



St. Croix Sailing Club

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SCSC Committees

- Organizing Committee
 - Jerry Clark (Chair)
 - Rick Hughes -Ratings Chair
 - Division 1
 - Division 3
 - Division 5
- Ratings Committee
 - Rick Hughes (Chair)
- Protest Committee
 - Steve Nelson (Chair)
We need volunteers to serve on P/C hearings!
- Race Committee
 - Patrick O'Donnell (Principal Race Officer)



SCSC Needs Your Help!

This is a club run by volunteers. Without volunteers, we cannot provide the events we all love to attend.

- **Program Chair** (vacant)

Organizes the following events:

- Spring Banquet
- Spring Picnic
- Shrimp Boil
- Chili Feed
- Fall Banquet

- **Treasurer** (vacant)

- **Beercan Hosts** <https://stcroixsailing.com/beercan-host-signup-2021/>

- **Fall Regatta Volunteers**

- **Contact any board member for more details.**



Crew Page

On the website, in the top menu

<https://stcroixsailing.com/category/crew-page/>

- Crew Looking For Boats
 - There are many folks signed up on this list! If you are looking for a boat to sail on, put yourself on that list.
 - If you need crew for your boat, check that list.
- Boats Looking For Crew
 - If you need crew, feel free to sign up and let others know.



Crew Page

GO SAILING App

<https://gosailingapp.com/>

- iPhone, Android, Web
- Skippers may post openings, and sailors can volunteer to help crew.





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NOR Changes

- Many rules have been moved from the SI's to the NOR. World Sailing did this to emphasize the NOR is a CONTRACT with our sailors.
- Yacht of the Year NOR and SI's no longer contain Commodore's Cup and Beercan details. Moved to separate documents.
- NOR and SI's reference the Calendar
- SI 11: "All boats shall carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the Race Committee."

NOR Changes

- NOR 6.5 “Each date of racing shall consist of a minimum of one (1) race, and a maximum at the Race Committee's discretion.”
Now applies to all YOY events, including weekend regattas.

- **Rule Delete:** “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.”

Default time limit of 2 hrs still applies. Protestors may ask for additional time from the R/C or P/C.

NOR Changes

- NOR 4.8

“All boats shall have on board a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, as well as the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the event.”

- Smartphone is sufficient (because nothing says otherwise).



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SI Changes

- SI A.1: Lighted Start Sequence at R/C's discretion (same as last year)
- SI 13: TIME LIMIT

Rewording and better explains our standard practices.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The Race Time Limit shall be 3 hours, and the Finishing Window shall be 45 minutes.

13.2 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.

Division requirement has been removed.

Note that R/C is permitted to abandon at any time, per RRS



SI Changes

- **SI 11: CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

Not a change per se, simply explains our non-standard change course techniques due to a single R/C boat.

- 11 CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
 - 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may move the original mark or finishing line to a new position, or the race committee may lay a new mark (or new finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
 - 11.2 If the race committee is not in the vicinity of the previous mark, the race committee will signal course change using VHF 72. This changes RRS 33.



SI Changes

- SI 2: Changes to SI's

NEW – Procedure for changing SI's

This has been used for events like the Fall Regatta, but is now extended to all events.

- 2 CHANGES TO 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.



SI Changes

- SI 14: Hearing Requests

Reworded per RRS. Time extensions may be granted by R/C or P/C.

- 14 HEARING REQUESTS
- 14.1 For each division the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest committee or race committee may extend this time limit at its discretion. This changes rule 61.3.
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available on the SCSC website and on the race committee vessel. Forms must be delivered to a member of the SCSC Board, organizing committee, or race committee (committeeboat@gmail.com) within the appropriate time limit.

- Deleted:

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...



SI Changes

- SI 4: Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the ~~Hudson Marina flag pole~~ Committee Boat

- YOY SI 5.3:

For weekend regattas, two or more races may be held at the discretion of the race official when the official determines that additional races can reasonably be completed prior to 16:00 hrs.

- SI 10.3:

[DP] Boats whose ~~preparatory~~ warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose ~~preparatory~~ warning signal has been made.



SI Changes

- New Protest Form!

<https://stcroixsailing.com/category/racing/sailing-instructions/>

- Print out a few, or ask for one from the R/C
- Submit to the R/C (Patrick), Steve Nelson, or any board member.
- Default time limit is TWO HOURS. If more time is needed, you must contact Patrick or Steve Nelson.
- You may also use the old one, or no form at all! Just make sure you submit the relevant details.



