



# St. Croix Sailing Club 2024 Skippers Meeting



# 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, and 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/>



# 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



# Race Courses

## Complex example

- 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.





# Rules or Procedural Questions?

- Feel free to reach out to the Race Committee or other sailors at any time (while not racing).

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

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



# 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>
- Races will not be conducted when entire river is at No-Wake.





# Regatta Committees

- Organizing Committee

- Regatta Chair
- Ratings Chair
- Protest Committee Chair
- Division 1
- Division 3
- Division 5

- Regatta Chair

- Seth Samson

- 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. Your help is appreciated!

- Beercan Hosts <https://stcroixsailing.com/category/racing/beercans/>
- Fall Regatta Volunteers
- Board Members
- ASA–101 Instructors (paid position)
  
- 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
  - 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, 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.



# ASA-101

Adult Keelboat Certification

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

- The St. Croix Sailing Club is partnering with the Saint Croix Sailing School to offer this popular class.
- This class is for you if you have little or no sailing experience and would like to learn how to SKIPPER a sailboat.
- Instructors wanted! Get paid to teach sailing!  
This class is in high demand – is it a sign that sailing is growing?



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



# The Start

- **New: Standard RRS 26 5-Minute Sequence**

## 26 STARTING RACES

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>
5*	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	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

\*or as stated in the notice of race or sailing instructions

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

# VHF's are Required

- NOR: *“On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72, except when changed by the SI's or the official notice board. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).”*
- If yours is on the fritz, it's up to you to contact the R/C for guidance prior to your Preparatory Flag.



# VHF Announcements

- Prior to racing: Courses, Sequences, and other details
- During races: Course changes
- VHF Channel 72
- R/C starts broadcasting 30 minutes prior to racing, and repeats every 5-10 minutes

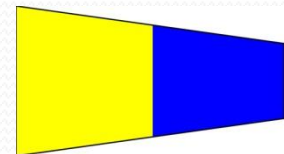
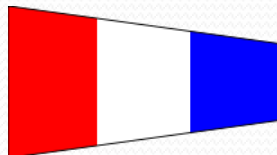
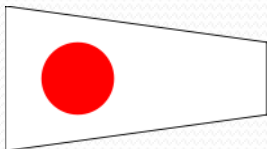
# Handouts

- Race Course Diagram Laminated Prints: (5/14/2022)
  - 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





# 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: 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/09, & 7/23
- 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.



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Handicaps

Division Splits

Start Sequences

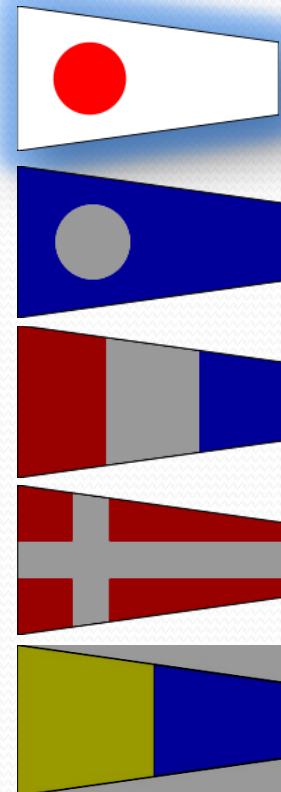
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# Division Splits

- Division 1 – Race

- Sir Passer J/27 120\*
  - Captive Heart J/27 126
  - Awesome J/30 127\*
  - Ten Seven J/30 136
  - Fillmore J/22 177
  - Luna J/22 177
- \* = Provisional Handicap

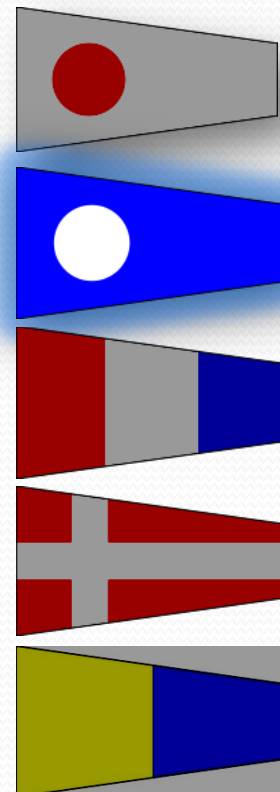




# Division Splits

- Division 2 – Race

- Unplugged Tartan 31 156
  - Cubby Bear S2 7.9 165
  - Bebop S2 7.9 165
  - Hobbes Santana 23 168\*
  - Blew Bayou Merit 25 171
- \* = Provisional Handicap







# Division Splits

- Division 3 – Race

- (Osprey)

