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Club Overview



SCSC Committees

- Organizing Committee
 - Bob Barbian (Chair)
 - Luke MacMenamin-Ratings Chair
 - Division 1
 - Division 3
 - Division 5
- Ratings Committee
 - Luke MacMenamin (Chair)
- Protest Committee
 - Steve Nelson (Chair)
We need volunteers to serve on Protest 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.

- Beercan Hosts <https://stcroixsailing.com/category/racing/beercans/>
- 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.



Learn To Crew

Learn how to be a part of a racing crew!

<https://stcroixsailing.com/category/education/>

- The St. Croix Sailing Club is offering a class this spring in the basics of sailing and crewing on a variety of racing sailboats.
- This class is for you if you have had some boating experience and are interested in learning about sailboat racing.



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Drum Roll Please....



New Committee Boat!

- “Hurricane”
- ProLine 210
Center Console
- 2005 Vintage &
gently used
- 150hp
outboard
- Ample working
room
- Designed for
heavy seas!





New Committee Boat!

- Please be patient as the Race Committee tailors their gear and procedures to the new boat.
- Anticipated changes will be highlighted in the following slides.
- Don't hit the new boat!



Thank you Volunteers and Donors!

Bob, Ken, Rick, Mike, Luke, John, Dan, Steve, Lori, Louis, and all board members over the past FOUR YEARS!

Anonymous Donor 1, Anonymous Donor 2, Brad, Christopher, Craig, Dean, Dennis, Diane, Fred, Harvey, Hugh & Kathleen, Jacob and Nicole, Jeff, Jenny, Jerry, John, John, Joshua, Justin, Katie, Kerry, Kevin, Kyle, Larry, Lori, Luke, Luna and Ragtime, Matt, Mike & Selene, Mike, Nate, Neil and Beth, Oral Surgery Center, Patrick, Reardon Dentistry, Rick, Robert, Russ, Russell, Sanjeeva, Scott, Sharon, Steve and Christy, Steve, Susan, Thomas, Thomas, Tor, Tracee, Tyler



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Basic Rules and Procedures



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
Friday Beercans, Dave O’Donnell Regatta, Pursuit Races, Frostbite Regatta, Commodores Cup
 - Cruises
Fun, Family, Food, Exotic destinations on the St. Croix!
Invite Non-Members to attend (and bring their own boats)!!!

More details on the Membership Application page

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



SI & NOR Page

- We race under our 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



Racing Rules of Sailing

- We also race under the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the US Sailing Prescriptions.
- Printed & Digital Versions:
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2021-2024/>
- Free Digital versions can be found here:
 - World Sailing: <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racing-rules-of-sailing/>
 - US Sailing Prescriptions: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2021-2024/>



The Start

- With Flags

This will be used!
Listen for VHF announcements

(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.

Pending Installation
on new boat



The Start



Lighted Start Sequence (Single Sequence)

RRS26 4-Minute

Attention Signal

R/C On Station, 5-honks

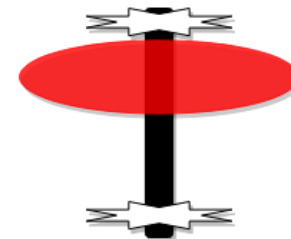
Two small blinking white lights
(optional)

Class Flags for the start



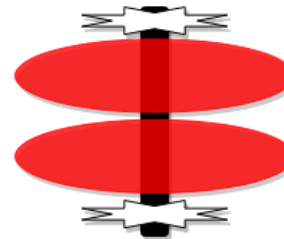
04:00 Warning Signal

Light #1 ON



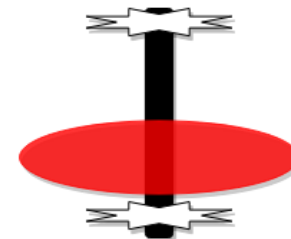
03:00 Preparatory Signal

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

VHF Hails are the PRIMARY
this year.
Visual signals will be provided
on request.

- ~~• Courses are displayed on a board on the back of the Committee Boat. See “Course Board Examples” document on website.~~
- 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.

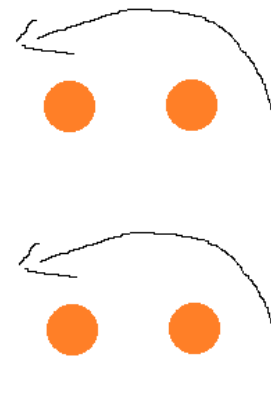
Standard practice for W/L courses.

2-3 boat lengths apart

- 2 marks to Leeward = GATE
Round one of the marks, go
through the middle.