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RRS Changes

- Lots of changes this year!
 - Take a look at Dave Perry's explanations.
 - The following is only a small highlight of the changes...
- Definition *Start* and *Finish*
 - Hull is the only factor. Not spinnaker, not bowsprit, not crew member leaning over the rail.
- Rule 14 (Avoiding Contact)
- Rule 16.2 (Changing Course)



RRS Changes

- Rule 18.1 (Mark Room)
- Rule 18.2 (Giving Mark Room)
- Rule 25 (NOR, SI)
- Rule 28 (*Sail the Course*)
- Rule 37 (Search and Rescue) Flag “V”
- Rule 42.3(c) (Propulsion: Exceptions)
- Rule 43 (Exoneration)
- Rule 49.2 (Crew Position: Lifelines)



RRS Changes

- Appendix A5

Anyone not complying with the definition of “Sail the Course” shall be scored “NSC” by the Race Committee.

- Race Signals

- Flag V
- Blue Flag
- Orange Flag



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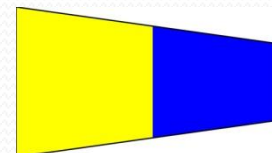
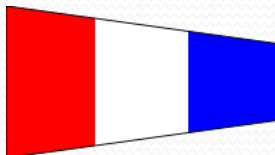
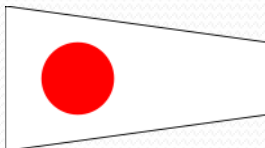
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R/C Notice to Sailors:

- Keep CLEAR of the starting area unless your Warning signal has been made. SI 10.3
 - Do not interfere with other boats currently RACING (their PREP flag is or has been flying).
Even if they haven't crossed the start line.
- You may be protested for infractions
 - If protested, you must take your penalty during the next race. (RRS 64.2)
 - The R/C WILL protest this year





R/C Notice to Sailors:

- Play nice with the fisherpeople
- There will be tournaments on these Tuesdays:
 - June 8
 - June 29
 - July 13
- Give them a wide berth
- R/C will do their best to keep our race area away from fishing areas, but you should be good stewards of the water.



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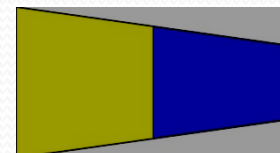
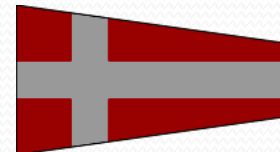
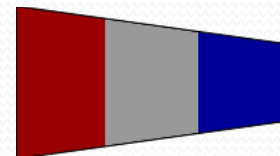
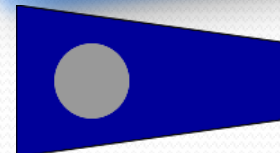
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Division Splits

• Division 1 - Race

• Awesome	J/30	139
• Bebop	S2 7.9	168
• Endeavour	S2 7.9	168
• Ragtime	S2 7.9	168
• Ragtime	S2 7.9	168
• Blew Bayou	Merit 25	168
• Yellow Jacket	S2 7.9	168

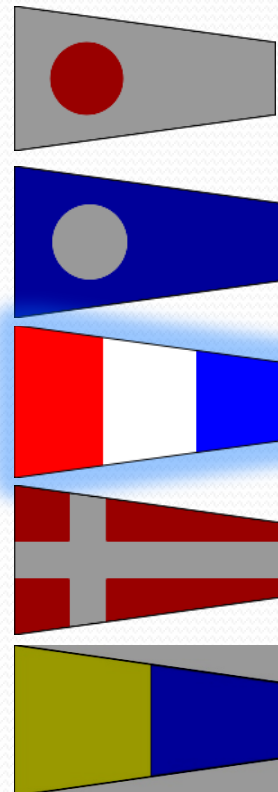




Division Splits

- Division 3 - Race

• Sniper	PR 22	174
• Nemo	J/22	183
• Wind Dancer	J/22	183
• Fillmore	J/22	183
• Kindred Spirit	S2 8.6	224



