

2017 BSC LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA

BIRMINGHAM SAILING CLUB

September 16 - 17, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail.

2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 Sailors intending to race may enter their sailboat by completing a registration form prior to the Competitor's Meeting and paying the entry fees.
- 2.2 One Design Classes with 5 or more entries shall be given a separate Start. Classes with less than 5 entries will be assigned to the Open fleet.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the Club House.
- 3.2 Race Committee notices or any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted and signaled no later than one hour before the first race of the day, except any change in the schedule of races shall be posted either at the end of the Competitor's Meeting or by 6:30 PM on the day before it will take effect.

4. COMPETITOR'S MEETING:

- 4.1 A Competitor's Meeting will be held at 11:30 AM Saturday on the patio of the Club House.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole near the shore in front of the Club House.
- 5.2 When Code Flag "AP" flag is displayed with two sound signals, racing is postponed. The lowering of "AP" with one sound signal means the Warning Signal for the next race will be made no sooner than 30 minutes.
- 5.3 A sound signal made when the Race Committee returns to shore at the end of that day's racing, means the beginning of a one hour time limit to file protests has begun.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACE ACTIVITIES:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

0930 Registration Opens
1130 Registration Closes
1130 Competitor's Meeting (BSC Patio)
1300 First Warning Signal Race 1
Subsequent races will follow Race 1

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

0930 Warning Signal
1230 Latest time to start a race
TBD Trophy presentation after last race

Five (5) races are scheduled over the two day period. One race will constitute a regatta.

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7. MARKS:

7.1 The Marks of the course are designated as follows:

A = the Windward Mark

B = the Reaching, Offset and/or alternate Windward Mark (distance from “A” may vary, Round this Mark only if displayed)

Z = the Alternate Leeward Mark (set in an area to port of Starting Line)

C = the Leeward Mark (set to leeward of Starting Line)

X = the Finishing Mark (also the Starting Mark)

7.2 The Marks of the course above are described as follows, (Subject to change and as identified at the Competitor’s Meeting):

A – Yellow Cylinder, 48” x 32”

B – Orange Cylinder, 48” x 32”

Z – Orange Tetrahedron, 24” x 24”

C – Yellow Tetrahedron, 24” x 24”

X – White Mooring ball with Orange Pennant, 48” tall

8. COURSES:

8.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display letters designating the marks of the course in the order to be rounded, including the Finishing Mark, but not the Starting Mark. The last letter displayed designates the Finishing Mark. See **Course Diagrams** for 2 examples, other variations may be displayed as the course to be sailed. ‘Points of sail’ are for descriptive purposes only.

Possible Variations: ABZBCX is windward, beam reach, downwind, windward, broad reach, finish upwind
ACBCX is windward, leeward, close reach/beat, broad reach, finish upwind
ABZACX is windward, beam reach, downwind, close reach/beat, downwind, finish upwind
ABCX is windward, beam reach, broad reach, finish upwind

9. CHECKING IN PRIOR TO START:

9.1 Before the Warning Signal for the FIRST START of each day of racing, each boat is required to sail past the stern of the Committee Boat on starboard tack and verbally check in.

10. THE START AND ORDER OF FLEET STARTS:

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 Each fleet Start will have its own sequence. The One Design fleets’ starts will be signaled with Class Insignia flags. The Open fleet will be signaled with a square, yellow flag.

10.3 The Order of Fleet Starts will be displayed on the Committee Boat Course Board and signaled by the Starting sequence flags. Order may likely change for each race.

10.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an adjacent port end pin with orange pennant, “X” mark.

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11. RECALLS:

- 11.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of boat(s) determined to be OCS at the start.
- 11.2 VHF Marine Radios are allowed and may be used to notify boats determined to be OCS.
- 11.3 A committee support boat may be used to pass along OCS notification but will not identify premature starters without concurrence from the PRO and as signaled from the Committee Boat.
- 11.4 When a General Recall has been signaled, the recalled fleet will be restarted before starting the next fleet.

12. CHANGING THE COURSE AFTER THE START:

- 12.1 Any change of course will be signaled with Code Flag "C", two sound signals and a green flag (starboard shift) or red flag (port shift) before the leading boat has begun the new leg, although the mark may not yet then be in the new position.
- 12.2 Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

13. THE FINISH:

- 13.1 The Finishing line will be between an orange flag on a committee boat and an adjacent mark.
- 13.2 The Finishing Line, except for a Change of Course or Shortened Course, will use the Starting Mark "X" as one end of the line.

14. TIME LIMIT:

- 14.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish in each fleet.
- 14.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat 'Finishes' in her fleet will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and receive a score equal to the number of boats that have Finished within the time limit Plus 2 Points not to exceed the number of boats Starting that race.
- 14.3 Expiration of the Time Limit shall be signaled with one long sound signal and display of Code Flag "L" if there are Finishers and with Code Flag "N" (Abandonment) if there are none.

