

Saint Croix Sailing Club



~~2023-2024~~ Pursuit Races SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone." Furthermore, as there are risks involved in racing, the Saint Croix Sailing Club cautions all sailors that each skipper is solely responsible for determining his/her abilities and his/her boat's worthiness in any situation.

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted in the racing section of the official SCSC website. The SCSC website is located at www.stcroixsailing.com.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

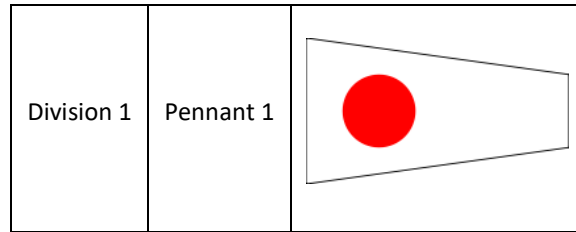
Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Committee Boat.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races are scheduled as published in the SCSC calendar posted on the SCSC website.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Numeral pennant flags shall be used by the race committee to differentiate divisions.



7 RACING AREA

7.1 All racing will be conducted on the Saint Croix River between the Interstate 94 Bridge, located at Hudson, WI and the slow no-wake area located at Afton, MN.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Diagrams showing the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, are available on the SCSC website.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed for each division and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be inflatable colored shapes.

9.2 Offset marks may be set at the beginning of downwind legs.

9.3 An additional mark may be set to increase the course length for specific divisions. Additional marks will be indicated by the race committee signal vessel by displaying XM? for an additional upwind mark and XM? for an additional downwind mark.

9.4 Start Marks, Offsets, and Changed Marks may be indicated through the use of contrasting bands or alternate colors.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 except as modified in Appendix A of these Instructions. This changes RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange color flag on the race committee vessel located at the starboard end of the starting line and an orange starting mark at the port end of the starting line.

10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

10.4 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 Boats with transom mounted engines shall have their engine stowed aboard or left mounted with the shaft in the vertical position from the preparatory signal until after that boat starts the race.

10.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 PURSUIT RACE START

11.1 Competitors shall start according to the times provided in the Pursuit Race Start Times worksheet. This worksheet shall be provided to competitors prior to and during racing.

11.2 The Race Committee may encourage boats to start at their designated times. This changes RRS 41.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue color flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The Race Time Limit shall be 3 hours, and the Finishing Window shall be 45 minutes.

13.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 For each division the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest committee or race committee may extend this time limit at its discretion. This changes rule 61.3.

14.2 Hearing request forms are available on the SCSC website and on the race committee vessel. Forms must be delivered to a member of the SCSC Board, organizing committee, or race committee (committeeboat@gmail.com) within the appropriate time limit.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Series Prizes

An award shall be presented to the top three boats.

16 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 INSURANCE

All boats shall carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the Race Committee.

18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audit, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their departure, without compensation.

Appendix A: START SEQUENCES

This is the starting sequence for the Pursuit Races. This appendix modifies RRS 26 so that it is a 4-minute sequence.

Start time tables for the anticipated race distances will be published on the SCSC website prior to 2000 hours on the day before racing. The race committee shall note the race distance on the course board to allow competitors to determine their starting time.

Signal	*Flag	*Visual Signal	Sound	Elapsed Time
Attention			Five Short	
Warning	Division 1 Flag ↑	Top Light On	One Short	0:00:00
Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	Bottom Light On	One Short	0:01:00
One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	Top Light Off	One Long	0:03:00
Start	Division 1 Flag ↓	Bottom Light Off	One Short	0:04:00
Start 2			None	See start table
Start 3			None	See start table
Start 4			None	See start table
Additional Starts as necessary				

* The use of flags or lamps shall be at the Race Committee's discretion and announced prior to racing.

A boats start time in units of seconds shall be calculated based on a boats handicap and race distance in miles as follows:

$$\text{Start Time} = (\text{Highest PHRF} - \text{Competitor PHRF}) * \text{Race Distance}$$