



St. Croix Sailing Club 2026 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
Beercan Series, Dave O’Donnell Regatta, Pursuit Races, Frostbite Regatta, Commodores Cup, Labor Day Crew Swap, Youth Skipper, Women Skipper
 - OPEN Races: DOMR, Labor Day Regatta (classic version)
 - 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”



SCSC Needs Your Help!

Our club is run entirely by volunteers.
Your help is appreciated!

- Beercan Hosts <https://stcroixsailing.com/category/racing/beercans/>
- Fall Regatta Volunteers
- Board Members <https://stcroixsailing.com/2026-board-members/>
 - Marketing Chairperson Needed!
- 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

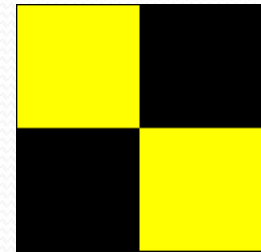
The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

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 61.4(b)(1).”*
- If yours is on the fritz, it's up to you to watch the Flags and Course board.
- Important for:
 - Course Changes (moved/changed mark)
 - OCS

VHF Announcements

- Prior to racing: Courses, Sequences, and other details
- During races: Course changes
- VHF Channel 72 (default)
- If VHF 72 is unusable, “L” flag will be flown.
(Boats should come within hail of R/C)
- R/C starts broadcasting 30 minutes prior to racing, and repeats every 5-10 minutes





No Wake

- The river becomes “No-Wake” (5 mph max speed) when the river is above 683’ as shown on this page:
<https://water.noaa.gov/gauges/stlm5>
- Races will not be conducted when river is at No-Wake.



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

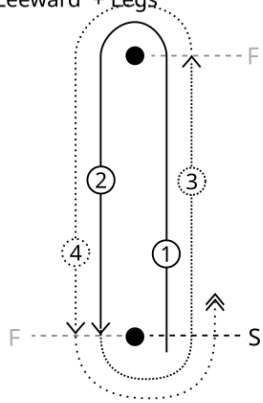
New for 2026

- Consolidated SI's and NOR's
 - All "Casual Races" into one set of NOR and SI documents.
- Several clarifications in SI's and NOR's which reflect our regular operations.
- New Race Course Diagram:

WL

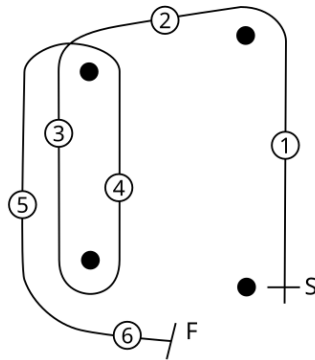
Windward/Leeward + Legs

- WL 2
- WL 3
- WL 4
- WL 5
- etc...



H6

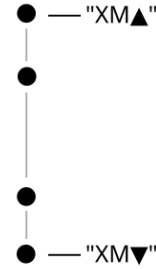
HUGO
6 Legs



XM

Extra Mark + Direction

- ▲ = Windward
- ▼ = Leeward

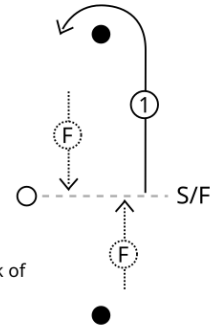


Division must sail to the farthest mark
Generally for Low-PHRF Fleets

m

Modified (Mid-Course) S/F Line

- WL m 3
- WL m 4
- T m 4
- T m 7
- TWL m 5
- TWL m 6
- etc...



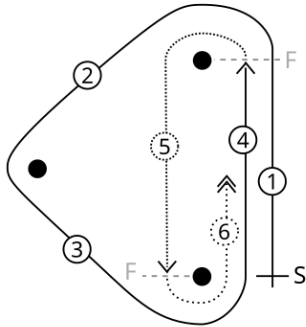
S/F line is not a mark of the course,
unless Starting or Finishing

S/F Gate is "Open", unless otherwise directed

TWL

Triangle-Windward/Leeward + Legs

- TWL 4
- TWL 5
- TWL 6
- TWL 7
- TWL 8
- etc...

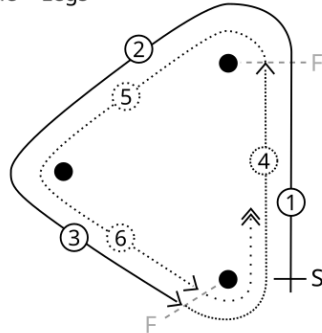


First Leeward to Reach Mark,
then W/L

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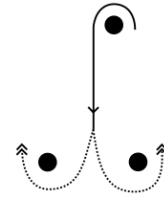
Triangle + Legs

- T 3
- T 4
- T 6
- T 7
- T 9
- T 10
- etc...



