



St. Croix Sailing Club

2017 Skipper's Meeting

- Committee Members
- Sailing Instruction Changes
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- Division Splits
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- US Sailing Rule Changes
- Upcoming Regattas



Race Committee

- Race Committee
 - Patrick O'Donnell (Principal Race Officer)
 - Katie O'Donnell
 - Mary Peterson
 - And many others!
- VHF Channel 72 (highly recommended)
- Contact form on Website



Other Committee's

- Organizing Committee
 - Selene Emad-Syring (Chair)
 - Roger Johnson (Assistant Chair)
 - One rep from each division
 - Ratings Chair
- Ratings
 - Rick Hughes
- Protest Committee
 - Steve Nelson (Chair)
 - Need volunteers to serve on P/C hearings



SI Changes

- SI's and Annotated version on website
- Protests sections incorporated into RRS
 - Appendix V & in RRS
- Post-Race 20% scoring penalty eliminated
 - Now:
 - If you are protested and feel you are in the right (no turns),
Then after racing, you reconsider...
 - You may take a 30% penalty
(if announced to Protest Committee before start of hearing)



SI Changes

- Alternate Start Sequence
 - For Weekend YOY races only
 - Breaking Waves, Carlson Classic, Autumnal Equinox
 - High-PHRF first, J/22's, Low-PHRF last
 - Pay attention to Warning Flags (division flag)
- Delay between starts may be 5-10 minutes or more for Breaking Waves (if a long-distance or "X" courses).



R/C Notice to Sailors:

- R/C Will no longer hail “All Clear” at start.
 - To comply with RRS
 - To avoid confusion when calling Individual Recalls (OCS)
RRS 29.1
- Also applies to OCS boats as they clear the line...
Up to you to know you have cleared the line.



R/C Notice to Sailors:

- Keep CLEAR of the racing area unless your Preparatory signal has been made. (if reasonably possible, per RRS 24.1)
 - Do not interfere with other boats currently RACING (their PREP flag is or has been flying).
 - You may be protested for infractions
 - If protested, you must take your penalty during the next race. (RRS 64.1)
- Simplified:
If a Number pennant is flying and it isn't yours, stay away.



R/C Notice to Sailors:

- Play nice with the fisherpeople
- They will be out on Tuesdays again
- Give them a wide berth
- R/C will do their best to keep our race area away from fishing areas, but you should be good stewards of the water.
- USCG rules apply between racers and boaters, but the county sheriffs know our R/C, and our R/C does not wish to be contacted by the county sheriffs.
- Assume no one else knows the USCG right-of-way rules.



Now for the good stuff!

Division Splits

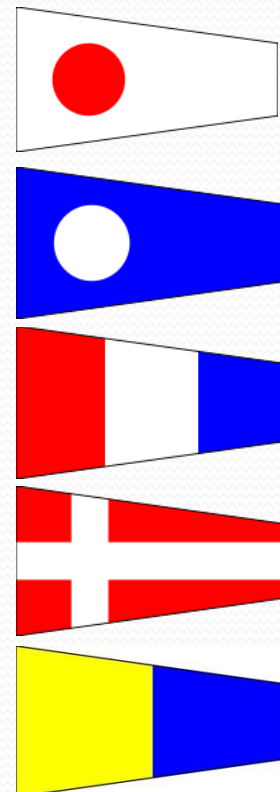
Start Sequences

Yacht of the Year Races

Beercans / Non-YOY Races

Division Splits

- **Division 1** (phrf 120 and lower – asym fleet)
 - Salacia, Beast, Chief Oshkosh, Arrow
 - Long course
- **Division 2** (phrf 121 to 174)
 - Ten-Seven, Blew Bayou, Hakuna Matata, Endeavour, Ragtime, Bebop
 - Long course
- **Division 3** (phrf 175 & up)
 - Hobbes, Fast Lane, Harmony, Compañero
 - Short course
- **Division 4** (J/22 fleet, phrf)
 - Go Boat Go, Irish Temper, Savannah Rose, Wind Dancer, Nemo, Fillmore, Hot Tuna
 - Short course
- **Division 5** (cruise)
 - Short course, First Start
 - Non-YOY Races Only
 - *Cruisers have option to start with their appropriate race fleet, but must choose at their first beer can and remain in that fleet for the entire beer can series. Cruisers may also choose a fleet for each individual weekend non-yoy race. In both cases, announce your intentions to the committee boat prior to your start.*





