



## 60th NCESA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

### 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 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 web site.
- 1.4 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 rules.
- 1.5 Use of Floatation Panels will be at the discretion of the Race Committee PRO based on each day's forecast (see SI section 5.4 for notice).
- 1.6 All safety equipment, as required by the NCESA class rules, shall be on board while racing. Anchor and line is not required to be carried.
- 1.7 The top five boats overall will be inspected immediately following the conclusion of racing to ensure conformity with class rules.
- 1.8 See Support Boat and Spectator Boat rules in SI #21.
- 1.9 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 regatta online Official Notice Board located at: [www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=4613](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=4613)
- 2.2 Notices to competitors and results will also be posted on a Notice Board located on the first floor at The Waters.

#### **3. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 All competing boats are strongly encouraged to carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 3.2 **The Race Committee's VHF channel will be channel 72.**

- 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 3.4 Except from the specified Race Committee VHF radio channel 72, no competitor shall make or receive radio or cell phone communications commencing from the Warning Signal of any race to that race's conclusion, except in the case of an emergency.
- 3.5 At 0930 on Saturday and at 0900 on Sunday, the Race Committee will attempt to announce its intentions for the day by e-mail and on VHF channel 72.

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any changes will be posted by 0930 on Friday and Saturday, and by 0900 on Sunday, 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 rule 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 Signal Boat when docked at The Waters.
- 5.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Boards.
- 5.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore (per SI 5.1) means the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the lowering of this signal.
- 5.4 Code Flag "F", when displayed ashore (per SI 5.1), signifies NCESA approved flotation panels shall be installed for all races that day. If Code Flag "F" is displayed, it will be done so by 0930 on Friday and Saturday, and by 0900 on Sunday. The Race Committee will attempt to e-mail if Code Flag F is going to be displayed.

**6. Schedule (September 6 – 9)**

**Thursday**

- 12:00 - 8:00 Registration at The Waters Oshkosh
- 3:00 Practice Race at the race course. (weather dependent).

**Friday**

- 7:45 – 8:30am Registration at The Waters Oshkosh
- 8:45am Competitors' Meeting at The Waters Oshkosh
- 11:00 Warning Signal

***Right After Racing Post-race Debrief by the day's top competitors (come learn their secrets!) at The Waters Oshkosh followed by a NCESA hosted party with Hors d'oeuvres & drinks.***

## Saturday

8:30am

NCESA Annual Membership Meeting @ The Waters Oshkosh

11:00

Initial Warning Signal

6:30

Nationals Banquet @ The Waters Oshkosh


## Sunday

**10:30**

**Initial Warning Signal**

Following racing

Trophy Presentation @ The Waters Oshkosh

- 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 **To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the Orange Line Flag on the Signal Boat and Pin Boat will be displayed with multiple sounds, at least four minutes before the Warning Signal is displayed.**
- 6.4 In the event three races are held back to back, there will be a short break ON THE WATER between the second and third race to allow for a bathroom break on club provided boats with facilities. In the event of a wind delay after the first of three races, the race committee may make the bathroom break between the first and second races.
- 6.5 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 2:00pm.
- 6.6 When Code flag "A"  is displayed from the committee boat while finishing, racing is finished for the day.

## 7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Racing will take place on Lake Winnebago.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses are described below and in "ADDENDUM #1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS":

**COURSE # 3** - Start - W - OS - Gs / Gp – Finish (Windward)

**COURSE # 4** - Start - W - OS – Gs / Gp - W - OS – DL – Finish (**Dog Leg Finish**)

**COURSE # 5** - Start - W - OS - Gs / Gp - W - OS - Gs / Gp – Finish (Windward)

- 8.3 The Windward Mark (W) and the offset mark (OS) shall be left to port.
- 8.4 **In course 4, for the final mark rounding, boats shall round Dog Leg Mark (DL) to port** and then proceed to the finish line (See Addendum 1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS).
- 8.5 If one of the Leeward Gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.
- 8.6 Courses and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed on the Signal Boat course board at the Warning Signal of each race. This changes RRS 27.1
- 8.7 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 buoy.
- 9.2 The windward offset mark (OS) will be an Orange ball.
- 9.3 Marks "Gs / Gp" (Leeward Gate) will be yellow inflatable buoys . The Gate may be put in after the starting signal.
- 9.4 Mark "DL" (the dog leg turning mark) will be a green inflatable buoy.
- 9.5 When having signaled a change for next leg of the course (SI Section 12), the new Windward or Gate mark(s), will be an orange inflatable buoy(s).

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with *RRS 26*.
- 10.2 The class flag will be the E Scow Insignia flag. Code Flag "R" (red and yellow) may be substituted for the E Scow flag.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end line boat. In the event that the pin end boat is not on station, it will be replaced by an inflatable mark.
- 10.4 *RRS 30.1* shall be in effect unless a signal is made to invoke *RRS 30.2 (Z Flag)*, *30.3 (U Flag)* or *30.4 (Black Flag)*.
- 10.5 Penalties as provided for in *30.2 (Z Flag)* shall not be in effect if the race is a General Recalled start or has been abandoned and later resailed. This changes *RRS 30.2*.

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11.1 In the event of an individual recall or for boats disqualified under *RRS 30.3* or *30.4*, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail number of boats that are identified as OCS on the Race Committee VHF radio channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the Race Committee VHF channel will not be grounds for redress. (This is in addition to and changes *RRS 30.1, 30.3, 30.4 and 62.1 (a)*.)

