



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
ONE-DESIGN MIDWINTERS
March 21-23, 2014
SARASOTA SAILING SQUADRON

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Any changes to Class rules will be posted with a Class approval letter on the Official Notice Board. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice Of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.

2. ENTRIES

This regatta is open to the following classes: MC Scow, Flying Scots, Daysailer, E Scow, Flying Scott, VX ones, Albacores & S-2 7.9. Other classes may apply for entry providing there are five boats in the class.

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

For the purpose of scheduling the classes are grouped by Racing Area and Starting Order. These will be announced at the Competitors' Briefings and will be posted. All must meet the requirements of the Notice of Race and must register with the Organizing Authority.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the pavilion.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled warning time of the race it will effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Squadron's flagpole that is located east of the clubhouse. Flag AP with two sound signals means 'The race will be postponed.' The warning signal for the next event will not be made less than thirty (30) minutes after the lowering of flag AP (with one sound signal). This changes Race Signal "AP".

Approximately one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal, an "Hour Signal" will be sounded.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, March 21,

1100am - Skippers meeting for Albacore, Daysailer, VX ones, S2 7.9s and MC Scow racing on Friday.

1200noon- Warning signal for 1st race of the day. (other classes may be added for 3days of racing)
Practice race for all others.

Saturday, March 22,

1030am - Skippers meeting .

1130am - Warning signal for 1st race of the day.

Sunday, March 23,

1000am - Warning signal for 1st race.(No race shall start after 1330 hrs)

7. RACING AREA

Two racing areas (A & B) will be located on waters of Sarasota Bay, generally north or north-east of the sailing squadron. Locations will be posted each day on the Official Notice Board.

8. THE COURSE

Course diagrams are included in these Sailing Instructions. Classes using the permanent racing marks will have their course posted on a white board on their RC Signal Boat.



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9. CLASS FLAGS
To be announced at Competitors' Briefings and posted on the Official Notice Board.
10. MARKS
Marks, other than the permanent marks, will be either yellow, orange or green tetrahedrons, or colored spheres as posted and/or announced.
If there is a course change, new marks will be the same as the original marks.
11. THE START
Starts will be according to RRS 26, (There can be any interval, or none in between), except that 1 minute before the first warning for the first fleet in a starting sequence a sound signal (multiple horns) will be made.
The starting order will be displayed on the RC Signal boat before the warning signal.
In the event of a General Recall or Abandonment soon after a start, the starting sequence will continue for the next class . The class recalled or abandoned will start after the remainder of classes have started.
The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a starboard end RC Boat and a port end starting mark.
A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal may be scored DNS without protest.
12. ABANDONMENT AND SAFETY
When the safety of a race is threatened due to weather or other safety concerns after at least one boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit, the RC may discontinue racing. In this situation, flags "N over H" means "discontinue racing and find safe harbor". Any boats that have not finished may be scored at the discretion of the Chief Judge who may also order the race abandoned. This changes RRS. 32, 35 and the Race Signals for flag 'N over H'.
All competitors are encouraged to use PFD's at all times.
E-Scows shall use flotation panels at all times.
13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START
A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
A red rectangle for (port) or a green triangle for (starboard) will be displayed to indicate the direction that the mark has been moved.
14. THE FINISH
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.
15. PENALTY SYSTEM
On the course, rule 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty) will apply except it will be a One-Turn Penalty for E-Scows. This modifies rule 44.2 for E-Scows.
After leaving the course area, but before the protest hearing, a boat may accept a 50% scoring penalty applied in accordance with rule 44.3



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16. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for all classes will be 75 minutes, unless otherwise posted. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, shall be scored the number of boats finishing plus two. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

17. PROTESTS

A yacht intending to protest shall notify the RC upon finishing or as soon as possible after withdrawing. Protests shall be written on forms available at the yacht club and delivered back there within the protest period.

The Protest time will end 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks. This modifies rule 61.3.

The Protest Time Limit will be posted within 15 minutes of the RC boat docking.

Protest hearing notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: 'On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.'

A boat may accept a 50% scoring penalty in accordance with SI 16.2 prior to a hearing.

19. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, in Appendix A will apply except that if five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score . This changes RRS A2.

For the S2 7.9 Class only the following Class rules apply :

3.9.2. Scoring shall be in accordance with Rule 88.3 and Appendix A in the USSA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). USSA RRS Appendix A2 is amended as follows: Any race in which a yacht is disqualified due to a violation of Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the USSA Racing Rules of Sailing may not be used as a throw out. Thus rule may not be modified by the Sailing Instructions.

3.9.3. The winner of the Regatta will be the contestant with the lowest total point score. USSA RRS 88.3(b) applies, amended as follows: A boat that is disqualified in a race for a breach of the rules in Parts 1, 2, 3, or 4 of the USSA RRS may not exclude the score for that race

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each class as announced.

21. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to rule 4 (decision to race).

The Organizing Authority, their servants and agents and all parties involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to person and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by these Sailing Instructions.



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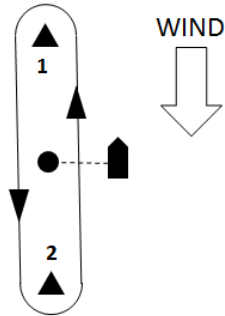
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Course W
Start, 1, 2, Finish

Course W2
Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish

Course W3
Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish

Course W4
Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish



Course L

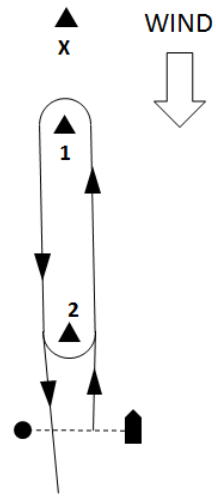
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Course L2
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Note:
Mark X
may not
be set



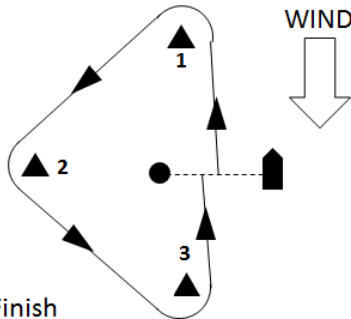
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Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish

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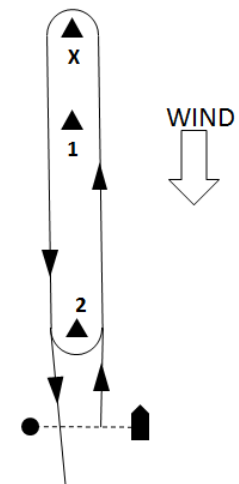
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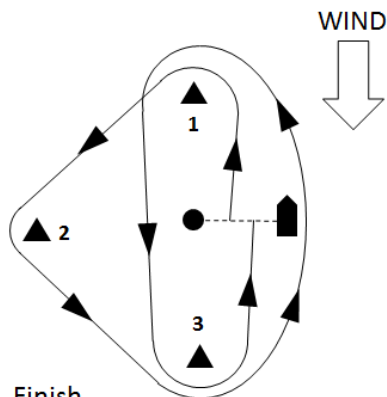
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Course X4
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Course O

Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish



CLOSED LINE

- After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line.
- A boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes.
- Boats may pass to port or starboard of the Start/Finish line when they are not starting or finishing.
- A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error, this changes rule 28.1.
- A boat that breaks this rule may be exonerated if she takes a One-Turn Penalty.