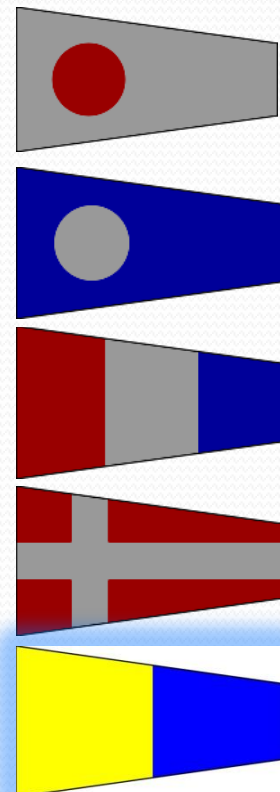


Division Splits

- Division 5 – Casual Race

• Luna	J/22	183
• Ripple	S2 27	190
• Wind Hunter	Hunter 18	207
• Contessa	Ranger 23	222
• Wild Blue	C&C 24	226

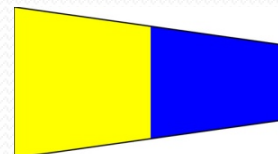
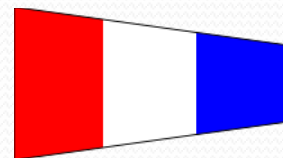
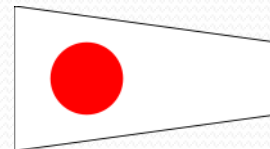
Division 5 competitors have option to start with their appropriate race fleet, but must choose at their first beer can and remain in that fleet for the entire beer can series. Competitors may also choose a fleet for each individual weekend non-yoy race. In all cases, announce your intentions to the committee boat prior to your start.





Start Sequences

- Yacht of the Year – Evenings
 - First Start: Division 1 – Long Course (typically)
 - Second Start: Division 3 – Short Course (typically)
- Yacht of the Year – Weekends
 - First Start: Division 3
 - Second Start: Division 1
 - All sail one course

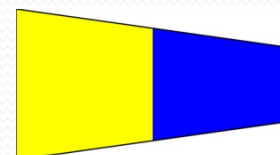
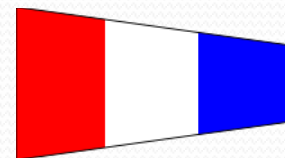
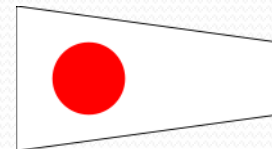


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See the SI's for more details.



Start Sequences

- Beercans
 - First Start: Division 5
 - Second Start: Divisions 1 & 3
 - 3 & 5 sail short course, 1 sails long course
- Other events have their own sequences.



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Start Sequences

- First warning is at 6:30pm for evening races, 11am for weekend races
 - This will be strictly followed
 - Late boats must start w/in 10 minutes of their starting signal or be scored DNS.



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Events

- SCSC has 3 types of events:
 - Yacht of the Year (YOY) races
Tuesdays, Breaking Waves, Carlson Classic, Autumnal Equinox
Marked “(YOY)” on calendar
 - Casual Races (aka non-YOY)
Friday Beercans, Dave O’Donnell Regatta, Pursuit Races, Frostbite Regatta,
Commodores Cup
 - Cruises

More details on the Membership Application page

<https://stcroixsailing.com/category/membership/membership-application/>



US Sailing

- We race under the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

Get it here: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2021-2024/>

- Cell phone app
 - Paper books
 - Stickers and other guides
- New to racing? You might want to get Dave Perry's books.
- Discounted pricing if you are a US Sailing member.



RRS Basics

- Part 1 – Fundamental Rules
 - Safety
 - Fair Sailing
 - Decision to Race
 - Acceptance of the Rules



RRS Basics

- Part 2 – When Boats Meet
 - All racers are expected to know and understand these rules.
 - There are many guides to help you understand these rules
 - <https://www.uksailmakers.com/rules-quiz>
 - <https://www.northsails.com/sailing/en/2021/02/basic-sailing-racing-rules-explained>
 - Google “Racing Rules of Sailing Guide”



RRS Basics

- Part 3 – Conduct of a Race
 - Starting
 - Sailing
 - Recalls
 - Penalties
 - Shortening/Changing the race



RRS Basics

- Part 4 – Other Requirements when Racing
 - PFD's
 - Outside Help
 - Propulsion
 - Exoneration
 - Penalties (doing turns)
 - We use Appendix V – one tack & one gybe, unless in the *ZONE* around a mark – then, two of each. Also, see RRS 44.2 for an explanation.



