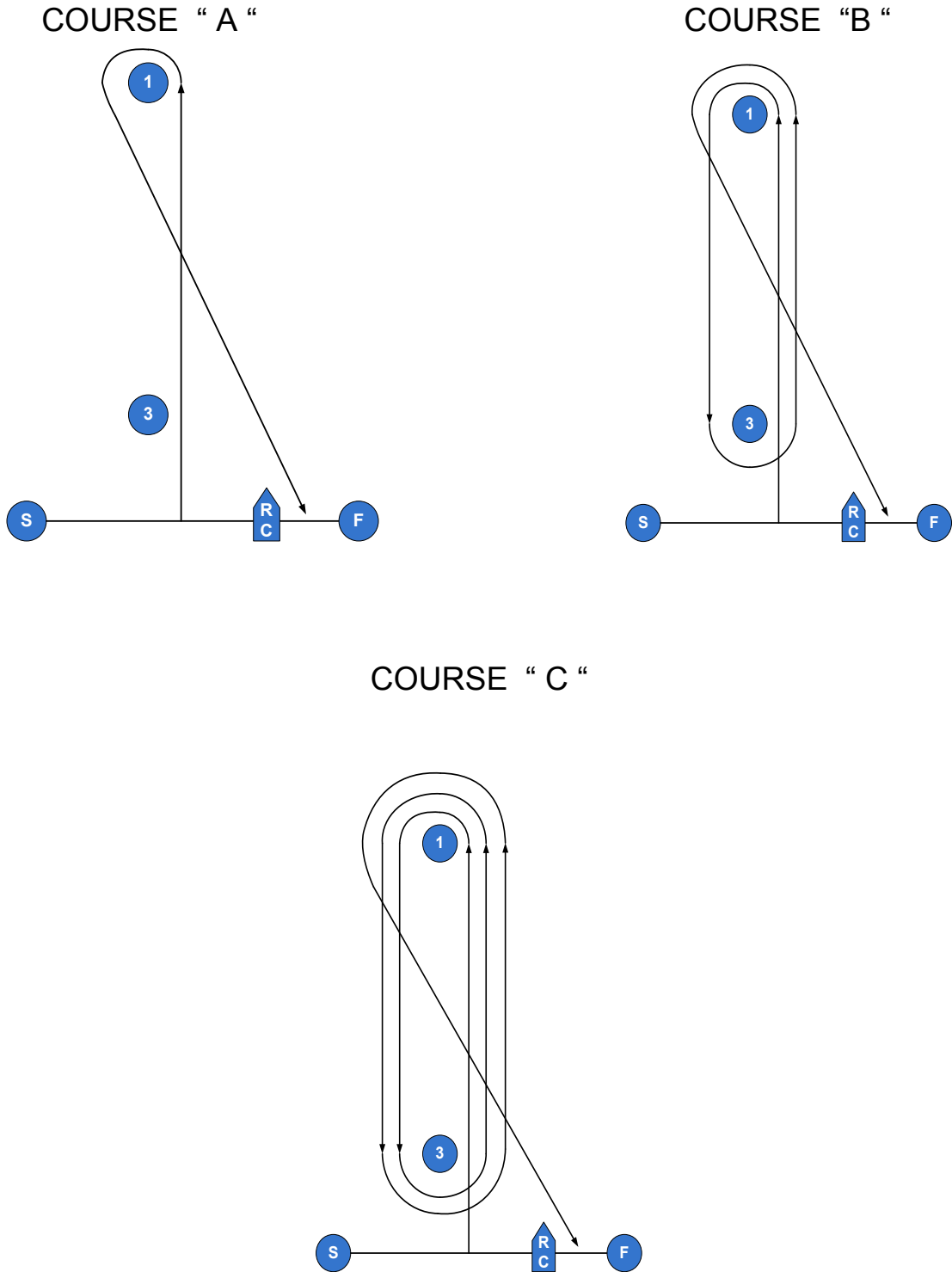
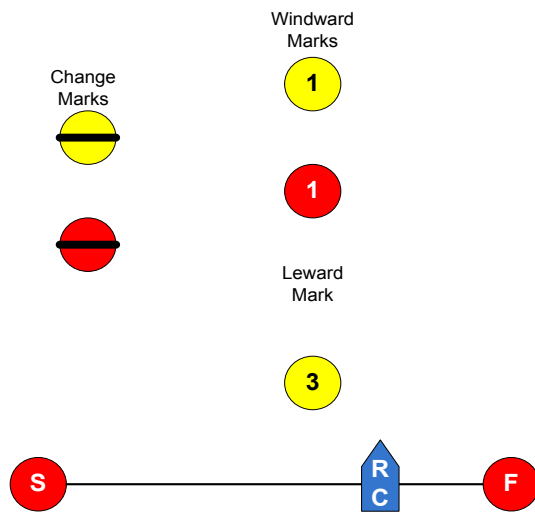


ILLUSTRATION #2

Mark Descriptions



Start and Finish Marks will be Yellow Cylinders

Monohull Mark #1 is Red Cylinder; Multihull Mark #1 is Yellow Cylinder

Mark # 3 is Yellow Cylinder

Change Marks will be Yellow with Black Stripe or Red with Black Stripe