Used occasionally.

8-10 boat lengths apart.





SI & NOR Page

- <https://stcroixsailing.com/category/racing/sailing-instructions/>
- Protest Forms
- Time allowance calculator
- Emergency Action Card
 - Keep on board your boat
 - See R/C for laminated copies



Rules or Procedural Questions?

- Feel free to reach out to the Race Committee or other sailors at any time.

The rules can be daunting, and we're here to help you understand them.

<https://stcroixsailing.com/contact-us/>

- Or, ask our guest speaker following this presentation!



No Wake

- The river becomes “No-Wake” (5 mph max speed) when the river is above 683’ as shown on this page:

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=mpx&gage=stlm5>



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Notice of Race (NOR) and
Sailing Instruction (SI) Changes



NOR – Boat Configuration

- Notices of Race:
 - Yacht of the Year Series
 - Beercan Series
 - Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta
 - Pursuit Races
 - Commodores Cup
 - Frostbite Regatta
 - Fall Regatta
- Boats may change their configuration for each NOR!
 - Remain in that configuration for the duration of events in that NOR.
 - Declare configuration to the R/C prior to the start.
 - For changes other than Spin/NS, ensure your handicap has been determined prior to racing (1-week minimum)
(ie: headsail changes)

Youth and Women's Skipper

- Saturday, August 19th
Starting at 1pm
- 2 races – Women's Skipper first, Youth Skipper Second
- Award Ceremony on The Point at SCMC
(1-hr after last boat finishes)
Trophies will be awarded
- The Youth or Woman must be at the helm for the duration of the race. (that's our definition of "skipper")

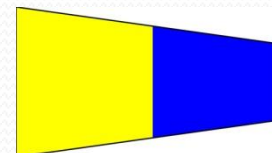
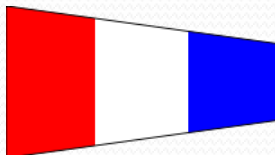
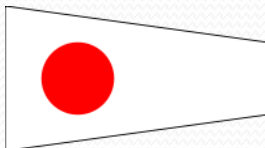
Handouts

- New Race Course Diagram Laminated Prints:
 - Pick up tonight
 - Also available at races (ask Race Committee for one)
- Emergency Card
 - All boats need one on board.
 - New boats can pick them up tonight.
- Protest Forms
 - R/C has them on board at the Finish Line.



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
- Give them a wide berth
- R/C will do their best to keep our race area away from fishing areas, but you should be courteous to other boaters, regardless of propulsion type.
- They will be out on: 5/23, 6/6, 6/20, 7/11, 7/25, (8/1)
- Bring your “A” game on these nights – courses will be short, with lots of laps!
(assuming Easterly or Westerly winds)



R/C Cancellations:

- Cancellations 2hrs+ ahead of races will be sent via email and posted to:
Race Committee Notices (page on website)
<https://stcroixsailing.com/category/racing/rcnotices/>
- Cancellations/Postponements while R/C is at the dock will be posted on the Race Committee Notices page and announced over VHF.
- Cancellations/Postponements while on the Race Course will be announced via Flags and VHF.

VHF Radios

- Use of VHF Radios is strongly encouraged this year
- Primarily prior to racing – for courses, sequences, and other instructions
- VHF Channel 72
- R/C starts broadcasting 30 minutes prior to racing, and repeats every 5-10 minutes



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Division Splits

Start Sequences

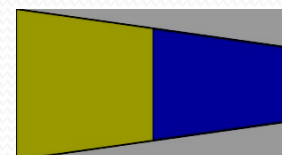
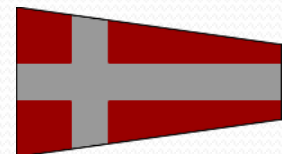
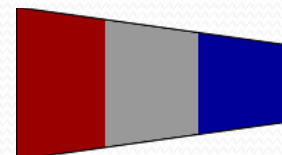
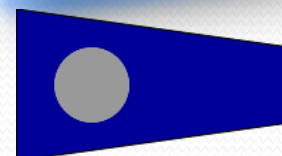
Upcoming Events



Division Splits

- Division 1 – Race (Low PHRF)

