



## 61st NCESA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Muskegon Yacht Club (MYC) @ 3198 Edgewater St. Muskegon, MI

Co-hosts: Spring Lake Yacht Club and White Lake Yacht Club

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**(Includes the 8/29 and 9/1 Amendments #2 and #3 in Red)**

#### 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 web site.  
  
According to Class Scantling Rules every E-Scow entered in the regatta must have a current annual Boat Sticker attached to the transom. Every person who has a valid 'Boat Owner' membership in the NCESA receives this annual Boat Sticker.
- 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. **In addition, all boats are required to have a USCG approved throwable device on board.** Anchor and line is not required to be carried.
- 1.7 Boats may be inspected by a class representative at any time during the regatta to ensure conformity with class rules.
- 1.8 Boats shall keep clear of all commercial traffic (including ferries). Any boat causing a commercial vessel to alter course shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee and /or Protest Committee only.
- 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 “Official Notice Board” located online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=7267>**

The Race Committee will attempt to post notices on a club notice board located near the outside bar area as well.

## **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 13.**
- 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 13, 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 on VHF channel 13 and by e-mail.

## **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 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 MYC flagpole located on the front lawn. **Signals include, but are not limited to:**
- 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 Board on Yachtscoring.
- 5.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the lowering of this signal. This changes RRS Race Signal.
- 5.4 Code Flag "F", when displayed ashore, signifies NCESA approved flotation panels shall be installed for all races that day. If Code Flag “F” is displayed on the MYC flagpole, 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

### **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 - 8:00pm Registration

3:00pm Practice Race (Weather Dependent). An announcement will be made at 1:30 on the RC VHF Channel as to the RC's intentions.

### **Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 – 8:30am Registration

**8:45am Competitors' Meeting**

11:00am Initial Warning Signal

Right After Racing: NCESA hosted party with Hors d'oeuvres & drinks.

NCESA Annual Membership Meeting

Post-race Debrief by the day's top competitors

### **Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

11:00am Initial Warning Signal

6:30pm Nationals Banquet at Muskegon Yacht Club

### **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am** 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 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the Orange Line Flag **on the Signal Boat** will be displayed with multiple sounds at least four minutes before the Warning Signal is displayed. An orange flag will not be displayed on the leeward starting line pin boat until they are anchored.
- 6.4 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.

## 7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Racing will take place either in the waters east of Muskegon Yacht Club or on Lake Michigan based on the weather conditions. (See SI Amendment #1 for a chart of the three sailing areas)
- 7.2 To designate which sailing area will be used each day, the Race Committee shall display on the MYC flagpole, either Numeral Flag 1, 2 or 3 for the applicable area by 0930 on Friday and Saturday, and by 0900 on Sunday. The Race Committee will attempt to e-mail and post on the Official Notice Board on Yachtscoring the day's sailing area location.
- 7.3 In the event of changing weather conditions during the day's racing, the Race Committee may change sailing areas by making an oral change as described in SI 4.2 prior to the next race.

## **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)

**COURSE # 6** - **Start - W - OS - Gs / Gp - W - OS - Gs / Gp - W - OS - DL – Finish (Dog Leg Finish)**

8.3 The Windward Mark (W) and the offset mark (OS) shall be left to port.

8.4 **In courses 4 and 6, for the final mark rounding, boats shall round Dog Leg Mark (DL) to port and then proceed to the finish line.** (See ADDENDUM 1 – COURSES)

8.5 If one of the Leeward Gate marks (Gs / Gp) 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 with the Warning Signal of each race.

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 mark(s), will be an orange inflatable buoy(s).

9.6 In the event that the starting pin end boat is not on station, it will be replaced by an orange inflatable buoy.

9.7 The Finish line pin buoy will be a red inflatable buoy.

## **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.

10.3.1 The starting line may be either a “one part starting line” OR a “two part starting line using a mid line boat” as follows:

a) ONE PART STARTING LINE: 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 or an orange inflatable mark.

b) TWO (2) PART STARTING LINE: The starting line will consist of three RC boats: port end line boat, mid-line boat and the Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line.

This starting line will be two line segments: one between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line boat, the other between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end line boat. In the event that the port pin end boat is not on station, it will be replaced by an orange inflatable mark.

