



2023 E SCOW EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club
Beach Haven, NJ

August 4 - 6, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The National Class E Scow Association (NCESA) By-Laws Articles V (*Eligible Yachts*), VI (*Yacht's Number*), VII (*Recognized Events*), VIII (*Rules for Recognized Events*) and IX (*Trophies*) will apply and are available on the class web site.

Please note Article V111, #9 - No yacht while racing in a sanctioned event may have a paid hand for either skipper or as a paid member of the crew.

- 1.3 NCESA documents Part V (*Scantling Rules*) will apply and are on the class website.

In order to be scored, an E-Scow entered in the regatta must have a clearly legible, current annual boat sticker attached to the transom. This is according to Class Scantling Rules. Every person who has a valid 'Boat Owner' membership in the NCESA receives this annual boat sticker.

- 1.4 The use of class Floatation Panels will be required for ALL races.
- 1.5 Boats may be inspected by a class representative at any time during the regatta to ensure conformity with class rules.
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions (SI's), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Race Committee will post notices and results on the bulletin board located on the head porch at D dock (where boats are launched)

3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 All competing boats are strongly encouraged to carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 3.2 The Race Committee's VHF channel will be channel 66a.
- 3.3 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, OCS hails, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.4 Except from the specified Race Committee VHF radio channel 66a, no competitor shall receive any RC radio communication, either directly or from a third party, made from the Initial Warning Signal of any race to that race's conclusion, except in the case of an emergency.

In the event of an onshore Postponement, the Race Committee will make update announcements on the Race Committee VHF channel.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes will be posted by 0915 except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than one (1) hour after the protest time limit on the day before they take effect (SI 16.2). In the event of no racing on a day, any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than 1700 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 4.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" and announce the change on the Race Committee VHF Channel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the Signal Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from **the flag pole at D dock.**
- 5.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions has been posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal. This changes RRS Race Signal.

6. Schedule

Thursday, August 3rd

3:00 pm	Practice Race
5:00 - 7:00pm	Check In
6:00 -	after race refreshments

Friday, August 4th

7:45 – 8:30am	Check-In
8:30 am	Competitors' Meeting

9:30 am Harbor Gun
10:30 am Initial Warning Signal
5:00 pm ECESA Annual Membership Meeting
6:00 pm Food and entertainment with Beer and Wine.

Saturday, August 5th

9:00 am Harbor Gun
10:00 am Initial Warning Signal
7:00 pm Eastern Championship Banquet Dinner with Live Music (*Jackets and Cocktail Attire strongly encouraged*)

Sunday, August 6th

10:00 am Initial Warning Signal
After racing Awards Presentation

- 6.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion. There will be no more than three races held per day.
- 6.3 On the final day of the regatta, the Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1:30pm unless the required three races have not been completed. If an additional race is needed to have three completed races, the Warning Signal for the last race may be made up to 2:30pm.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Racing will take place on Little Egg Harbor approx. 2.5 miles northwest of LEHYC.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses are described below and in "ADDENDUM #1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS":
- 8.2 The Windward Mark (W) and the offset mark (OS) shall be left to port.
- 8.3 If one of the Leeward Gate marks (Gs / Gp) is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.
- 8.4 Courses and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed on the Signal Boat approximately with or before the Warning Signal of each race.
- 8.5 Once a race is started, the number of legs shall not be changed.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The original Windward Mark (W) will be a Yellow inflatable Tetrahedron
- 9.2 The windward offset mark (OS) will be a Yellow cylinder.
- 9.3 The leeward gate will be yellow inflatable Tetrahedrons. The Gate may be put in after the starting signal.
- 9.4 When having signaled a change for next leg of the course (SI Section 12), the new mark(s), will be an orange inflatable Tetrahedron.
- 9.5 The Finish line pin buoy will be a yellow cylinder.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. (See the attached Addendum #2 for the RC's "Intentions and Expectations for Starting").
- 10.2 The class flag will be the E Scow Insignia flag.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the signal boat on the starboard side of the line and a staff flying an orange flag on another race committee boat at the port end of the line.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 Boats subject to individual recall under RRS 30.1 may be broadcast on the VHF Channel 66a as a courtesy. The RC will attempt to broadcast twice the boats that are OCS; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.
- 11.2 The Race Committee will attempt to notify boats subject to 30.3 (U Flag) and 30.4 (Black Flag) on the VHF Channel 66a prior to the first weather mark.
- 11.3 In the event of a General Recall during a Black Flag start or abandonment after the start, the RC shall display sail numbers of boats identified under RRS 30.4 before the next Warning Signal and will attempt to notify these boats by VHF channel 66.
- 11.4 Individual and General Recall flags will be displayed on the RC signal boat in accordance with RRS 29 and 30.1.

