



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Birmingham Sailing Club

2016

SAFETY

It is each competitor's un-shared responsibility to provide for their personal safety and to observe the requirements to operate a yacht in Alabama. The wearing of life jackets and the decision to start or continue a race is the sole responsibility of each competitor.

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RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing and these sailing instructions.

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NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the clubhouse near the front door.

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CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1830 on the day before it will take effect.

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SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole near the launching ramp.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

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SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 For 2-day regattas, warning signals will be made at 1300 on Saturday and at 0930 on Sunday. No race will be started after 1230 on Sunday.
- 5.2 Sunday club races will start at 1400 and Saturday One Day events will start at 1230.
- 5.2 For subsequent races to be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race is about to start, the postponement signal may be displayed briefly before a new starting sequence is to begin. Such postponement signal shall be removed one minute before the new warning signal.

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THE COURSES

- 6.1 The course will be displayed on plaques on the side of the race committee boat. "A" shall represent the weather mark. "O" shall represent an offset mark. "B" shall represent a reaching mark, "C" shall represent the leeward mark. "X" shall represent the finishing mark. For example, a course designation of "ACAX" would signal a typical windward-leeward-windward-leeward course.
- 6.2 The starting line will be set to leeward of mark "C".

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MARKS

Marks will be described at the skippers' meeting.

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CHECK-IN

Each boat shall check-in at the Race Committee boat before the start of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the boat and hailing their sail number.

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THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 of the RRS with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and a nearby orange buoy with an orange flag. Buoy may be replaced by a Race committee boat with an orange flag.
- 9.3 Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS, but failure to do so or competitor's failure to hear a hail are not grounds for redress.

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CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Other marks will be moved to maintain the original configuration of the course.

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THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between an orange flag/shape on a Race Committee vessel and the nearby mark.

12 TIME LIMITS – SHORTEN COURSE

- 12.1 The time limit shall be 90 minutes from the start of the race for the first boat to finish. If no yacht has rounded the first mark within 45 minutes the race shall be abandoned.
- 12.2 If in the opinion of the race committee no boat will finish within the time limit they may shorten course by taking station at any rounding mark of the course, displaying code flag "S" and sounding two signals. When a shortened course signal is given, all boats shall continue to round the marks previously given until they reach the mark at which the race committee gave the shorten course signal.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will receive a score equal to the number of boats that have finished within the time limit + 2 not to exceed the number of boats registered to race.

13 PROTESTS

Protests must conform to Rule 61. Protests shall be written on forms available at the official notice board and must be filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the Race Committee returning to shore. After submitting the protest, the protesting skipper shall await instructions as to the time and place of the hearing. It is the protestor's unshared responsibility to learn the time and place of the hearing and to ensure that any witnesses that are to be called on the protestors' behalf are present at the hearing.

14 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

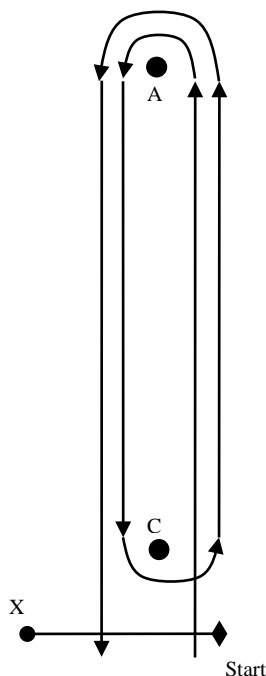
15 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- 15.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 15.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be
 - (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
 - (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 All races sailed will be scored.
- 16.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

Course ACAX



Course ACACA

