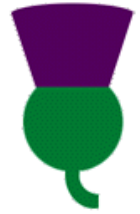




**2021 Thistle Lake Erie District Championship**  
 Organizing Authority: Edgewater Yacht Club  
 and Thistle Fleet 4  
 June 5-6, 2021  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

**1 RULES**

The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Except for instructions 2.2 below, any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than one (1) hour 1 prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect.
- 2.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the later of 1800 or the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

**3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board at the south end of the Clubhouse patio by the grill.
- 3.2 A competitors meeting will be held inside the Clubhouse on the Patio Bar on Sat. June 5 at 10:00.
- 3.3 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 78a

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 See the NOR for information.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole located North of the main clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP. *This changes race signals AP*

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Seven races are scheduled. Races will be run back-to-back on each day. Second and subsequent race sequences will start shortly after the last finisher of the preceding race.

Channel	78a
<b>Skippers meeting</b>	1000
<b>June 5</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> warning Max # of races today	1125 First Warning up to 4 races
<b>June 6</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> warning Max of 7 races total	0955

6.2 No initial warning signal shall be made after 1300 on Sunday, June 6.

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag shall be a white flag with a Thistle Class insignia.

**8 RACING AREA**

North of the Edgewater Cut.

**9 THE COURSES**

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- 9.2 The RC intends to set a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.
- 9.3 The approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race. An example is shown below:

<b>W4</b>	Windward/Leeward, four legs
<b>270</b>	Approx. magnetic bearing to weather ma
<b>1.0</b>	Approx. Distance to Mark 1

## 10 MARK

- 10.1 Mark W will be a green tetrahedron
- 10.2 Mark OS will be small green tetrahedron
- 10.3 Mark LG & RG or L will be an orange tetrahedrons
- 10.4 Mark R will be orange cylinder.
- 10.5 The start/finish mark if used will be a yellow cylinder
- 10.6 New marks as described in 12.1 will be a yellow tetrahedron.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The Signal boat will have a object intentionally attached to it's stern which shall be considered a part of the Signal boat.
- 11.3 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark as described in 10.5 or the staff displaying an orange flag on the boat at the other end of the line.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line after her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel for competitor communication as noted in instruction 3.3. Failure to make a broadcast, the order of sail numbers called, or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 12 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg, as allowed by RRS 33, the race committee will lay a new mark, move the finishing line or move the gate and remove the old mark as soon as practicable. Mark Os (the offset mark) may or may not be in place when the weather mark is changed. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a **Orange** flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.5.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall apply which states:

**V1. Penalties at the time of the incident:** The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

Penalties within three (3) boat lengths of Mark W or on the leg from Mark W to Mark Os may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2 and V1

### **V2. Penalties after the race:**

(a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

(b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

(c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 In accordance with RRS 35, the time limit for each race is two (2) hours.
- 15.2 If no boat in a class has passed Mark 1 within one (1) hour, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*

## **16 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the RC signal vessel docks after the last race of the day.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at Protest Table RC Scoring room. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the Chartroom inside the main Clubhouse
- 16.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 16.5 The RC will post a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD or TLE on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one (1) hour after the after the penalties are posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 As allowed by RRS A2, each boat's score will be the total of her race score with no scores excluded.
- 17.2 Boats scored TLE in accordance with SI 15.3 will receive points equal to the number of boats in her class finishing within the Time Limit as described in SI 15.1 plus one (1) point.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 **Check-In** - All boats shall check-in with the Race Committee boat displaying the "L" flag before the first warning signal of the day. Each boat shall sail past the committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. [NP]
- 18.2 **Retirement** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [NP]

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC. [NP]
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [NP]