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 If the signaled change is for a windward leg, the new windward mark will be an orange inflatable Tetrahedron, (with the offset mark being an orange cylinder), unless the change is for the final leg of Courses 3 and 5 which in that case, the finish line will be in the new position.

13. FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of a yellow cylinder.
- 13.2 Code Flag R displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so the penalty shall be a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.
- 14.2 Penalties within 3 boat lengths of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.
- 14.3 Post Race Penalties: RRS Appendix V2 shall be in effect.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 30 minutes of the start, or finishes within two hours of the start shall be abandoned.
- 15.2 A boat that has not started within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored two additional points more than the number of boats that finished within that time. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.3.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at the Bulletin Board on the north head porch.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is forty five (45) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. This time will be posted at the Protest Desk. Protest hearings will be conducted as soon as possible.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Protest Notice Board to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b). Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest hearing room until excused by the Protest Committee.
- 16.4 Group 3 crew, who are not registered skippers or drivers, are not allowed in the protest room or to be in contact with the representative in the protest room. This adds to RRS 63.3 (a).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.6 After the Race Committee posts the results on the Official Notice Board, a request for redress based on being scored OCS, UFD or BFD shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the results are posted. This changes the first sentence of RRS 62.2.

Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 16.7 The US Sailing prescriptions for RRS 63.2 and 63.1 shall not be in effect for this event. This changes RRS 63.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 17.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in *RRS* Appendix "A" shall apply, except as modified as follows:

When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. PRIZES

18.1 Awards will be as specified in the NCESA By-Laws Article IX.

18.2 Service trophies will also be presented at the award ceremony.

19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

19.1 Boats that retire from a race or leave the race course between races shall promptly report this to the Race Committee on Race Committee VHF channel 66a and receive acknowledgement.

19.2 Boats not intending to leave the harbor for the day's racing shall report this to the Race Committee on the Race Committee VHF channel 66a and receive acknowledgement.

20. Replacement Of Crew

20.1 Each yacht must keep the same crew throughout the regatta. Variation in crew from day to day will be accepted if declared by the end of the Registration time, and adhered to exactly. In the event of an emergency causing a crew person to be unable to continue sailing, a substitute crew may be used after obtaining the permission of the Race Committee.

21. SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

21.1 Support and spectator boats may monitor the Race Committee 66a frequency and shall abide by all Race Committee instructions. In addition, they shall provide assistance to any competitor in danger if notified to do so by the Race Committee.

21.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to make additional rules for support boats at any time during the regatta.

22. Competitor's Boats and Equipment

All competitors and their crew shall respect all other competitors' boats and equipment and shall not in any way adjust or horseplay with another competitor's boat. Any violations of this SI may be reported to the Protest Committee.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. In the case of a competitor less than eighteen years of age, his/her parent or legal guardian is so responsible.