All Leeward Legs go to Reach Mark

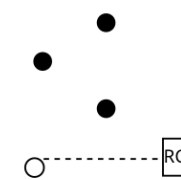
Leeward Gate



Leeward marks must be passed through the middle.
Round one as shown.

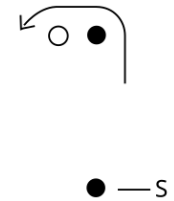
These are not a mark of the course
unless required on your current leg

Leeward Start
&/or Finish Line



S/F line set to leeward of
entire course.
May be used with any
course type.

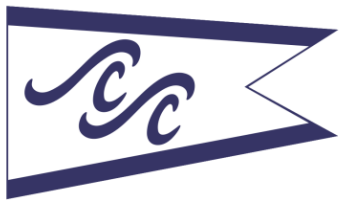
Windward Offset



Round both windward marks if two are present.
Marks are typically 3 boat lengths apart.

Race Course Diagrams

Sailing Instructions
Appendix A



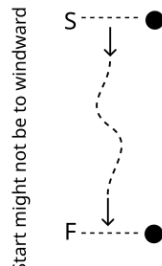
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X

Distance Race
+ Legs

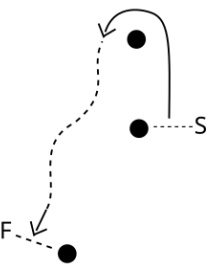


Start might not be to windward

Used for long-distance racing.
See SI's for course specifics.

WX

Windward Start, then
Distance Race + Legs



NOTES:

2 Marks to Windward (3-6 boatlengths):
Always an OFFSET

2 Marks to Leeward (8-10 boatlengths):
Always a GATE

Port Roundings Only (except Gate)

Handouts

- Race Course Diagram Laminated Prints: (New This Year)
 - Pick up tonight (2 per boat)
 - Also available at races (ask R/C)
 - Previous cards (dated 05/14/2022) are still valid
- Emergency Card (Same as previous years)
 - 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.
- New Race or Casual Race Boats: Burgee

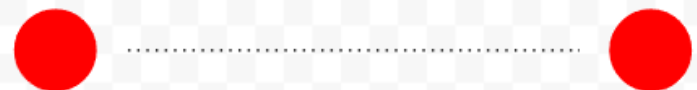
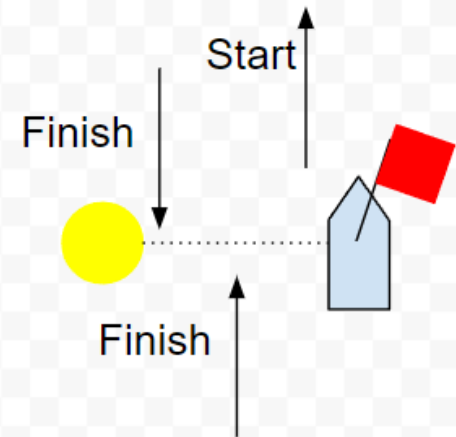
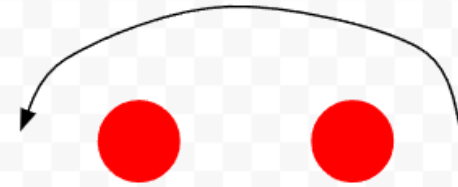
Race Marks



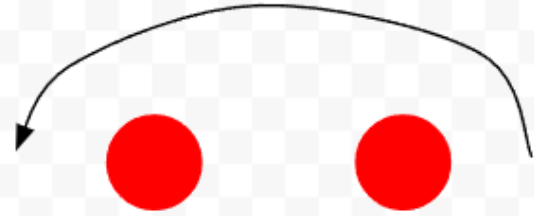
Race Marks

Yellow Start/Finish mark may be used only if S/F mark is not a rounding mark.

