

Saint Croix Sailing Club



Sail & Share Regatta, 2018 Sailing Instructions

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The U.S. Sailing Race Management Handbook states that: "Though all race committee personnel must take seriously the possibility of injury to people or property, each competitor must decide for himself when to race." 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. Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with SCSC and paying all required fees to the SCSC Treasurer or their appointed representative.
- 2.2 If the race fee and registration paperwork, including completed rating information, have not been received by the club by the registration deadline, the respective boat shall not be eligible to compete.
- 2.3 Registration forms are available on the SCSC website
- 2.4 Eligibility requirements for boats are as follows:
 - 2.4.1 All boats shall have required safety gear, government registration, etc. as required by applicable law.
 - 2.4.2 All boats shall have more than one person on board for each race.
 - 2.4.3 All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the race committee.
 - 2.4.4 All boats shall have on board a copy of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association.

3. Notices To 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. Changes in 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.

5. Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Hudson Marina flag pole.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Skipper's Meeting:

~~Saturday, September 1st at 0900 hours. Location: St. Croix Marina Clubhouse (Cancelled)~~

6.2 Racing is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 1st and Sunday, September 2nd.

6.3 The regatta consists of a minimum of one race and a maximum of eight races. A minimum of one completed race shall be required to constitute the regatta.

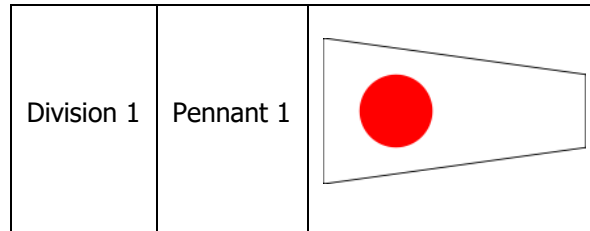
6.4 The race committee may schedule up to a maximum of five races per day. Competitors shall be notified prior to the first race of each day of intended schedule of races.

6.5 Abandoned races may be rescheduled prior to 1500 hours on Sunday, September 2nd at the discretion of the race committee.

6.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for each day is 1100 hours. No race will start after 1500 hours on Sunday, September 2nd.

7. Class Flags

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



8. Racing Areas

- 8.1 All racing, with the exception of distance races, will be conducted on the Saint Croix River between Stillwater, MN and the slow no-wake area located at Afton, MN.

9. The Courses

- 9.1 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 or in Appendix B below.
- 9.2 Distance races may also be held. They shall be denoted as "X" by the race committee signal vessel.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel shall display the course to be sailed for each division and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. Marks

- 10.1 Marks will be inflatable colored shapes.
- 10.2 Offset marks may be set at the beginning of downwind legs.
- 10.3 Boats are to obey all navigational marks while racing. This includes, but is not limited, to slow no-wake zones such as those found at Hudson, Afton, and Bayport.

11. The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 except as modified in Appendix A of these Instructions.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.4 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 A4 and A5.
- 11.5 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.

12. The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue color flag on the race committee vessel and a nearby race mark.

13. Time Limit

- 13.1 Races, with the exception of distance races, shall be abandoned if no boat finishes the race within 3 hours of the last starting signal.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 13.3 Distance races are not subjected to the time limit of section 13.1 and 13.2, but may have their own time limit as specified in the sailing instructions or posted prior to the race in accordance with these instructions.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available on the website and on the race committee vessel. Protests and requests for redress must be delivered to a member of the SCSC Board, organizing committee, or race committee (committeeboat@gmail.com) within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each division the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The race committee may extend this time limit at its discretion.
- 14.3 The rules of RRS Appendix V shall apply (Alternative Penalties).

A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protested. The following changes shall apply to all protest hearings except hearings under Rule 69.

- 14.4 Rule 64.1 is changed such that a protest committee shall determine the applicable penalty based on the severity of rule breach at its sole discretion. However, the protest committee may not impose a penalty less than the post-race penalty established in SI 14.3 (V2).

15. Scoring

- 15.1 Races shall be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the low point system.
- 15.2 There shall be no exclusion of race scores.

16. Radio Communication

- 16.1 All radio communications shall be made on VHF Channel 72 unless otherwise noted.
- 16.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

17. Trophies

- 17.1 Trophies shall be awarded to the top boat in each division.
- 17.2 Awards will be presented at the St. Croix Marina Clubhouse following racing on Sunday, August 27th.

Appendix A: Start Sequences

This is a guide depicting common start sequences the Race Committee may use. This appendix modifies RRS 26 so that it is a 4-minute sequence.

A.1 Three Starts

Signal	Flag	Sound	Elapsed Time
Attention		Five Short	
Div. 1 Warning	Division 1 Flag ↑	One Short	0:00:00
Div. 1 Preparatory	Preparatory ↑	One Short	0:01:00
Div. 1 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 1 Start	Division 1 Flag ↓	One Short	0:04:00

Appendix B: Courses

<p>Windward/Leeward Downwind Finish</p> <p>W/L 1 (2 legs) W/L 2 (4 legs) W/L 3 (6 legs) W/L 4 (8 legs) etc</p>	<p>Windward/Leeward Upwind Finish</p> <p>W/L 1.5 (3 legs) W/L 2.5 (5 legs) W/L 3.5 (7 legs) W/L 4.5 (9 legs) etc</p>	<p>T1 - 4 legs Triangle 1</p>	<p>T2 - 7 legs Triangle 2</p>
<p>Windward/Leeward "M" (Modified) Downwind Finish</p> <p>W/L 1 (4 legs) W/L 2 (6 legs) W/L 3 (8 legs) W/L 4 (10 legs) etc</p> <p>S/F line is not a mark of the course, unless Starting or Finishing</p>	<p>Windward/Leeward "M" (Modified) Upwind Finish</p> <p>W/L 1.5 (3 legs) W/L 2.5 (5 legs) W/L 3.5 (7 legs) W/L 4.5 (9 legs) etc</p> <p>S/F line is not a mark of the course, unless Starting or Finishing</p>	<p>G1 - 5 legs Gold Cup</p>	<p>O1 - 6 legs Olympic</p>
<p>Sailing Instructions Race Course Diagrams</p> <p>St. Croix Sailing Club www.stcroixsailing.com Last Updated: 5/14/2016</p>	<p>HUGO 1 6 legs</p>	<p>OWL1 - 8 legs Olympic Windward/Leeward</p>	<p>TO - 9 legs Triangle-Olympic</p>