

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004 (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, these sailing instructions, and the class rules of each class racing.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Time of warning signal for the races will be 1:50 pm.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be signaled by posting of the words "SI CHANGE" on the course board at least 5 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first class to start. The content of the change will be available in writing from the committee boat.

3. COURSES

Will be posted on a course board on the starboard side of the committee boat and will be indicated by a letter or letters indicating the sequence of turning marks. A figure "2" following a letter series indicates a course to be sailed twice around. A circled letter indicates that the mark is to be left to port. All other marks shall be left to starboard. For each class scheduled to start there will be a separate course posted. The diagrammed courses found on the other side of these sailing instructions may also be used. If the course number is circled, all marks are to be left to port. If the number is not circled, all marks are to be left to starboard.

Special Mark:

"Z" Basset's Island. Round the Island minding all government marks. As with all other marks, if it is circled, leave the Island to port, if not leave it to starboard.

4. MARKS

Buoys A, B, and D are bright orange balls, and are no longer permanently in place as suggested by the Buzzards turning marks chart. Buoy C is a yellow cylindrical shape and is permanently in place. Marks for the diagrammed courses are also orange balls. All other marks are government buoys described on the Buzzards turning marks chart.

5. ORAL INSTRUCTIONS

Hails to the Race Committee must be limited to requests for charts and sailing instructions. The Race Committee is not obligated to respond to requests for other information.

6. THE START

Races shall be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes before start
Warning	Class Flag: 1 Sound	5
Preparatory	Preparatory Flag: 1 Sound	4
One-Minute	Preparatory Flag Removed 1 Long Sound	1
Start	Class Flag removed 1 Sound	0

An "X" Flag will be displayed and one sound made for Individual Recall

The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the committee boat and a mark.

A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose warning signal has been made.

7. RECALLS

Individual and general recalls will be done in accordance with the RRS rule 29. In addition the Race Committee may attempt to call the sail number(s) of the boat(s) over early.

8. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

Any change of course after the start will be signaled by a race committee boat stationed near the mark beginning the first leg affected by the change. Code flag "C" will be displayed and a horn sounded periodically. The new sequence of remaining marks will be displayed on the course board. The change will be signaled before the leading yacht has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

If the race is to be abandoned the day. Flag N will be displayed as "N over A" .

9. THE FINISH

The last mark of the course sequence will be one end of the finish line. The other end will be the flagstaff on the committee boat. In the event the race committee boat is not on station establishing the finish line, it shall be a line extending from the required side of the finishing mark at right angles to the course from the last mark and of the shortest practical length.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 2 1/2 hours for senior races and 2 hours for junior races. Yachts finishing more than 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored "Did not finish."

11. RETIRING

A yacht that starts a race and retires from the race before finishing must make every effort to notify the race committee. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

12. PROTESTS

All protests must be made in accordance with Part 5, Section A of the RRS. The Race Committee should be notified of intent to protest when crossing the finish line. Protest forms are available from the Race Committee. Written protests must be filed with the Chairman of the Race Committee by 7:00 p.m. of the day of the race.

13. SCORING

A Low-Point Scoring System as determined by the race committee will be used in scoring July and August series. Four races will be counted for each series (July and August) If all six races are raced, the best four will be used to

determine the points for that series. The Summer series is determined by adding the July series points to the August series points for the total points for the Summer series.

Boats owned by members or others who have not paid racing dues for the current year will not be scored.

15. RESAILS

Any series race originally scheduled which is called off or not finished within the time limit, will be re-sailed on a date chosen by the race committee.

16. NUMBERS

Numbers shall be displayed by all yachts on both sides of the mainsail and spinnaker. All other markings are not required. (This alters RRS rule 77.)

17. LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

Each boat shall have appropriate personal flotation devices conforming to government regulations. It is the responsibility of each crew to wear them when conditions warrant it.

18. OTHER VISUAL SIGNALS (Code Flags)

- I** One-minute rule in effect (RRS rule 30.1)
- L** Come within hail or follow me
- M** Round or pass the object displaying this signal instead of the mark it replaces.
- N** All races are abandoned. Further signals will be made in the starting area. This signal will be lowered one minute before the next signal is made.
- N over X** All races are abandoned for the day.
- S** Shortened course. Finish between the rounding mark and the committee boat.

Answering Pennant

All races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered. One

sound signal will be made with the lowering of the answering pennant.

First Substitute

General Recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

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