Race	1	Captive Heart	J27	41474	Louis & Laramie Leraistre	126	OB, 155%, R
Race	1	Awesome	J30	243	Daniel Prochaska	139	ODR, 163%, IB, R
Race	1	Ten-Seven	J30	291	Mark Hazlett	141	IB, 155%, R
Race	1	Unplugged	Tartan 31 Piper	50241	Bradley & Amy Lahr	156	IB, SK, R
Race	1	Blew Bayou	Merit 25	517	Rick Hughes	168	OB, 155%, R
Race	1	Hairy Bear	C&C 29 MK1	26006	Ken & Dee DeeTennant	174	IB, 155%, R
Race	1	Fillmore	J22	1574	Luke MacMenamin	183	100%, R
Race	1	Luna	J22	517	Lynn Gallandat	183	100%, R

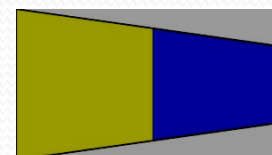
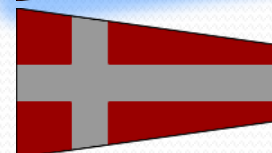
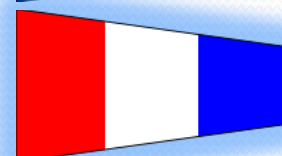
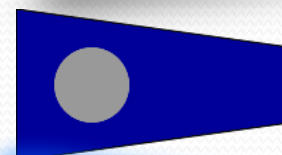
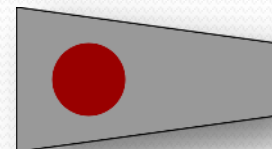




Division Splits

- Division 3 – Race (High PHRF)

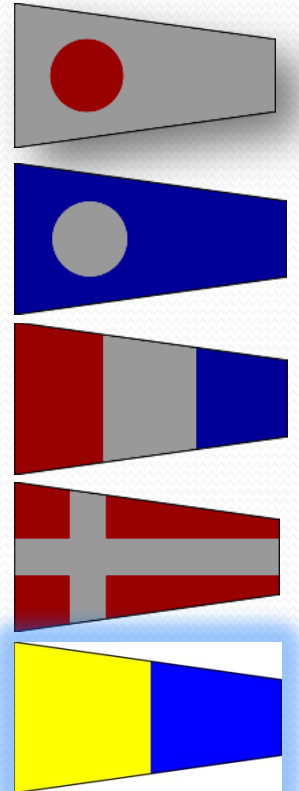
Race	3	Bebop	S2 7.9	357	Dennis Wenker	180	155%, OB, NS, R
Casual Race	3	Ripple	S2 27	27039	Laura Fairweather/Lori Bergmark	186	OB, 150%, CR
Race	3	Don't Panic	Flying Scot	470	Alex Marshall	204	100%, OB, R
Race	3	Harmony	Hunter 27	H27	John Henly/Ann Madsen	207	OB, TM, 155%, R
Race	3	Kindred Spirit	S2 8.6		Kyle & Chelsea Griffin	213	IB, 155%, FP, NS, R
Casual Race	3	Wild Blue	C&C 24	16895	Dean Grau & Kerry Scott	226	165%, CR
Race	3	Altair	Hunter 25.5		Robert Barbian	234	IB, FP, 155%, NS, R





Division Splits

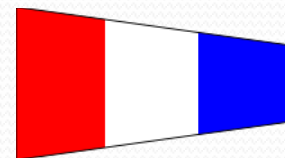
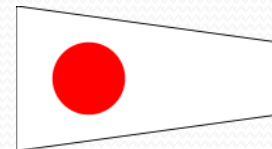
- Division 5
 - No Boats Yet! Please register soon!





Start Sequences

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

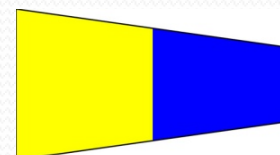
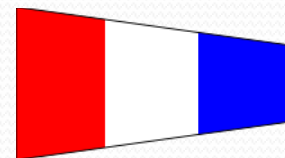
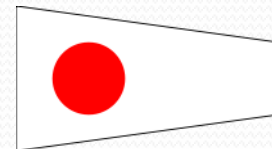


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See the SI's for more details.



Start Sequences

- Beercans
 - First Start: Division 5
 - Second Start: Divisions 1 & 3
 - 3 & 5 sail short course, 1 sail 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.

Upcoming Events

- River at No-Wake
 - Breaking Waves will be postponed to 6/17
 - Spring 1 will (probably) be postponed to 6/22
- Slow Marina Launch
 - Not a factor, considering high water will postpone for another week.
- First race will likely be the Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta on May 27th (followed by the Spring Picnic).

Registration & Other things

- Memberships may be purchased on the website
- We're moving to an all online system for payments.
- CC "at the door" may be available for some events.



Thanks for coming!

Any questions?

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



Guest Speaker

Tim Carlson

from UK Halsey

Racing Rules of Sailing