RRS Basics

- Also see the DEFINITIONS section (page 3)
 - Any words in RRS in *italics* are definitions.
- Also see the RACE SIGNALS section (last page fold-out)
 - Stickers will be available from US Sailing.
- Other rules can and will come into play, but the previous slides cover most situations on the race course.
- Overwhelmed? Don't be – it takes time to learn, and everyone knows that. Our Beercan races are friendly events.



SI & NOR Page

- We also race under our own rules – the Notice of Race (NOR), and the Sailing Instructions (SI's).
<https://stcroixsailing.com/category/racing/sailing-instructions/>
- Each type of event has its own NOR and SI.
 - Yacht of the Year Series
 - Beercan Series
 - Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta
 - Pursuit Races
 - Commodores Cup
 - Frostbite Regatta
 - Fall Regatta



The Start

- With Flags

(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.



The Start

- Lighted Start Sequence

(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.



The Start



Lighted Start Sequence (Single Sequence)

RRS26 4-Minute

Attention Signal

R/C On Station, 5-honks

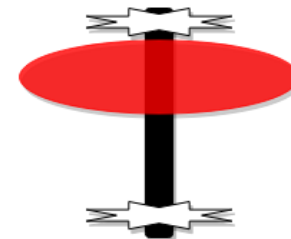
Two small blinking white lights
(optional)

Class Flags for the start



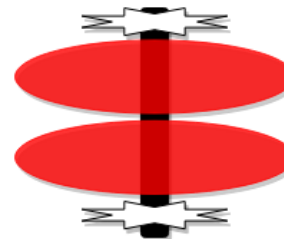
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Light #1 ON



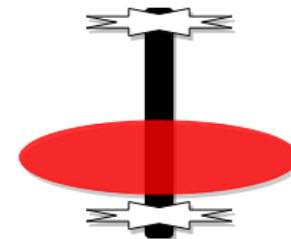
03:00 Preparatory Signal

Light #2 ON



01:00 One-Minute Signal

Light #1 OFF



00:00 Start Signal

Light #2 OFF

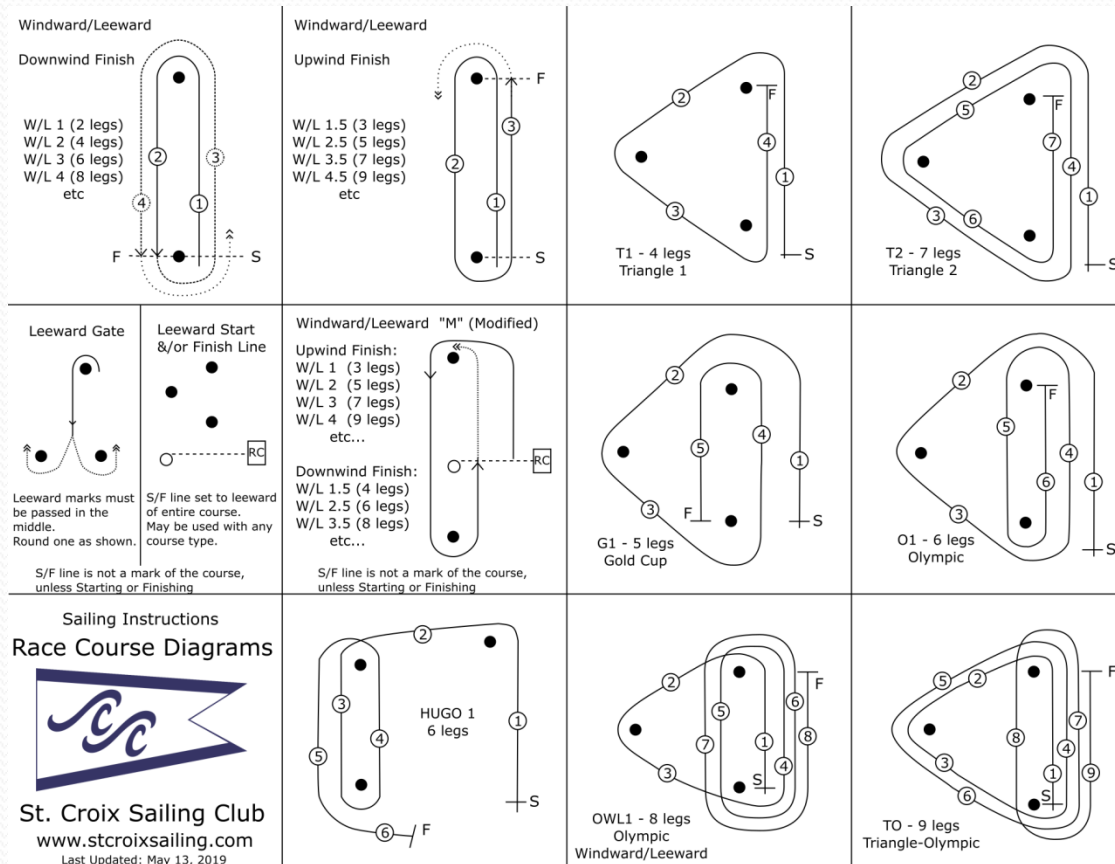
Class flag removed prior to next
Preparatory signal





