

Saint Croix Sailing Club



Primary Changes to the Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for 2021

This document is subject to change at any time - particularly after the Organizing Committee Meeting in May.

This document highlights the major changes to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the 2021 season. A detailed list of all changes is available in the documents themselves.

1. It's important to note that many rules once in the SIs have been moved to the NOR. World Sailing has done this because the NOR is designed to be the contract when registering (and paying) to race. The NOR lays out the event and everything pertinent to competitors. The SI now only contains details about the day of the event.
2. The YOY SIs will no longer contain Commodore's Cup and Beercan details. Those events will be broken out into separate documents.
3. NOR no longer states dates (of skippers meetings and events). It now refers to the calendar on the website instead.
4. INSURANCE: All boats are required to have at least \$300,000 of liability insurance.
5. YOY Events: All events (including weekend regattas) now require a minimum of one race, and a maximum at the discretion of the race committee. This has been done on Tuesday races for two years and is now extended to weekend regattas.
The reason is that it is more fair to hold at least three races, whenever possible, when awarding traveling trophies. Weekend events are expected to wrap up at or around 16:00 hrs.
6. VHF radios are still optional, but highly encouraged. The Race Committee will announce over-earlies and course changes over VHF. Failure to hear those calls shall not be grounds for redress.
7. All competitors must have on board a copy of the RRS + prescriptions, as well as the NOR and SI's for the event. Access to them via smartphone is sufficient.
8. PROTESTS: It's no longer necessary to announce your intention to protest to the Race Committee at the finish line. Keep in mind that the default protest time limit is 2 hrs. If you need more time to file your protest, contact the Race Committee.

Notes for future planning: We do not do a good job explaining the details of the handicapping and scoring systems. For example:

- Pursuit races use a Time-on-Distance system
- Beercans use a high-point system, which is no longer included in the rule book. We need to find out where it went.
- How can we explain that YOY weekend events have a travelling trophy awarded to the top overall finisher, and that requires all boats to sail the same course (no overlapping courses).
- More clarification needed in how plaques are awarded (or not awarded).