Start Sequences – Yacht of the Year

- 1st Start
 - Divisions 1 & 2 (low-phrf)
 - Long Course
- 2nd Start
 - Division 3 (high-phrf)
 - Short Course
- 3rd Start
 - Division 4 (J/22's)
 - Short Course



Start Sequences – YOY Weekends

- Same course for all. One Huge trophy for the best overall in each regatta!
 - Breaking Waves, Carlson Classic, Autumnal Equinox
- 1st Start
 - Division 3 (high-phrf)
- 2nd Start
 - Division 4 (J/22's)
- 3rd Start
 - Divisions 1 & 2 (low-phrf)



Start Sequences – Beercan / Non-YOY

- 1st Start
 - Division 5 (cruise)
 - *Cruisers have option to start with their appropriate race fleet, but must choose at their first beercan and remain in that fleet for the entire beercan series. Cruisers may also choose a fleet for each individual weekend non-yoy race. In both cases, announce your intentions to the committee boat prior to your start.*
- 2nd Start
 - Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4



Start Sequences - Other

- Many additional sequences in SI's
- Division Start Order – at R/C's discretion
 - Unlikely, but has been required in the past
 - Watch for your warning flag
 - Keep your VHF radio handy (72)
 - Club emails also helpful



New RRS Rulebook 2017-2020

Support Persons

When Boats Meet

Giving Mark Room

Tacking in the Zone



RRS Changes

- All boats shall have the new RRS rule book on board during races (or the digital version)
- SCSC has RRS books for sale at a substantial discount
- Quick Overview of the Significant Rule and Game Changes in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing by Dave Perry:

<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Race%20Admin/Racing%20Rules/2017-2020%20RRS/Dave%20Perry%20significant%20changes%2017-20.pdf>



RRS Changes

- “Support Person”
 - Now are bound by RRS and can be penalized
- RRS 14 When Boats Meet
 - “A boat shall void contact... if reasonably possible”, and injury or serious damage results.
 - Now applies at ALL times when on the water
 - Even when sailing to the race area or heading home
 - Don’t run into other boats at any time
 - Penalty is DSQ from race closest to the time of incident



RRS Changes

- RRS 18.2(d) Giving Mark-Room
 - Mark-Room can be “shut off”
 - Overlap entitling mark-room ceases to apply once mark-room has been given, or passes head-to-wind, or leaves the zone.



RRS Changes

- RRS 18.3 Tacking in the Zone
 - Completely re-written
 - If you tack from port to starboard in the zone, you shall give mark-room to anyone previously fetching the mark on starboard.
 - Does not apply to multiple port-tack boats.
 - (above is over-simplified)



Upcoming Regattas

Breaking Waves

Lake City Yacht Club – Pepin Open

Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta



Breaking Waves

- This Saturday, 11:00 am
- One long race
- Might be 15+ minutes between start sequences, but plan on showing up at 11:00 am.
- Reverse sequence (high-phrf first)



Lake City Yacht Club – Pepin Open

- May 27th and 28th
- Register at:

<http://www.lakecityyachtclub.com/>



Dave O'Donnell Memorial Regatta

- June 3rd, 11:00 am
- Two races
- Three divisions: Jib/Main, PHRF 1, PHRF 2
- SI's will be posted 1 or 2 days prior to racing.
- Skippers Meeting only if required.
- Spring picnic to follow at Linda O'Donnell's House in Lake St. Croix Beach.
Contact the R/C for docking reservations (CommitteeBoat@gmail.com)



Thanks for coming!

Any questions?

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