Mirage 27 192\*

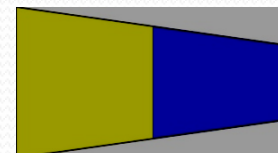
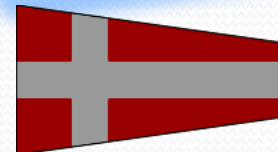
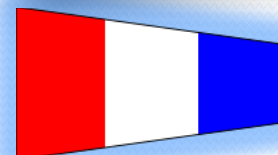
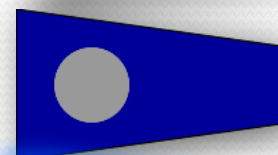
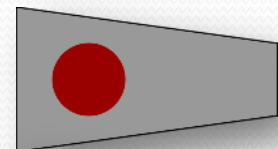
- Kindred Spirit

S2 8.6 213\*

- Harmony

Hunter 27 214

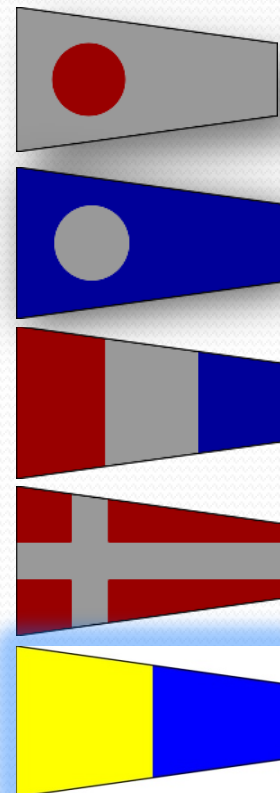
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# Division Splits

- Division 5 – Casual Race
  - Wind Hunter Hunter 18 201
  - Fast Lane Paceship 26 206
  - Wild Blue C&C 24 231
- \* = Provisional Handicap



# MWPHRF Handicaps

- Some boats are awaiting Midwest PHRFs
- Once received, the Ratings Committee may rescore prior races (IE: YOY and Beercan Series)
- Regattas from NOR's that have been awarded will not be rescored



# NOR – Boat Configuration

- Notices of Race:
  - Yacht of the Year Series
  - Beercan Series
  - Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta
  - Pursuit Races
  - Youth Skipper
  - Women's Skipper
  - 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 Prep Flag.

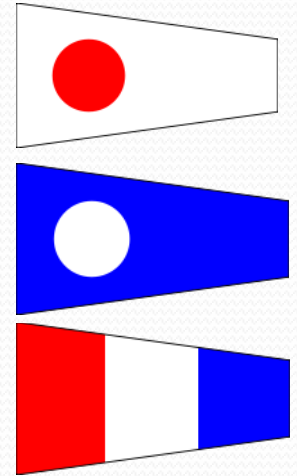
# NOR – Boat Configuration

- Competitors List:
- <https://stcroixsailing.com/category/racing/ratings-and-divisions/>
- Valid Boat Configurations are noted in the “Notes” column.



# Start Sequences

- Yacht of the Year – Evenings
  - 1 or 2 starts
  - First Start: Division 2 & 3
  - Second Start: Division 1
  - 3 sails Short Course, 1 & 2 sail Long Course
- Yacht of the Year – Weekends
  - First Start: Division 2 & 3
  - Second Start: Division 1
  - All sail one course

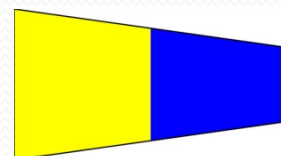
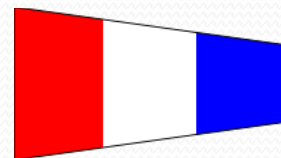
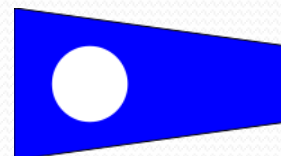
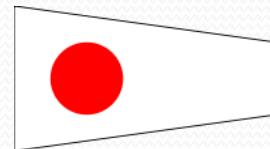


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See the SI's for more details.



# Start Sequences

- Beercans
  - First Start: Division 3 & 5
  - Second Start: Divisions 1 & 2
  - 3 & 5 sail short course, 1 & 2 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 shall start w/in 10 minutes of their starting signal or be scored DNS. (SI 10.5)





# Upcoming Events



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- Breaking Waves (YOY)
  - This Saturday
  - R/C will try for LONG courses
  - Casual Racers welcomed, but be courteous to the racers.
- Spring #1 on Tuesday (YOY)
- Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta (All Boats)
  - Next Saturday
  - Picnic on the Point following racing
  - SCSC will provide the main course, guests asked to provide sides



# Thanks for coming!

Any questions?

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