## **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 buoy, 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.
- 12.2 If the signaled change is for a leeward leg, the new gate marks will be orange inflatable buoys unless the change is for the final leg of Course 4, which in that case, a green mark "DL" and the Finish line will be in the new position.
- 12.3 However, the RC may make minor adjustments in the course without signaling a change of course or changing the color of the mark(s). This changes rule 33.

### **13. FINISH**

- 13.1 For courses 3 and 5, the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby red inflatable buoy.
- 13.2 For course 4, the Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a red inflatable buoy located to LEEWARD of the Race Committee Boat end of the finish line.

### **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed as 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 The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 and rule 31 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 14.4 Post Race Penalty: RRS Appendix T1 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.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored one additional point more than the number of boats that finished within that time. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

### **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Room located in the basement of the Waters.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is forty five (45) minutes after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks. 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 or named as witnesses. 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 The representative from each yacht that attends a protest or redress hearing in the protest room shall be the boat owner or the Cat 1 driver. Cat 3 crew, who are not boat owners, are not allowed in the protest room or to be in contact with the representative in the protest room. This adds to RRS 63.3a.
- 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 rule 62.2.

- 16.6 If the RC posts the results on the Official Notice Board on Yachtscoring.com before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on being scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of rule 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, Rules 63.2 and 63.4 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 in this Section of these Sailing Instructions 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 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 To support youth sailing, in addition to the Youth Trophy, the youth winner shall also receive a \$200 gift card as part of the award.

- 18.3 Service trophies will also be presented at the award ceremony.

## **19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

- 19.1 When Flag "Y" is displayed ashore (per SI 5.1) and/or on the Signal Boat, RRS 40 (Lifejackets) applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 preamble.

- 19.2 **A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race course between races shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing or calling on Race Committee VHF channel 72 and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the desk on shore at The Waters.**

- 19.3 Boats not intending to leave the harbor for the day's racing shall report this to the Race Committee via calling on the Race Committee VHF channel 72 and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the desk on shore at The Waters.

## **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 Registration, 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 Regatta Jury.

## **21. SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 21.1 Each competitor (skipper) shall register any support and / or spectator boat affiliated with their boat in any way with the OA (Lon Schoor) during Check-in.
- 21.2 Individual support and spectator boats shall not approach closer than 75 meters to any boat that is racing, except at the finish line where they shall not approach closer than 100 meters to the finish line.
- 21.3 A competitor who approaches a support or spectator boat to talk or to transfer any items must do so at least 100 meters clear of the starting and finishing lines or from boats racing.
- 21.4 No support or spectator boats shall cause a noticeable wake on the race course by cutting corners while moving from one end of the course to the other end of the course.
- 21.5 **Support and spectator boats are required by the Race Committee to monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel 72 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.**
- 21.6 A competitor whose support and / or spectator boat has violated any of the above stated rules, may be subject to protest by the Race Committee. The Jury may impose penalties for these breaches equal to or less than a disqualification.
- 21.7 The Race Committee reserves the right to make additional rules for support boats at any time during the regatta. In addition, the Race Committee may issue a specific on the water penalty to any support boat(s) that violates any of the above stated rules.

## **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 rule will be reported to the Jury.

## **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 4, 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 race organizers, including the OA (NCESA), Oshkosh Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated 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 practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor 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.

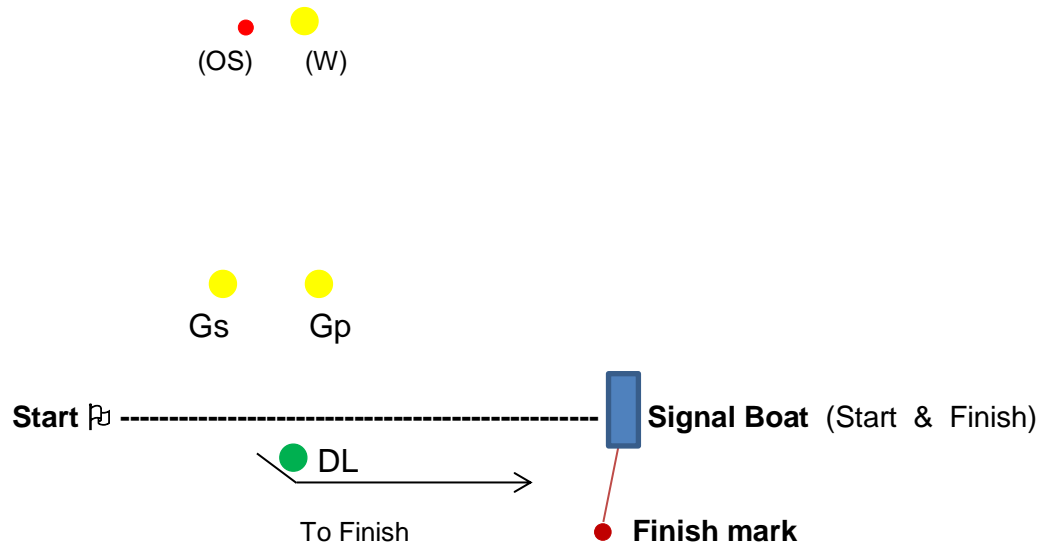
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## ADDENDUM #1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

All rounding marks shall be left to port, except Mark Gs / Gp which is a gate.

### COURSE 4 (“Dog Leg” Leeward Finish).

Start - W - OS - Gs / Gp - W - OS - DL – Finish



### COURSES 3 and 5 (Windward Finish)

COURSE 3 - Start - W - OS - Gs / Gp - Finish

COURSE 5 - Start - W - OS - Gs / Gp - W - OS - Gs / Gp - Finish

