

# Saint Croix Sailing Club



## 2020 Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta Sailing Instructions

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**The U.S. Sailing Race Management Handbook states that: "Though all race committee personnel must take seriously the possibility of injury to people or property, each competitor must decide for himself when to race." Furthermore, as there are risks involved in racing, the Saint Croix Sailing Club cautions all sailors that each skipper is solely responsible for determining his/her abilities and his/her boat's worthiness in any situation.**

### 1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

### 2. Entries

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by declaring their intent to participate via the entry form on the SCSC website ([www.stcroixsailing.com](http://www.stcroixsailing.com)).
- 2.3 Eligibility requirements for boats are as follows:
  - 2.3.1 All boats shall have required safety gear, government registration, etc. as required by applicable law.
  - 2.3.2 All boats shall have more than one person on board for each race.
  - 2.3.3 All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the race committee.
  - 2.3.4 All boats shall have on board a copy of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association.

### 3. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted in the racing section of the official SCSC website. The SCSC website is located at [www.stcroixsailing.com](http://www.stcroixsailing.com).

#### 4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 5. Signals made ashore

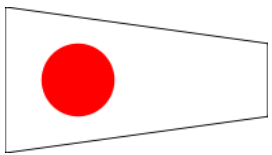
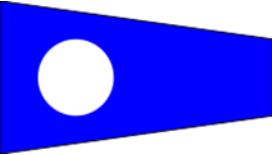
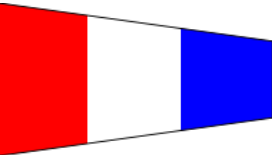
Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Hudson Marina flag pole.

#### 6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Two races will be held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:00 hours. The second race will follow after the completion of the first race.

#### 7. Class Flags

Numeral pennant flags shall be used by the race committee to differentiate divisions.

Division 1	Pennant 1	
Division 2	Pennant 2	
Division 3	Pennant 3	

#### 8. Racing Areas

8.1 All racing, with the exception of distance races, will be conducted on the Saint Croix River between the Interstate 94 Bridge, located at Hudson, WI and the slow no-wake area located at Afton, MN.

## 9. The Courses

- 9.1 Diagrams showing the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, are available on the SCSC website.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed for each division and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 10. Marks

- 10.1 Marks will be inflatable colored shapes.
- 10.2 Offset marks may be set at the beginning of downwind legs.
- 10.3 An additional mark may be set to increase the course length for specific divisions. Additional marks will be indicated by the race committee signal vessel by displaying XM<sup>↑</sup> for an additional upwind mark and XM<sup>↓</sup> for an additional downwind mark.
- 10.4 Boats are to obey all navigational marks while racing. This includes, but is not limited, to slow no-wake zones such as those found at Hudson, Afton, and the Kinnickinnic channel.

## 11. The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 except as modified in Appendix A of these Instructions.
- 11.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange color flag on the race committee vessel located at the starboard end of the starting line and an orange starting mark at the port end of the starting line.
- 11.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.5 Boats with transom mounted engines shall have their engine stowed aboard or left mounted with the shaft in the vertical position from the preparatory signal until after that boat starts the race.
- 11.6 Recalls may be announced by the RC on VHF 72.

## 12. The Finish

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue color flag on the race committee vessel and a nearby race mark.

## 13. Time Limit

- 13.1 Races, with the exception of distance races, shall be abandoned if no boat finishes the race within 3 hours of the last starting signal.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## 14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available on the website and on the race committee vessel. Protests and requests for redress must be delivered to a member of the SCSC Board, organizing committee, or race committee (committeeboat@gmail.com) within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each division the protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The race committee may extend this time limit at its discretion.
- 14.3 The rules of RRS Appendix V shall apply (Alternative Penalties).

A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protested. The following changes shall apply to all protest hearings except hearings under Rule 69.

- 14.4 Rule 64.1 is changed such that a protest committee shall determine the applicable penalty based on the severity of rule breach at its sole discretion. However, the protest committee may not impose a penalty less than the post-race penalty established in SI 14.3 (V2).

## 15. Scoring

- 15.1 Races shall be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the low point system.

## 16. Radio Communication

- 16.1.1 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.
- 16.1.2 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.

## 17. Trophies

A traveling trophy shall be awarded to the top finisher in each division.

## Appendix A: Start Sequence

### A.1 Starting Races

These rules replace RRS Rule 26.

Competitors shall be informed which sequence (a) or (b) is in effect prior to their start.

#### (a) 4-Minute Rule 26

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
4	Class flag	One	Warning Signal
3	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One Long	One-Minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting Signal

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made after the starting signal of the preceding class.

#### (b) 4-Minute Rule 26 With Lights

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Flag signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
(any)	Class flag I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag			Indicates class in sequence and penalties
4		Top light on	One	Warning Signal
3		Bottom light on	One	Preparatory Signal
1		Top light off	One Long	One-Minute
0		Bottom light off	One	Starting Signal
(prior to next sequence)	Class flag removed			

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made after the starting signal of the preceding class.

A.2 Class start order  
Three Starts

Division 1
Variable delay to allow boats to clear line
Division 2
Variable delay to allow boats to clear line
Division 3