

2015 C Scow National Championship Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Hosted by the Minnetonka Yacht Club
June 12-14, 2015

SI and NOR Disclaimer:

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing and the C Class Scantling Rules as published in the ILYA Rule Book.

2. ENTRIES

The regatta is open to Class C Scows. Helms-persons MUST be Regular Members of the NCSSA. You can become an NCSSA member by completing and submitting the NCSSA registration form and fee via the Organizing Authority's website (www.cscow.org).

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Minnetonka Yacht Club on Lighthouse Island.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. Except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

5. COMPETITORS' BRIEFING

Competitors' briefing will be at 0830, Friday, June 12, 2015, on Lighthouse Island. The briefing will also be broadcast on VHF channel 72.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Race Committee Signal Boat located at Lighthouse Island.
- 6.2 When flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes in Race Signal AP."
- 6.3 Approximately one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day, the Signal Boat will fire a gun, or make another sound signal.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Warning Signal for Race 1 is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2015, at 1000. Remaining races will be sailed as conditions permit. Except when races are sailed back-to-back, the approximate time of the warning signal for subsequent races will be posted and or announced on the competitors radio channel, VHF 72. Six races are scheduled.
- 7.2 No original warning signal will be made after 1230 on Sunday, June 14, 2015.
- 7.3 The following is the tentative schedule of race designations:
 - Okoboji Yacht Club Trophy – 1st Race
 - President David G. Bohl Trophy – 2nd Race
 - Melges Trophy – 3rd Race
 - Long Lake Yacht Club Trophy – 4th Race
 - Emma Rosenheimer Memorial Trophy – 5th Race
 - Cedar Lake Yacht Club Doc Dudley Trophy – 6th Race

In the event that a designated trophy is not raced at the scheduled time above, it will be sailed for at the next undesignated time.

8. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag, with a black letter 'C.'

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of Lake Minnetonka.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1. When one or more boats have finished a race, the RC may display flags N over H to discontinue racing and allow all boats to leave the racing area. In this case, the Jury may decide to score the boats that did not finish using an arrangement they deem fair or abandon the race. This scenario is only likely to be used when severe weather is approaching and the fleet is advised to return to a safe area ashore. This changes Race Signals, RRS 32, and RRS 35.
- 10.2. A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta Headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.
- 10.3. Boats that are not intending to race are requested to inform Regatta Headquarters or a regatta official prior to the start of the next race.
- 10.4. For the purpose of RRS 41, the crew of a capsized boat or a crew member in water shall be considered "in danger," and thus eligible to continue racing after being righted. This changes RRS 41.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1. Unless otherwise posted, a leeward gate will be used on the downwind legs of all courses. If a leeward gate will not be used or if one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 11.2. The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the course to be sailed with letters and numbers.
- 11.3. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or the RC will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 11.4. The RC may adjust gate marks without further signaling to maintain the appropriate course configuration.

12. MARKS

- 12.1. Original marks will be inflatable yellow marks.
- 12.2. An offset mark (small pink or red ball) may be set approximately adjacent to a windward mark. An offset mark (if set) is a mark of the course, which must be rounded to port after rounding the windward mark.
- 12.3. New marks, used in accordance with RRS 33 (Changing the position of the next mark), will be inflatable orange marks
- 12.4. Minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE START

- 13.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 13.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on two Race Committee boats.
- 13.3. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

- 14. RECALLS** Following the display of Code Flag "X", every effort will be made to hail a complete list of boats identified on the course side at the start or needing to comply with RRS 30.1 as quickly and clearly as possible on VHF radio channel 72. Please note that due to this hail being a courtesy, it is extremely unlikely that redress will be granted because of the order of numbers called, failure to hear a hail, or failure to understand a hail. This changes RRS 41.

- 15. Z FLAG AND BLACK FLAG** RRS 30.2, 30.3 and 36 are changed as follows: After the start, boats that have not complied with RRS 30.3 will be notified on VHF radio channel 72. After receiving notification, such boats shall keep clear of all other boats unless they intend to act under RRS 60.1(b).

16. ABANDONMENT AND RESCHEDULING OF RACES

Races abandoned under the "N over H" or "N over A" signals shall be re-sailed in numerical order. Trophies will be awarded in accordance with Sailing Instruction 7.3.

17. THE FINISH

- 17.1. The finishing line will be displayed between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on two Race Committee boats.
- 17.2. Flag "A" displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means 'no more racing today.'
- 17.3. Flag "H" displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means 'racing will continue after a break on shore.'
- 17.4. When neither Flag "A" nor Flag "H" is flying while boats are finishing, another race may follow immediately.
- 17.5. A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta Headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.

