

# National Class **A** Scow Association

14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL A SCOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
22-25 JUNE, 2017  
NATIONAL CLASS A SCOW ASSOCIATION  
MINNETONKA YACHT CLUB – LAKE MINNETONKA, MN

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The class rules of National A Scow Class Association (NCASA) will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the sliding corkboard doors at the clubhouse on Lighthouse Island. There will also be a protest notice board at the MYC Carson's Bay facility

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0915 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.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee will display Flag "L" and announce the change on VHF channel 72 in accordance with Rule 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the Signal Boat and verbally receive the change while Flag "L" is displayed.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from an RC boat that is docked at Lighthouse Island.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

### 5 SCHEDULE

5.1	
Thursday June 21	
Registration	1500-1800
Friday June 22	
Competitor's briefing via VHF 72	0930
First Warning Signal	1100
Saturday June 23	
First warning signal	1100
Sunday June 24	
First Warning signal	1000
No warning signal after	1300

- 5.2 The series will be six (6) races.
- 5.3 As many races as possible will be sailed each day, per fleet guidelines.
- 5.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Signal Boat with one sound five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be the A Scow insignia or numeral pennant #1.

### 7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

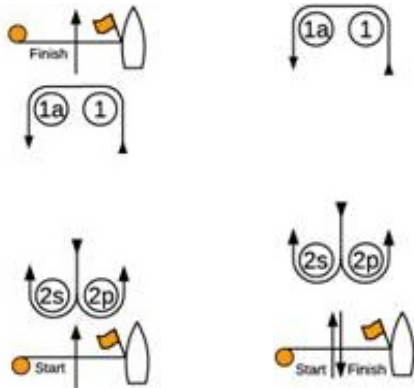
## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course, approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

8.2 Course Diagrams

(not to scale)

**Windward finish courses**   **Leeward finish courses**



**Course**   **Course description**

- 3   Start- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- Finish  
5   Start- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- Finish  
7   Start- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- Finish  
9   Start- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- Finish
- 4   Start- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- Finish  
6   Start- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- Finish  
8   Start- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- 2s/2p-- 1-1a-- Finish

8.3 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.

8.4 Gate Marks:

- (a) If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.  
(b) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned to windward of the starting line.  
(c) The Gate may be laid or adjusted after the starting signal.

8.5 Except when there is a change of course:

- (a) the finish for courses 4, 6 and 8 will be to leeward of the Gate; and  
(b) the finish for courses 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be to windward of Mark 1.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Original Marks will be Green tetrahedrons

9.2 Offset mark will be a red ball

9.3 Finish mark (at either windward or leeward end of the course) will be an Orange tetrahedron.

9.4 Starting mark (if used) will be an Orange tetrahedron.

9.5 New Marks will be Yellow tetrahedrons.

## 10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end committee boat - or the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.3 Recalls may be announced by the RC on VHF 72.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 For minor course alterations (typically around 5 degrees,) a change of course may not be signaled.

## 12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the Carson's Bay launch site. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted on the Protest Notice board at the MYC Carson's Bay Facility no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as directed by the protest committee, location and time will be posted on the official protest notice board.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of instructions 10.2 and 18, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 14.7 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 rule 62.2.
- 14.8 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee on the signal boat promptly upon crossing the finish line of the race, in which the protest occurred, of the intent to protest and the boat or boats protested. This changes RRS 61.1 .A protest is invalid when this notification is not made at the finish and the Protest Committee may refuse to hear the protest under RRS 63.5. This changes RRS 63.5.

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used except that no scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.
- 15.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## 16 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 The RC will use VHF radio Channel 72 to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Top ten (10) finishers, the top finisher of the hull built prior to 1997, and the top finisher of the hull prior to 2007.
- 19.2 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Attachment A: Racing Area