23.2 The Organizing Authority (NCESA), LEHYC, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience incurred, in conjunction with the regatta, however caused. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the Regatta Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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ADDENDUM #1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

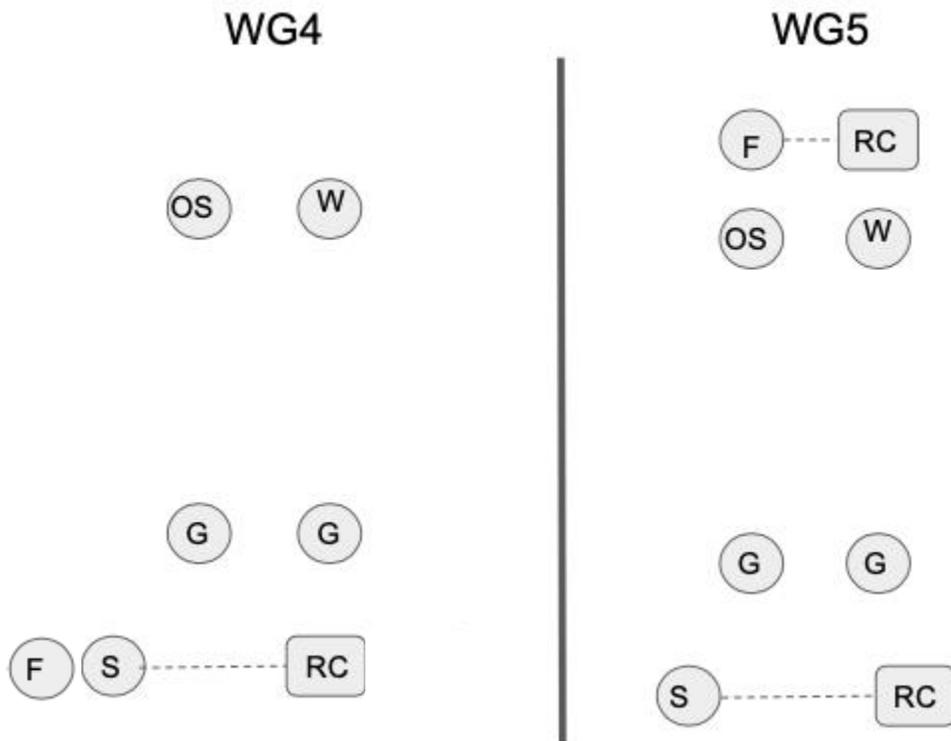
Courses will be designated as follows:

W - Windward G - Gate # - Number of legs

Example of most common courses

Start - W - OS - Gate - W - OS - Finish

Start - W - OS - Gate - W - OS - Gate - Finish



ADDENDUM #2

“Intentions and Expectations” for Starting at the E Scow Easterns

In an effort to ensure that all competitors at the E Scow Easterns have a clear understanding of how the starts will be conducted, the following are the Race Committee’s “Intentions and Expectations” for starting the races. Failure to observe these intentions are not grounds for redress.

1. Races will not be started in less than an average of 4 knots of wind over the majority of the course.

Races will not be started in excess of 25 knots. This limit may vary depending upon water conditions and rapid changes in velocity.

2. Starting Flags:

Code flag “I” preparatory signal MAY be used as long as the fleet is able to have starts with limited general recalls. Use of the I flag preparatory signal is at the race committee’s discretion.

If the race committee is satisfied that a General Recall was NOT the result of an unfair starting line or a race committee error, it may use the U and / or Black flag preparatory signal for any subsequent starts.

In the event of a General Recall on a U Flag or Black flag start, the race committee may signal a General Recall up to 60 seconds or more after the starting signal to help facilitate identifying as many OCS boats as possible.

3. Starting:

The race management team may postpone a race during the starting procedure if the mean wind substantially shifts or in the event other influences cause boats to bunch at one end of the start line making for an unfair starting line. In an oscillating wind, the race committee will endeavor to lay a starting line based on the mean oscillations expected.

In the event a General Recall has been caused by an extremely biased angle of the starting line, the race committee may adjust the starting line and have another attempt using the same preparatory signal.

At the start, the starting line axis to the wind will not necessarily be as it was when originally set due to wind oscillations. The key component of whether it is a fair starting line is left to the judgement of the race committee (**A “square line” is NOT a requirement of a fair starting line**).

The starting line axis may not necessarily be the same as the course axis based on the average wind oscillations on the whole race course.

4. Regardless of the starting line angle to the wind, it is the responsibility of all competitors to start legally.