Race Courses

- “Race Course Diagrams” document on SI page.





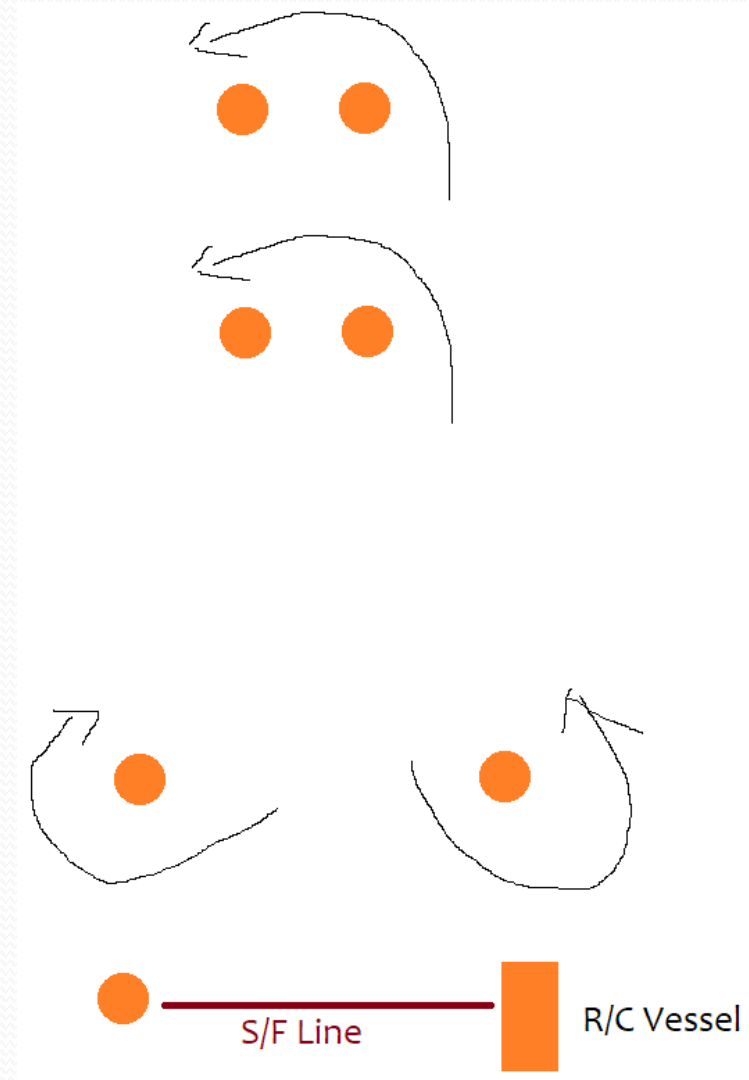
Race Courses

- Courses are displayed on a board on the back of the Committee Boat. See “Course Board Examples” document on website.
- Note that we overlap courses – know your division and know which windward mark to look for!



Race Courses

- 2 marks to Windward = Offset
You must round BOTH to port.
Standard practice for W/L courses.
- 2 marks to Leeward = GATE
Round one of the marks, go
through the middle.
Used occasionally.





SI & NOR Page

- Protest Forms
- Time allowance calculator
- Emergency Action Card

Keep on board your boat

See R/C for laminated copies



Thanks for coming!

Any questions?

Slideshow, SI's, and other documents will be posted to the website soon.