

Saint Croix Sailing Club



2017 Pursuit Race 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 Eligible boats may be entered by declaring their intent to participate by completing the registration form on the SCSC website prior to 24:00hours on Thursday, September 14th.
- 2.2 Eligibility requirements for boats are as follows:
 - 2.2.1 All boats are required to have a Family or Regular member of the SCSC on board for the duration of each race.
 - 2.2.2 All boats shall have required safety gear, government registration, etc. as required by applicable law.
 - 2.2.3 All boats shall have more than one person on board for each race
 - 2.2.4 All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the race committee.
 - 2.2.5 All boats shall fly the SCSC burgee
 - 2.2.6 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.

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

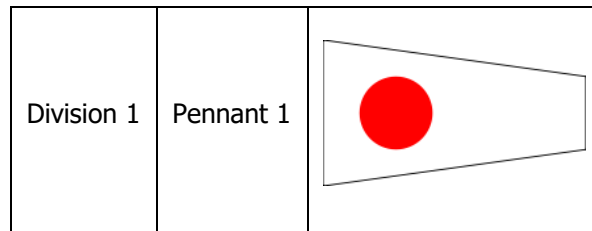
Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Hudson Marina flag pole.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Races will be held on Saturday, September 16th. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1100 hours. The second race will follow after completion of the first race.
- 6.2 The date and location of the awards ceremony will be posted on the SCSC website by November 1st.

7. Class Flags

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



8. Racing Areas

- 8.1 All racing 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 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.

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 2 hours 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).
- 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.

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

- 14.5 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 based on the finish order as provided in RRS Appendix A using the low point system.

15.2 There shall be a minimum of one race and a maximum of two races. Abandoned races will not be rescheduled.

15.3 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

17.1 Trophies shall be awarded to the top boat in each division.

Appendix A: Start Sequences

This is the starting sequence for the Pursuit Races. This appendix modifies RRS 26 so that it is a 4-minute sequence.

Start time tables for the anticipated race distances will be published on the SCSC website prior to 2000hours on Friday, September 15th. The race committee shall note the race distance on the course board to allow competitors to determine their starting time.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Elapsed Time
Attention		Five Short	
Warning	Division 1 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Start	Division 1 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00
Start 2		None	See start table
Start 3		None	See start table
Start 4		None	See start table
Additional Starts as necessary			

*A boats start time in units of seconds shall be calculated based on a boats handicap and race distance in miles as follows:

$$\text{Start Time} = (\text{Highest PHRF} - \text{Competitor PHRF}) * \text{Race Distance}$$