18. TIME LIMIT

- 18.1 The time limit will be two hours for each race.
- 18.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing, which will be equal to one point more than the number of boats that do finish within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

19. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1 The protest time limit will expire 1 hour after the signal boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 19.2 Notices of protests and requests for redress will be posted within 20 minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location at or near Regatta Headquarters.
- 19.3 Notice of a request for redress including the nature of the request and the grounds on which it is filed shall be considered to fulfill the requirements of the prescription to RRS 63.2
- 19.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - (c) This changes RRS 66.
- 19.5 A boat that does not comply with 44.1 or 44.2, but prior to a hearing, acknowledges breaking a rule, may be penalized 50% of the number of boats entered, but not less than six places, except that she may not be scored worse than DNF, as approved by the Protest Committee.

20. SCORING

The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply, except that RRS A2 is changed so that each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races unless six races are completed. If six races are completed, each boat shall discard her worst score, except when prohibited under RRS 90.3(b).

- 21. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2 (RRS 44).** Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

22. ELECTRONICS

- 22.1 VHF radio will be the primary means used by the Race Committee to communicate with competitors. The competitor channel to be used will be VHF 72, unless otherwise posted or announced at the Competitors' Briefing.
- 22.2 The only communication devices that may be used by competitors when racing are: (a) a weather monitor; (b) a VHF radio tuned to receive only Race Committee transmissions that are intended for all boats (competitor channel: VHF 72); and (c) a cell phone that may be used for emergency purposes only. The penalty for breaking this rule will be total disqualification from the regatta or such lesser penalty as may be determined by the Protest Committee. Failure to hear a Race Committee transmission shall not constitute grounds for redress. Except to make a required report or in an emergency, no transmission shall be made to the Race Committee or other person when racing.

COURSE DISPLAY SHORTHAND

WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES ARE DESIGNATED WITH A "W" FOR COURSES THAT FINISH UPWIND, AND AN "L" FOR COURSES THAT FINISH DOWNWIND. THE NUMERAL ACCOMPANYING THE COURSE DESIGNATION INDICATES THE NUMBER OF LEGS OF THE COURSE.

ALL OTHER COURSES ARE DESIGNATED BY A COMBINATION OF LAPS DISPLAYED USING THE TYPE OF LAP (T = TRIANGLE LAP), A NUMBER INDICATING THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSIVE REPETITIONS OF THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF LAP, AND A MODIFIER (+) IF THE FINISH IS TO BE TO WINDWARD.

WINDWARD/LEEWARD EXAMPLES

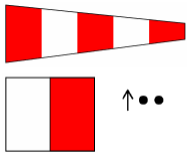
- W3 = 3 LEGS (FINISHING UPWIND)
- W5 = 5 LEGS (FINISHING UPWIND)
- L4 = 4 LEGS (FINISHING DOWNWIND)
- L6 = 6 LEGS (FINISHING DOWNWIND)

OTHER COURSE EXAMPLES

- WT+ = WINDWARD LEEWARD FOLLOWED BY TRIANGLE PLUS UPWIND LEG TO FINISH
- W2T = TWO WINDWARD LEEWARD LAPS PLUS A TRIANGLE, FINISHING DOWNWIND
- O+ = TRIANGLE LAP FOLLOWED BY A WINDWARD LEEWARD LAP PLUS UPWIND LEG TO FINISH

NOTE: AN RC BOAT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR MARK(S) (S) OR (F) ON STARTING OR FINISHING LINES

<p>W = WINDWARD/LEEWARD LAP</p> <p>WITH GATE WITHOUT GATE</p>	<p>T = TRIANGLE LAP</p>	<p>STARTING LINE</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>+ = UPWIND FINISHING LINE</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>DOWNWIND FINISHING LINE</p>		
<p>1 = WINDWARD MARK WITH OFFSET</p>	<p>G = LEEWARD GATE</p>	<p>2 = GYBE MARK</p>	<p>3 = LEEWARD MARK IF TRIANGLE OR NO GATE</p>	<p>MARKS TO BE IGNORED IF PRESENT</p>
<p>FINISHING LINES - RULE 32 (REDUCED NUMBER OF LEGS)</p> <p>UPWIND FINISHING LINE GYBE MARK FINISHING LINE LEEWARD MARK FINISHING LINE DOWNWIND FINISHING LINES</p>		<p>ALLOWABLE ROUND-AN-END COURSES WITH MID-STARTING LINE BOAT (ALSO SEE S1s)</p>		



AP over H



N over H



N over A