

# Saint Croix Sailing Club



## 2016 Sailing Instructions

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**The U.S. Sailing Race Management Handbook states that: "Though all race personnel 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 International Sailing Federation's (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the class rules of performance handicap racing fleet unless any of these rules are changed by these sailing instructions.

### 2. Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with SCSC and paying all required fees to the SCSC Treasurer or their appointed representative. Payment of the applicable race fee is required with the exception of the following races which are open to all full club members regardless of race fee payment:
  - Commodores Cup
  - Frostbite
  - Beercan Racing
- 2.2 If the race fee and registration paperwork, including completed rating information, have not been received by the club by May 1<sup>st</sup>, the respective boat shall be scored DNC for the first two Spring Series races and any subsequent regular season race (defined as any race that counts towards Yacht of the Year) until the race fee, including a late payment penalty of \$15, and registration paperwork have been received and reviewed by the club. This rule shall only apply to returning members that registered as race members during the prior year.
- 2.3 Full club members who have not registered for racing shall be eligible to compete in either Division 5 or the respective race division based on their boat's handicap in races that are open to all full club members. Competitors shall inform the race committee prior to the first race of their decision.

Should the competitor fail to inform the race committee, the competitor shall be assigned to Division 5.

2.4 Registration forms are available for download from the SCSC website or by contacting a member of the race committee.

2.5 Eligibility requirements for boats are as follows:

2.5.1 All boats are required to have a Family or Regular member of the SCSC on board for the duration of each race.

2.5.2 All boats shall have required safety gear, government registration, etc. as required by applicable law.

2.5.3 All boats shall have more than one person on board for each race.

2.5.4 All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the race committee.

2.5.5 All boats shall fly the SCSC burgee.

2.5.6 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 shall 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.

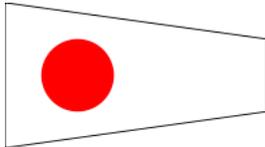
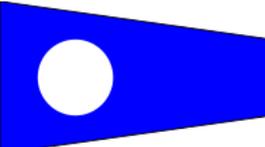
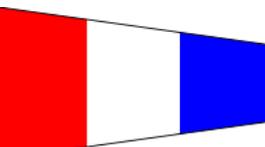
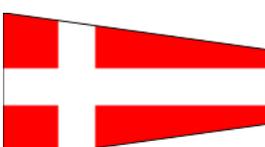
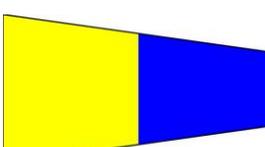
### **6. Schedule of Races**

6.1 Races are scheduled as published in the SCSC calendar posted on the SCSC website.

6.2 Make-up race dates are scheduled. Only races counting toward the Yacht of the Year shall be made up. Any Yacht of the Year race missed shall be made up on the next scheduled make-up date, but no sooner than eight days from the missed race. Additional make-up races shall be scheduled as required.

## 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	
Division 4	Pennant 4	
Division 5	Pennant 5	

## 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 boat 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 boat by displaying XM↑ for an additional upwind mark and XM↓ 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 boat 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 Boats having started more than 10 minutes after the starting signal for their class shall be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 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.

## **12. The Finish**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue color flag on the race committee boat 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. All boats not having finished the race within 45 minutes after the first boat from division two or three sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 13.2 Distance races are not subjected to the time limit of section 13.1 but may have their own time limit as specified in the sailing instructions or posted prior to the race in accordance with these instructions.

## **14. Protest and Arbitration**

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to:

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However,

- when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty;
- when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and Rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
- if the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

14.2 Rule 44.3 is changed to:

After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in Rule 44.3(c). However, Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

14.3 The Post-Race Penalty shall be

- 20% if taken before the protest time limit;
- 30% if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

14.4 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.

14.5 For each division the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

The following changes shall apply to all protest hearings except hearings under Rule 69.

14.6 If the protest committee is able to assemble the *parties* to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.

14.7 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

14.8 Rule 63.5 is changed to:

At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the *protest* or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence it considers necessary to decide whether all the requirements for the protest or request for redress have been met. The remainder of rule 63.5 shall remain unchanged.

14.9 Rule 63.6 is changed to:

The protest committee shall take the evidence of the parties to the hearing and of their witnesses and other evidence it considers necessary. A member of the protest committee who saw the incident may give evidence. A party to the hearing may question any person who gives evidence. However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions. The committee shall then find the facts and base its decision on them.

14.10 Rule 65.2 is changed to:

A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later. The committee shall then promptly

provide the information, including, when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.

14.11 Rule 66 is changed to:

The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. It shall reopen a hearing when required by the national authority under Rule F5. A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

14.12 Rule 64.1 is changed to:

When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it 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 Section 14.3. The penalty shall be imposed whether or not the applicable rule was mentioned in the protest. If a boat has broken a rule when not racing, her penalty shall apply to race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident. However,

- a) When as a consequence of breaking a rule a boat has compelled another boat to break a rule, the other boat shall be exonerated.
- b) If a boat has taken an applicable penalty, she shall not be further penalized under this rule unless the penalty for a rule she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.
- c) If the race is restarted or re-sailed, Rule 36 applies.

## 15. Scoring

15.1 Races shall be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the low point system unless otherwise specified in these instructions.

