



St. Croix Sailing Club 2025 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
 - Youth and Women Skipper Races
 - Pursuit Races
 - Commodores Cup
 - Frostbite Regatta
 - Fall Regatta



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



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-2025-2028/>
- Free versions also available from page above:
 - World Sailing: see “THE RACING RULES OF SAILING 2025-2028 (World Sailing Version)”
 - US Sailing Prescriptions: see “READ THE PRESCRIPTIONS”



Racing Rules of Sailing

- New RRS Version This Year!
 - Lots of changes
- See Dave Perry's "Overview of changes" on the link in the previous slide.



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.



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 <https://stcroixsailing.com/2025-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!



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Important Reminders



The Start

- 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.
- Important for: Course Changes (moved/changed mark)

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: (ver 5/14/2022)
 - Pick up tonight
 - Also available at races (ask R/C)
- 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.



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

New for 2025

- Slightly Longer YOY Courses
 - Targeting first boat finish: 01:00:00 to 01:15:00
- “Finishing Window”
 - Def: Time from First to finish to Last to finish.
 - Changes from 45 minutes to 30 minutes.
 - Anyone finishing more than 30 minutes *after* the first boat to finish shall be scored DNF.

New for 2025

- ARBITRATION is now permitted
 - See RRS Appendix T
- A potentially easier solution to simple/standard protests.
- Judges/Arbiters needed: If you know the RRS inside and out, please speak to a board member.

New for 2025

Commodore's Cup

- **11.1 (a)** *The rules of RRS 42 (Propulsion) are waived while transiting the no-wake zones at Afton and Kinnickinnic. This changes RRS 42.*
- **11.2** *Boats in motion shall not pass each other in the no-wake zones.*

Replaces:

Boats are required to exit the no-wake areas in the same order they entered into the no-wake area.

New for 2025

Commodore's Cup

- **11.7** *Towing of competitors within no-wake zones is permitted. The towed vessel shall take a 20-minute scoring penalty for each tow. The vessel shall report the number of tows to the race committee at or prior to her finish.*

New for 2025

Commodore's Cup

- **11.3** *The maximum time deduction for passages:*

Afton: 10 Minutes (-5min)

Kinnickinnic: 20 Minutes (+5min)

New for 2025

Commodore's Cup

- **11.4** *Time deductions shall be reported individually for each zone to the Race Committee at or prior to her finish.*

Important: “individually for each zone”

- **Previously:** *Should a boat not report the time it spent in no-wake areas within the time limit specified, no time shall be deducted from this boat's finishing time.*

New for 2025

Race Marks

- RED Marks – primary course marks (as before)
- YELLOW Mark
 - When START/FINISH ONLY mark:
mid-course S/F, or
Leeward S/F
 - or possibly Change Mark

New for 2025

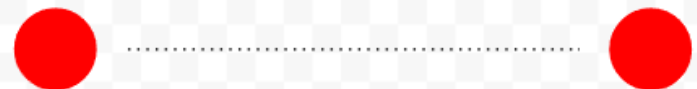
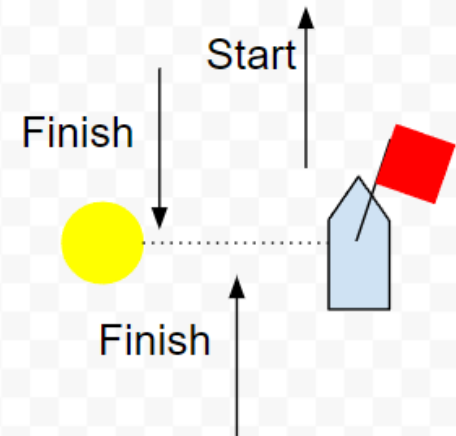
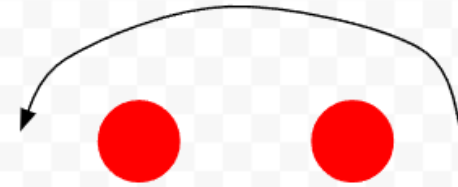
Race Marks



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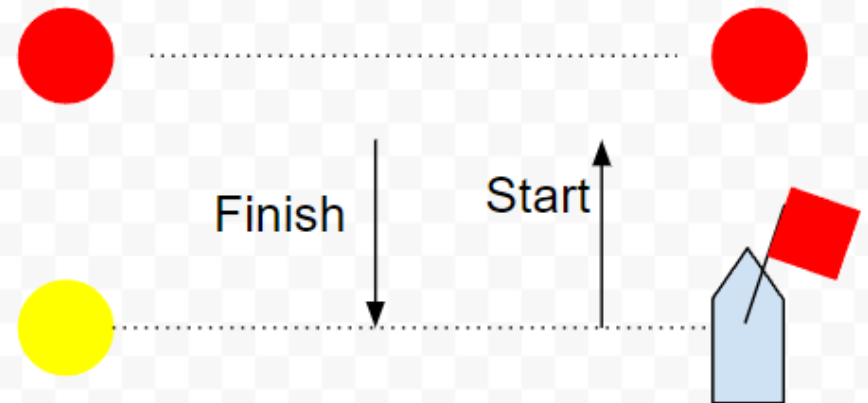
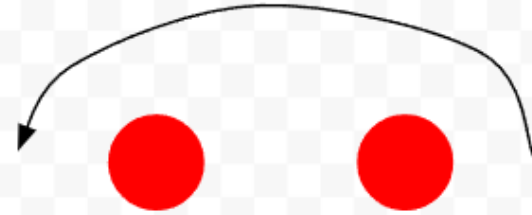
Race Marks

W/L 2,3,4,5 m



New for Race M

W/L 2,3,4,5





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.

