

Saint Croix Sailing Club



Sail & Share 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.
- 2.2 If the race fee and registration paperwork, including completed rating information, have not been received by the club by the registration deadline, the respective boat shall not be eligible to compete.
- 2.3 Registration forms are available on the SCSC website
- 2.4 Eligibility requirements for boats are as follows:
 - 2.4.1 All boats shall have required safety gear, government registration, etc. as required by applicable law.
 - 2.4.2 All boats shall have more than one person on board for each race.
 - 2.4.3 All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the race committee.
 - 2.4.4 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.

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

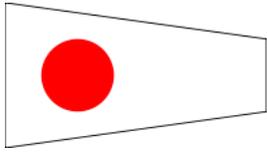
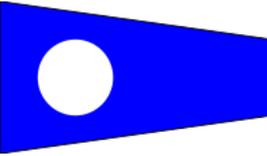
Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Hudson Marina flag pole.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 10th and Sunday, September 11th.
- 6.2 The regatta consists of a minimum of one race and a maximum of eight races. A minimum of one completed race shall be required to constitute the regatta.
- 6.3 The race committee may schedule up to a maximum of four races per day. Competitors shall be notified prior to the first race of each day of intended schedule of races.
- 6.4 Abandoned races may be rescheduled prior to 1500 hours on Sunday, September 11th at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for each day is 1100 hours. No race will start after 1500 hours on Sunday, September 11th.

7. Class Flags

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

Division 1	Pennant 1	
Division 2	Pennant 2	

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 or in Appendix B below.
- 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

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.

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.

15.2 There shall be no exclusion of race scores.

16. Radio Communication

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

17. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each division.

Appendix A: Start Sequence

Signal	Flag	Sound	Elapsed Time
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
Variable Delay to allow boats to clear line			
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

Appendix B: Courses

<p>Windward/Leeward Downwind Finish</p> <p>W/L 1 (2 legs) W/L 2 (4 legs) W/L 3 (6 legs) W/L 4 (8 legs) etc</p>	<p>Windward/Leeward Upwind Finish</p> <p>W/L 1.5 (3 legs) W/L 2.5 (5 legs) W/L 3.5 (7 legs) W/L 4.5 (9 legs) etc</p>	<p>T1 - 4 legs Triangle 1</p>	<p>T2 - 7 legs Triangle 2</p>
<p>Windward/Leeward "M" (Modified) Downwind Finish</p> <p>W/L 1 (4 legs) W/L 2 (6 legs) W/L 3 (8 legs) W/L 4 (10 legs) etc</p> <p>S/F line is not a mark of the course, unless Starting or Finishing</p>	<p>Windward/Leeward "M" (Modified) Upwind Finish</p> <p>W/L 1.5 (3 legs) W/L 2.5 (5 legs) W/L 3.5 (7 legs) W/L 4.5 (9 legs) etc</p> <p>S/F line is not a mark of the course, unless Starting or Finishing</p>	<p>G1 - 5 legs Gold Cup</p>	<p>O1 - 6 legs Olympic</p>
<p>Sailing Instructions Race Course Diagrams</p> <p>St. Croix Sailing Club www.stcroixsailing.com Last Updated: 5/14/2016</p>	<p>HUGO 1 6 legs</p>	<p>OWL1 - 8 legs Olympic Windward/Leeward</p>	<p>TO - 9 legs Triangle-Olympic</p>