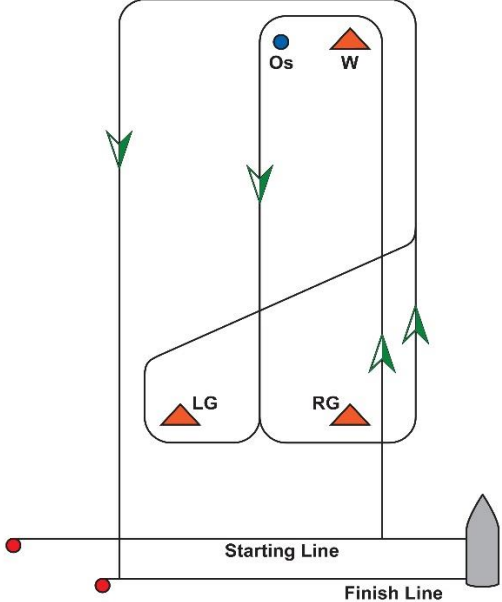
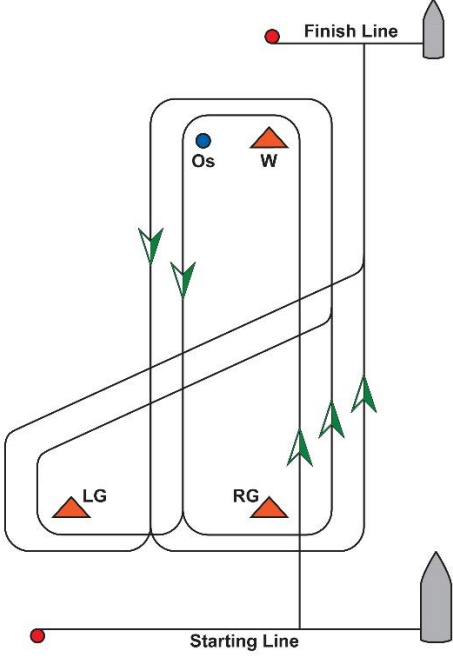
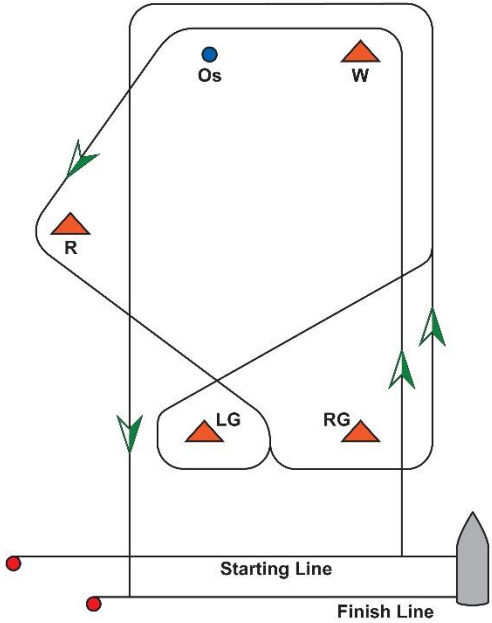
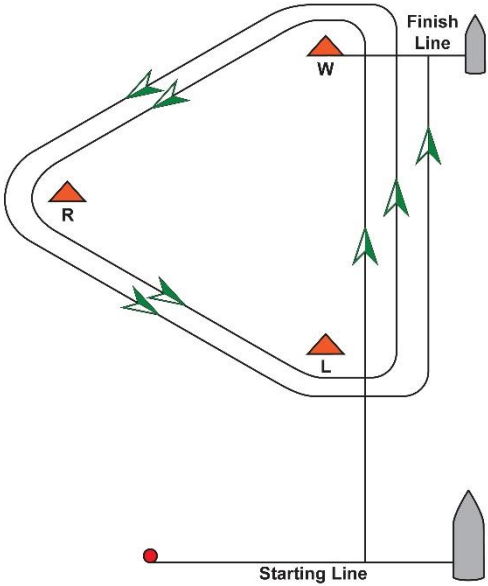
## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the RC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, and sailing instructions.

## **21 PRIZES**

First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth prizes will be awarded.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES**

<p align="center"><b>Course W4</b> Start- W -Os - LG/RG – W - Os – Finish 2 laps, 4 legs, downwind finish</p> 	<p align="center"><b>Course W5</b> Start- W -Os - LG/RG – W - Os – Finish 2 1/2 laps, 5 legs, upwind finish</p> 
<p align="center"><b>Course O5</b> Start- W – Os - R - LG/RG – W - Os – Finish 2 laps, 5 legs, downwind finish</p> 	<p align="center"><b>Course O7</b> Start- W – Os - R - LG/RG – W - Os – R - Finish 2 1/2 laps, 7 legs, upwind finish</p> 

Mark Os (the offset mark) may or may not be placed when there is a changed mark or on the leg to R.

If Mark LG is missing, Mark RG shall be left to port