15.2 Yacht of the Year

15.2.1 Yacht of the Year scoring shall be based on the results of the following races which together will be considered a single series:

- Spring Series
- Summer Series
- Fall Series
- Breaking Waves
- Carlson Classic 1&2
- Autumnal Equinox 1&2

15.2.2 The provisions of RRS A.9 shall apply.

15.2.3 The provisions of RRS A.9 shall be modified as follows:

A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

15.2.4 Boats may exclude race scores according to the following schedule

- 1 score excluded if 5 or more races have been completed
- 2 scores excluded if 10 or more races have been completed
- 3 scores excluded if 15 or more races have been completed

- 4 scores excluded if 20 or more races have been completed

15.2.5 A race is completed if scored, see Rule 90.3(a). If a boat has two or more equal worst scores the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded.

### 15.3 Series Scoring

15.3.1 Individual Series (Spring, Summer, and Fall) shall be scored according to RRS Appendix A.2. A boat's worst score shall be excluded provided that at least five races have been completed in the series.

15.3.2 A race is completed if scored, see Rule 90.3(a).

### 15.4 Beercan Races

Beercan races shall be scored using the high point system with boats being scored points one more than the number of boats that started the race minus the competitor's finishing place. The series shall be scored by adding the number of points awarded in each completed race with no scores being excluded.

### 15.5 Other Races

All other races not specifically mentioned previously shall be scored based on total corrected time.

## 16. Radio Communication

All radio communications shall be made on VHF Channel 72 unless otherwise noted.

## 17. Trophies

### 17.1 Yacht of the Year

Yacht of the Year Trophies shall be awarded to the top boat in each division.

### 17.2 Traveling Trophies

Traveling Trophies for the following races shall be awarded to the top boat based on the best overall corrected time:

- Breaking Waves
- Autumnal Equinox
- Commodores Cup

### 17.3 Beercan Racing

Trophies shall be awarded to each boat that finishes first, in any race, in each division.

## 18. Distance Races

- 18.1 In case a distance race requires passage of the no-wake zones at the Afton or Kinnickinnic narrows, time spent in these areas shall be deducted from the respective boat's finishing time. It is the responsibility of the individual skippers to accurately record and report time spent in the no-wake areas to the race judge at the earliest opportunity after finishing the race but no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the race. Should any of the no-wake buoys not be present, channel markers shall be used as reference for recording time spent in the no-wake area.
- 18.2 Boats are required to exit the no-wake areas in the same order they entered into the no-wake area.
- 18.3 The maximum time deduction for passage of each individual no-wake area is 15 minutes.
- 18.4 Should a boat not report the time it spent in no-wake areas within the time limit specified, no time shall be deducted from this boat's finishing time.
- 18.5 For the purpose of distance racing only, Section 10.1 of these Sailing Instructions shall be amended as follows:
- Marks will be inflatable colored shapes or navigational marks.
- 18.6 Should navigational marks be used instead of regular race marks, the following rules shall apply:
- If the mark is a slow no-wake marker a boat shall be considered having rounded the mark once her entire hull has entered the slow no-wake zone.
  - If the mark is a channel marker, the area between it and shore on the non-channel side shall be considered an obstruction. A boat shall be considered having rounded the mark once she has sailed past the mark while being in the zone.
- 18.7 Use of propulsion:
- In the event of grounding, the rules of RRS 42 (Propulsion) are waived when all of the following are met:
- (a) The boat shall not advance her distance to the finish.
  - (b) The boat shall take a 10-minute scoring penalty per incident.
  - (c) The boat shall report the number of incidents to the race committee at or prior to her finish.

## Appendix A: Start Sequences

Three Starts, used for Tuesday races and YOY Weekend races

Signal	Flag	Sound	Elapsed Time
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 1, 2 Warning	Division 1, 2 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 1, 2 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 1, 2 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 1, 2 Start	Division 1, 2 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00
Variable Delay to allow boats to clear line			
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 3 Warning	Division 3 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 3 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 3 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 3 Start	Division 3 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00
Variable Delay to allow boats to clear line			
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 4 Warning	Division 4 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 4 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 4 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 4 Start	Division 4 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00

Two Starts, used for Beercan races and non YOY Weekend races

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Elapsed Time</b>
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 5 Warning	Division 5 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 5 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 5 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 5 Start	Division 5 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00
Variable Delay to allow boats to clear line			
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 4, 3, 2, 1 Warning	Division 4, 3, 2, 1 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 4, 3, 2, 1 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 4, 3, 2, 1 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 4, 3, 2, 1 Start	Division 4, 3, 2, 1 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00

Four Starts, might be used for Commodores Cup races

Signal	Flag	Sound	Elapsed Time
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 3, 5 Warning	Division 3, 5 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 3, 5 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 3, 5 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 3, 5 Start	Division 3, 5 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00
Approximately 15-30 minute delay			
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 4 Warning	Division 4 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 4 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 4 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 4 Start	Division 4 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00
Approximately 15-30 minute delay			
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 2 Warning	Division 2 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 2 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 2 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 2 Start	Division 2 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00
Approximately 15-30 minute delay			
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 1 Warning	Division 1 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 1 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 1 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 1 Start	Division 1 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00

Single Start, used for special races

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Elapsed Time</b>
Attention		Five Short	
Warning	Division Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Start	Division Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00