15. PROTESTS:

- 15.1 PROTEST FLAGS are Not required, but a valid protest must be accompanied by a hail of "Protest" to the infringing boat at the time of the incident without unnecessary delay.
- 15.2 Protests shall be submitted in writing on forms available at the clubhouse and submitted to the Race Committee within one hour of the Committee Boat docking.
- 15.3 The jury will hear protests in the order in which they are received.
- 15.4 A Hearing Schedule will be posted within 20 minutes of the expiration of the filing deadline.

16. ALTERNATE PENALTY (One-Turn and 30% Penalties):

- 16.1 The Two-Turn (720) Penalty Rule is modified in accordance with RRS Appendix V1, One-Turn Penalty outside the 'Zone', as well as the 30% Penalty After A Race of section V2.
- 16.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration is also in effect.

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17. SCORING:

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 The Open Fleet will have their Elapsed Time corrected in accordance with the US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick.
- 17.3 There are no throw-outs. This changes RRS A2
- 17.4 One race will constitute the regatta should additional races not be completed.

18. PRIZES:

- 18.1 First, Second and Third Place prizes will be awarded to each fleet of 5 boats or more. Crew trophies will also be awarded to each crew member of those top 3 places.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 19.2 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE:

- 20.1 The discharge of refuse into the lake is prohibited during the entirety of this event.
- 20.2 Any boat observed to be in violation is subject to protest and shall be assessed a 10% (percentage) penalty for the first race completed by the infringing boat on the day of the infraction.

Typical Display for Order of Starts and Courses to be Sailed

<u>Start</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Marks of Course</u>
1	Thistle	A B Z B C X
2	Scot	A C B C X
3	Open	A C A C X
4	Fleet X	A B C X

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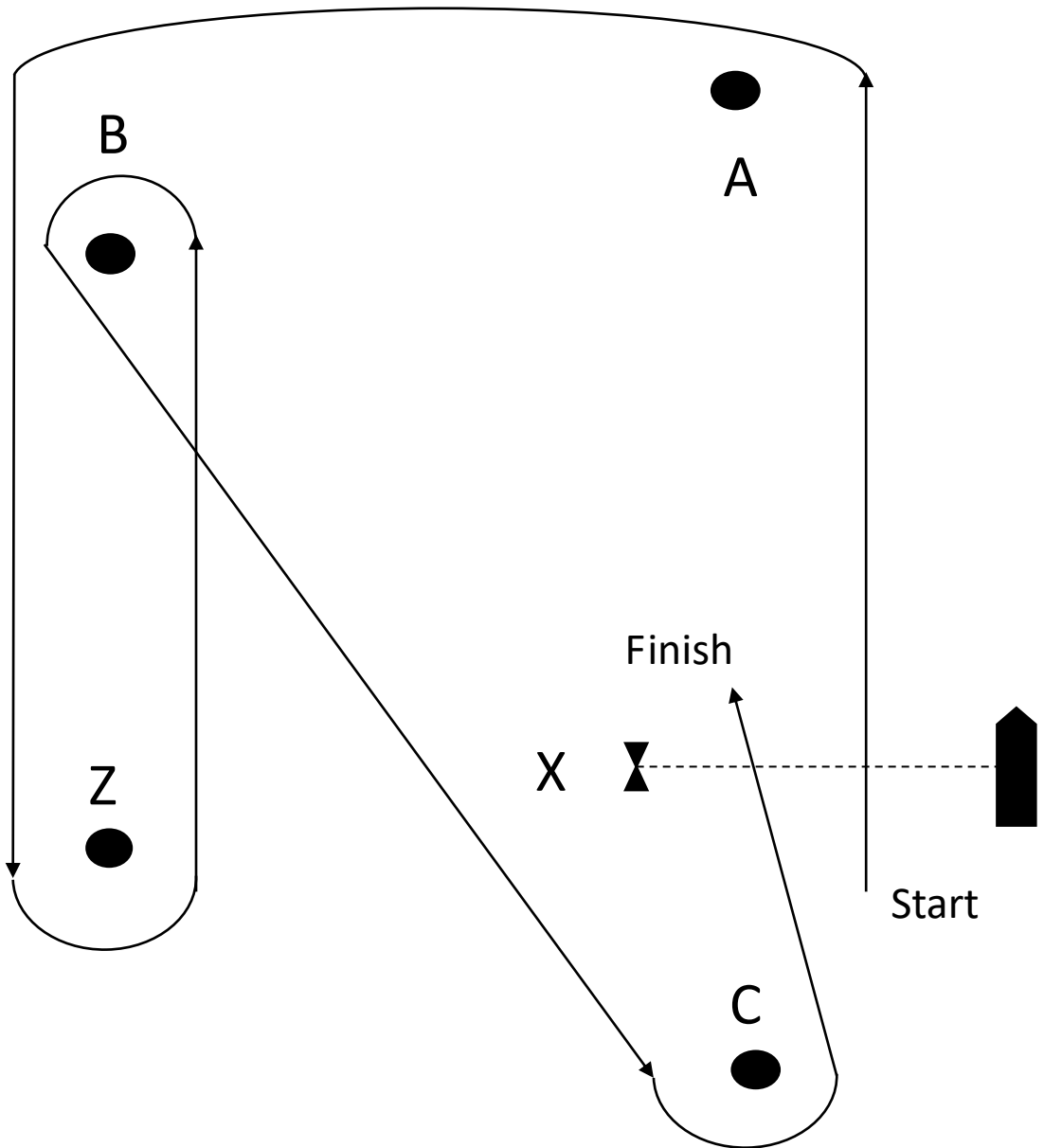
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COURSE DIGRAM (EXAMPLE 1)