W/L 2,3,4,5 m

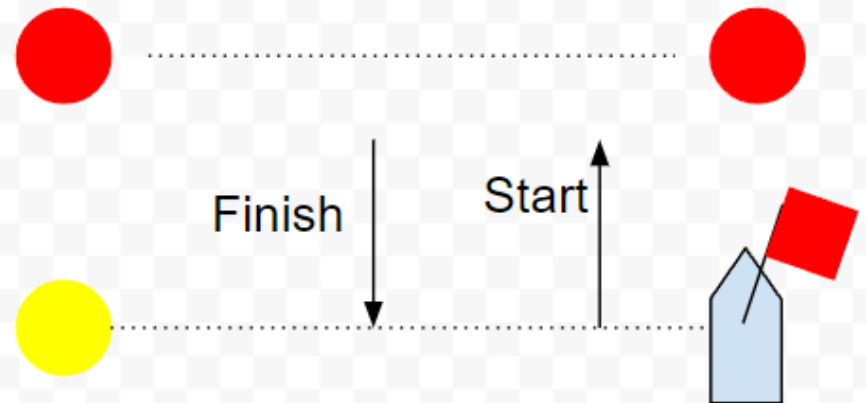


W/L 2,3,4,5



Leeward Gate

Leeward Start/Finish Line

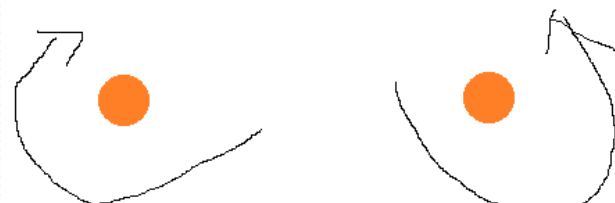




Race Courses

Complex example

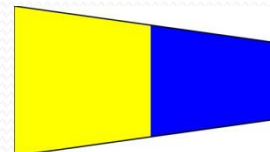
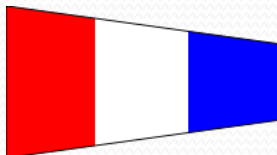
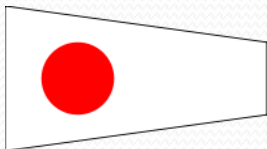
- 2 marks to Windward = Offset
You must round BOTH to port.
Standard practice for W/L courses.
2-3 boat lengths apart
- 2 marks to Leeward = GATE
Round one of the marks, go
through the middle.
Used occasionally.
8-10 boat lengths apart.





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

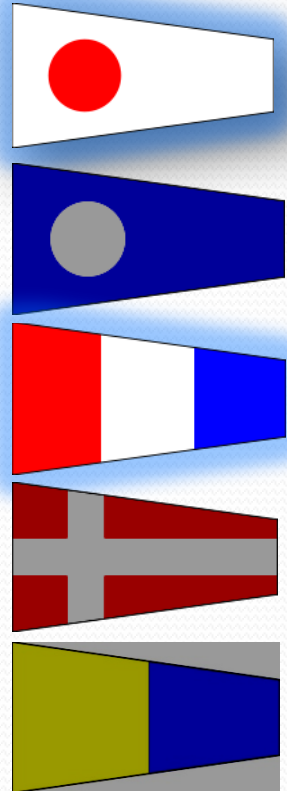
Start Sequences

Upcoming Events



Division Splits

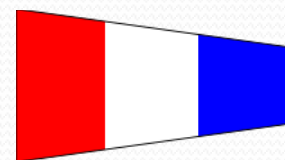
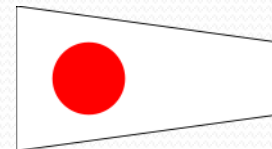
- <https://docs.stcroixsailing.org/results/2026/CompetitorsList2026.htm>





Start Sequences

- Yacht of the Year – Evenings
 - 1 or 2 starts
 - First Start: Division 3
 - Second Start: Division 1
 - 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

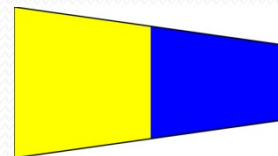
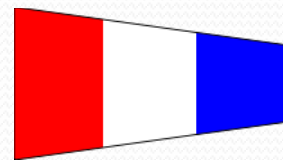
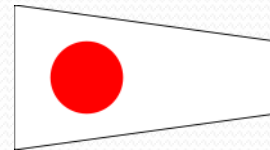


All of the above is typical, but may be changed by the R/C.
See the SI's for more details.



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)

*Except Youth and Women Skipper: 1300hrs



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
- Labor Day Crew Swap
- Commodores Cup
- Frostbite 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 your Prep Flag.
- Even though Casual Race NOR's are combined into one document, they are still separate NOR's/Series



Upcoming Events

- Breaking Waves (YOY)
 - This Saturday
 - R/C will try for LONG courses (2 or 3 races, likely)
- Spring #1 on Tuesday (YOY)
- Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta (All Boats)
 - Next Saturday
 - Picnic on the Point following racing
 - Info to come
 - 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.