10.3.2 When RRS 30.1 Round-an-End Rule is in effect with a Two (2) Part Starting Line, boats subject to this rule shall thereafter either: (a) sail from the course side across an extension of the starting line beyond either the port- or starboard-end line boat to the pre-course side before starting, or (b) round the mid-line boat before starting, leaving it to port. This changes RRS 30.1 (see diagram below)



10.4 The Race Committee may deploy an Orange Ball off the transom of the Signal Boat. This buoy shall be considered an extension of the Signal Boat. No boat shall sail between the buoy and the Signal Boat. If a boat touches the Orange Ball, it is considered that the Signal Boat has been hit and a 1 turn penalty shall be completed.

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 addition to RRS 29.1, in the event of an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail number of boats that are identified as OCS on the Race Committee VHF radio channel 13. 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 29.1 and 62.1 (a).)

11.2 UFD and BFD penalty notification after the Start. The RC will attempt to notify boats by VHF that infringe RRS 30.3, (U Flag Rule) or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule).

## **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, the green mark "DL" and the Finish line will be in the new position.

## **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.
- 13.3 Code Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

## **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 RRS 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 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, A4.1 and A5.
- 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 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

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

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk located upstairs at MYC.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is forty five (45) minutes after the Race Committee Finish 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 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 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 If the Race Committee 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 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 63.4 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 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 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 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race course between races shall promptly report this to the Race Committee on Race Committee VHF channel 13 and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions once onshore to the MYC office.
- 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 13 and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the MYC office.

**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 Protest Committee.

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

21.7 The Race Committee may restrict a support boat that violates any of the above stated rules to an area below the starting line for period of time. A competitor, whose support boat has violated any of the above stated rules more than once, may be subject to protest by the Race Committee. The Protest Committee may impose penalties for these breaches equal to or less than a disqualification.

**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 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 Organizing Authority, Muskegon Yacht Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, White Lake Yacht Club, 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

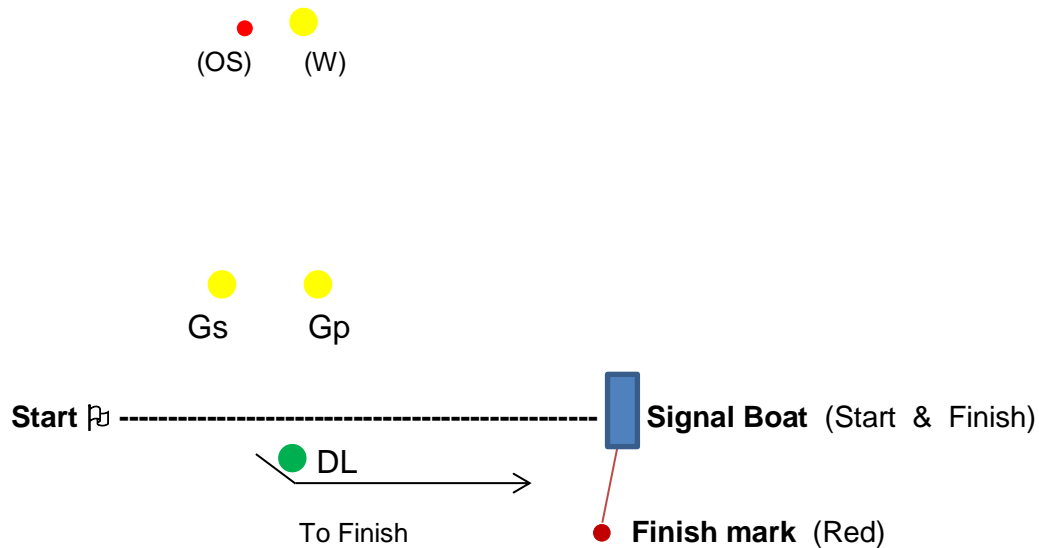
All rounding marks shall be left to port, except Mark Gs / Gp which is a gate.

### COURSE 4 ("Dog Leg" Leeward Finish)

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

### COURSE 6 ("Dog Leg" Leeward Finish)

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



*(Optional midline starting boat not shown. See SI 10.3.2 for diagram).*

### 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