ABZBCX

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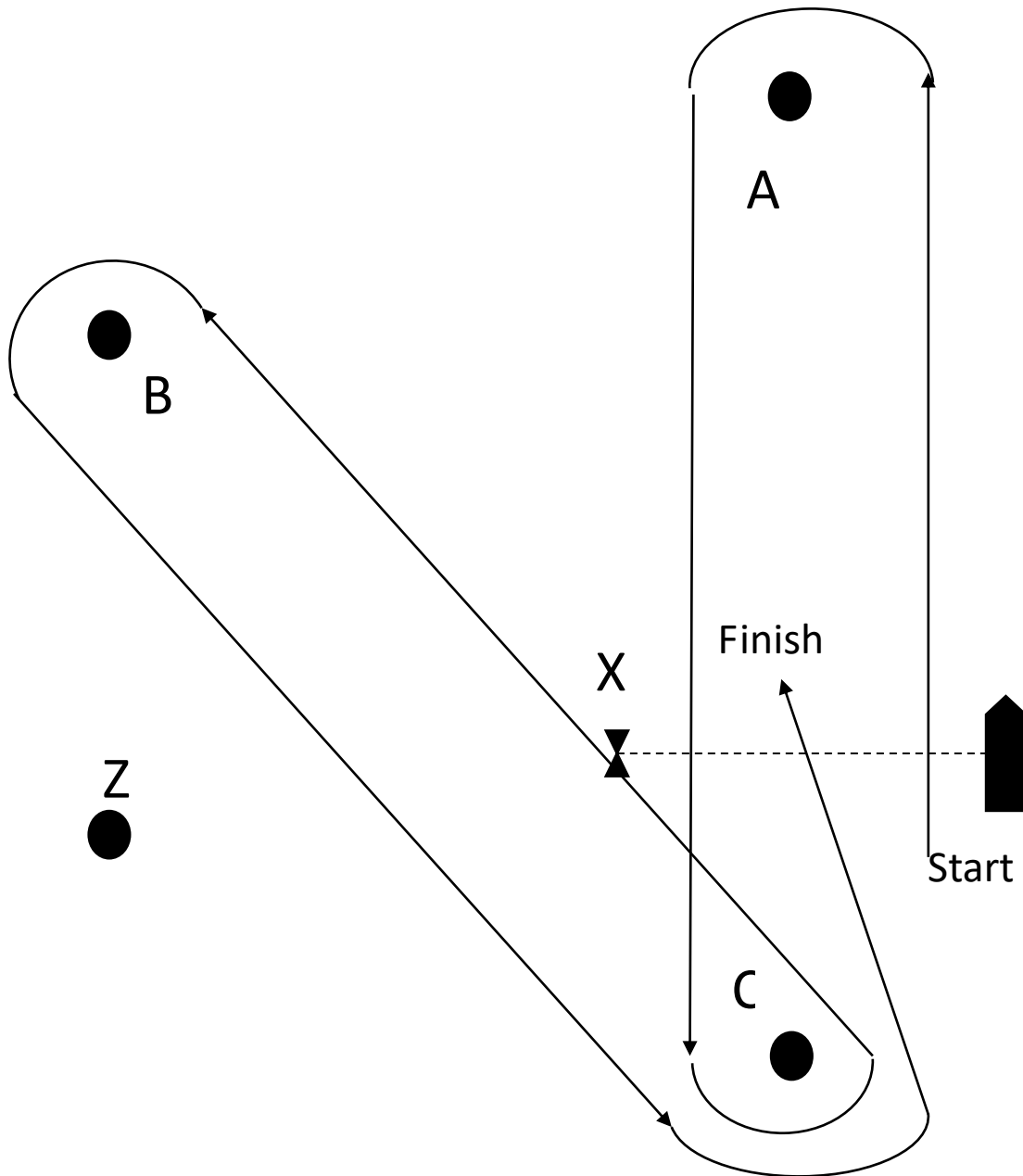
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COURSE DIGRAM (EXAMPLE 2)



ACBCX