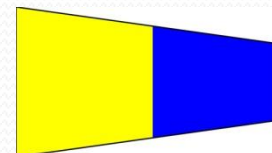
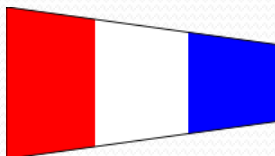
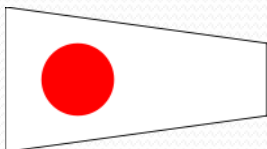
Used occasionally.
8-10 boat lengths apart.





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
- A Sailboat OVERTAKING a power boat must give way.
- 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 several Tuesdays this year.
- Bring your “A” game on these nights – courses may 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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Division Splits

Start Sequences

Upcoming Events

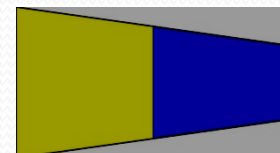
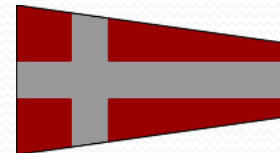
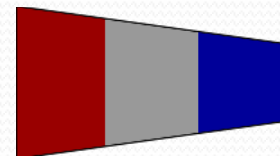
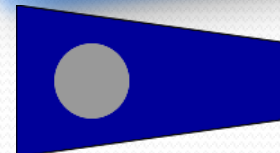
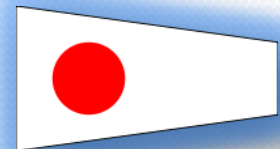


Division Splits

- Division 1

• Sir Passer_	J/27	120*
• Awesome	J/30	135
• Unplugged	Tartan 31 P	159
• Cubby Bear	S2 7.9	165
• Blew Bayou	Merit 25	171
• Fillmore	J/22	177
• Luna	J/22	177

- * = Provisional Handicap
- _ = Casual race



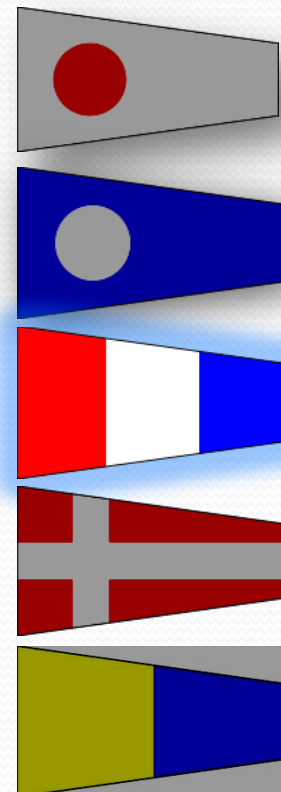


Division Splits

- Division 3

• Ripple_	S2 27	180
• Aurelia Lee	S2 6.9	199
• Fast Lane_	Paceship 26	206
• Intrepid_	S2 6.9	207
• Harmony	Hunter 27	211
• Kindred Spirit	S2 8.6	216
• Osprey	Mirage 27	219/231*
• Wild Blue_	C&C 24	231

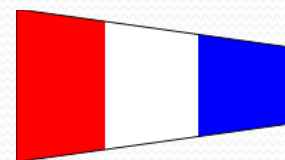
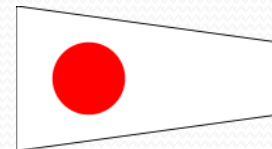
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Start Sequences

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



All of the above is typical, but may be changed by the R/C.
See the SI's for more details.



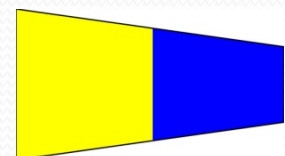
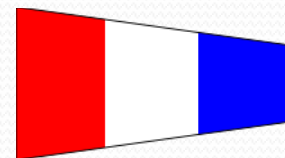
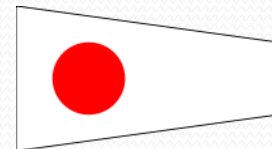
Start Sequences

- Beercans

- First Start: Division 3 & 5
- Second Start: Division 1
- 3 & 5 sail short course, 1 sails long course

- Other events have their own sequences.

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See the SI's for more details.





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)



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.



Upcoming Events

- Breaking Waves (YOY)
 - This Saturday
 - R/C will try for LONG courses
- 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
 - It's an "Open" event – so anyone (including non-members) may attend.



Thanks for coming!

Any questions?

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

A presentation by Tim Tyre is next!