



August 5-6, 2023

Hosted by: Saylorville Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: SAYLORVILLE YACHT CLUB
Saylorville Lake Marina, Polk City, Iowa (USA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- a. This event shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- b. All boats and crew are required to abide by federal, state, local laws, guidelines, restrictions for the operation of a boat on Saylorville Reservoir.
 - i. Regulations of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources are found on the relevant YachtScoring.Com web page.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- a. Any change to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect, except in event of an AP displayed ashore, the SIs may be changed 15 minutes prior to removal of the AP Signal.
- b. Oral changes to the SIs may be made on the water. The race committee (RC) will display signal flag "L", make repeated hails to the competitors, and ask for an acknowledgment of the change from each competitor, only after all competitors confirm the change will the change be implemented.

3. Communications with Competitors

- a. On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- b. The RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF channel.
 - i. The RC may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the courtesy channel for each circle. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors. The failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- c. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

4. Code of Conduct

- a. [DP] Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- a. When flag AP is announced on the designated VHF channel as being displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

6. Schedule of Races

Date	Day of Week	Time of Warning*
August 5, 2023	Saturday	1055 hrs
August 6, 2023	Sunday	1030 hrs
* On the last day of scheduled racing no warning will be made after 1400 hrs.		

7. Class Flags

Class	Class Flag Description	Start for first race each day
Sport Boat	Green with white numeral one (1)	1
Racer/Cruiser Class	Green with white numeral two (2)	2

8. Racing Area

- a. Buoy races will be sailed in the main body of Saylorville Lake south of the entrance to the Saylorville Marina. See Appendix A.

9. Courses

- a. Buoy Courses
 - i. The diagram in Appendix B shows the courses for the Buoy races.
 - ii. Courses will be windward/leeward in configuration, finishing downwind.
 - iii. Courses will be designated as W/L 2 or W/L 3, the number designates the number of laps to be sailed.
 - iv. If the gate is not in place, the single mark shall be left to port.
 - v. If the off-set mark (1a) is not in place, the windward mark (1) shall be left to port.

10. Marks

- a. Marks will be fixed marks, yellow or orange inflatable buoys.

11. The Start

- a. The starting line is between the staff displaying the orange flag on the port side of the signal vessel at one end of the starting line and a starting mark at the other end of the starting line.
- b. If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number on the VHF courtesy channel. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which the boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress or request. This changed RRS 62.1(a).
- c. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 5.1 and A5.2.

12. Change of The Next Leg of the Course

- a. To change the next leg of the course the RC will lay a new mark and remove the original mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark will be replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- b. Offset marks will not be set on a changed windward leg of the course.
- c. The RC may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy.
- d. The RC may make minor changes to the orientation of the course, approximately 5 degrees or less, without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33(a).

13. Finish

- a. The finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the port side of the signal vessel and a mark set off the port side of the signal vessel.
- b. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means – ‘No more racing today.’

14. Time Limits

- a. Time limits for each the buoy races are shown in the table below,

Race Type	Mark 1* Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Sport boat	45 min	90 min	30 min
Racer/Cruiser Class	45 min	90 min	30 min
* Mark 1 is the first designated rounding mark			

- b. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. Hearing Requests

- a. For each Class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal vessel has docked. The official dock time will be posted on the event Yachtscoring.com web site.
- b. Hearing request forms are available at the SYC dock box or from the principal race officer.

16. Scoring

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. A boat’s series score is the total of her race scores.

17. Safety Regulations

- a. Boats shall abide by the safety regulations for Saylorville Reservoir.
- b. Each skipper and sailor are strongly encouraged to wear a PFD while racing.
- c. [DP] Prior to the first race, each boat shall check-in by:
 - i. Sailing astern of the RC signal vessel and hail her sail number,
 - ii. The RC will acknowledge the hail.
- d. [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- e. [NP] [DP] A boat that does not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. Risk Statement

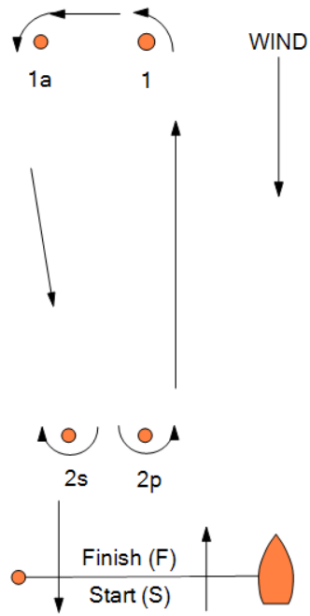
- a. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Saylorville Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of the Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

Appendix A - Racing areas for the Buoy races.

The Sport Boat and Racer/Cruiser Class racing will be held in the body of Saylorville Lake south of the entrance to Saylorville Lake Marina.



Appendix B – Buoy Course



Course Designation	Course Description
W/L 2	S-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-F
W/L 3	S-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a --F