

South Okanagan Sailing Association Summer Series 2 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the front of the Clubhouse. In addition, they may be posted on SOSailing.ca.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee does not intend to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of the Club house.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates of racing are Saturday Afternoon from August 10 to September 7 inclusive.
- 6.2 Schedule includes five race days.
- 6.3 There will be up to three races per day, weather permitting.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 12:55.
- 6.5 If there are more than two Multihulls they will start first. Unless the Monohull start is postponed, the Multihull start signal will be the warning signal for the Monohulls.
- 6.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with several sound signals at

least one minute before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Multihull Class flag is PURPLE. The Mixed fleet class flag is YELLOW. If there is only one start, the Class flag is WHITE.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is off the Club house area between SYC and Trout Creek.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram below shows the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length will be decided on the day to give a race time of approximately 40 minutes for a boat in the middle of the fleet.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course number and number of laps on the Committee boat.

9.3 Courses may be shortened.

9.4 Competitors are required to pass through the Start/Finish line from the direction of the leeward mark on the windward leg of each lap.

9.5 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

10 MARKS

10.1 Rounding Marks are large orange or yellow buoys.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 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 race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.5 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark. Note 17.9 below.
- 13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 13.3 At its sole discretion, the race committee may finish a boat a lap earlier than boats ahead of it. The race committee will display the blue finish line flag, give a sound signal as the boat crosses the line and will attempt to verbally inform the boat they have been finished. After a boat being finished this way, all other boats will be finished as they next cross the start-finish line.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20	45	20

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signals no more racing today. The time may be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

16.3 Notices will be posted 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 in the protest room, located at the Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

16.5 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)][(b)][(c)].

17 SCORING

17.1 Scoring will be ISAF Appendix A low point series.

17.2 Races with less than three competitors (starters) will not be scored.

17.3 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series

17.4 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

(c) For every additional three races completed in the series, a further discard may be taken.

17.5 Multihulls will be scored separately from Monohulls.

17.6 Rule A5.3 does not apply.

17.7 Personal Handicaps will be used for all racing. They will be calculated based on the current Portsmouth Yardstick (2024) or may be assigned by the Fleet Captain if not listed. Personal handicaps for each winner, second, third, last, second to last and third to last in each race will be recalculated after each days racing. See Appendix A below for details.

17.8 Volunteer Race Committee members will be given compensation for each race run by their best three scores from the series. Adjustments may be made to earlier race scores at the end of a series to put this into effect.

17.9 If a boat is finished on an earlier lap per 13.3, the results will be calculated on corrected average lap times.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE

RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Crews may be changed at any time.

19.2 Helms may use different boats during the series, but will carry forward the personal portion of their handicap calculated from previous races.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21 RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.
- Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1million per incident or the equivalent.

Courses at SOSA for Summer Series 2024

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Course 1 starts towards NORTH
Course is 1P, 3P, Finish line x indicated number of laps

Course 2 starts towards SOUTH
Course is 3P, 1P, Finish line x indicated number of laps

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Outer Mark

Start/Finish Line

Committee Boat

2

Course 3 starts towards North
Course is 1P, 4P, 3P, Finish line x indicated number of laps

Course 4 starts towards South
Course is 3P, 2P, 1P, Finish line x indicated number of laps

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Appendix A – Personal Handicaps

For the first days racing in which a competitor takes part, the standard RYA Portsmouth handicap for their boat will be used. **After each weeks** racing the following adjustments will be made and used for subsequent races:

If there are six or more competitors in a race:

1st place has handicap reduced by 10 (e.g. 1135 becomes 1125)

2nd place has handicap reduced by 7

3rd place has handicap reduced by 3

Last place has handicap increased by 10

2nd last place has handicap increased by 7

3rd last place has handicap reduced by 3

If there are four or five competitors only, the changes are halved and rounded up and only apply to the first two and the last two competitors.

No adjustments accrue for races with less than four competitors.

Multihulls will only be adjusted by 8, 5 and 2 if six or more competitors and 4 3 and 1 if less than six.