

## 2009 WSC Club Series

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES:

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of US Sailing, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. One-design class rules will be recognized as long as they have been approved by the Fleet Captain and do not conflict with any part of 1.1. It will be the obligation of each fleet to observe and enforce its own class rules.
- 1.3. All competitors are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair sailing as required by RRS Part 1 and the By-Laws of WSC.

#### 2. ENTRY:

- 2.1. Entry is open to all members of WSC, all members of WSC-recognized sailing clubs, and other persons or groups authorized by the WSC Board of Directors.
- 2.2. Non-club members may race as a guest by fleet invitation, not to exceed one series.
- 2.3. Competitors shall enter by completing the Race Entry Form at [www.willamettesailingclub.com](http://www.willamettesailingclub.com). All competitors must have a current Race Entry Form on file in order to be scored in series races.
- 2.4. Entry is free for WSC members. The entry fee for all non-members shall be \$25 per series, payable upon entry.
- 2.5. It is the responsibility of all competitors to serve on Race Committee as directed by the Fleet Captain. Failure to perform your duty shall be grounds for disqualification from the series.
- 2.6. Three boats of one design shall constitute a fleet. Boats not racing as a class shall race in White Fleet.

#### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 3.1. Notices to competitors, including changes in the Sailing Instructions, will be will be posted on the window adjacent to the main entrance to the WSC clubhouse or announced orally by the Race Committee prior to the first race in which they will take effect.
- 3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a Committee Boat at the WSC dock. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after Flag AP is lowered.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

	Dates	Lasers	Fleets
4.1. Winter Series	Feb. 22-Apr. 5	Sundays, 1 pm	Sundays, 3 pm
4.2. Spring Series	Apr. 19-May 27	Mondays, 6:30 pm	Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
4.3. Summer I Series	June 1-July 15	Mondays, 6:30 pm	Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
4.4. Summer II Series	July 20-Sept. 2	Mondays, 6:30 pm	Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
4.5. Fall Series	Sept. 13-Oct. 25	Sundays, 1 pm	Sundays, 3 pm

#### 5. COURSES

- 5.1. The courses will be Triangle, Windward/Leeward, and Olympic as specified in the Course Chart.
- 5.2. All turning marks will be round orange buoys.
- 5.3. Courses will be designated by black letters on a white board displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 5.4. The letter M behind the course letter indicates the course is "modified;" i.e., start and finish is in the middle of the course. If letter M is not displayed, the start is at the leeward mark and finish is at the windward mark.
- 5.5. The number 2 behind the course letter indicates a 2-lap course. Boats are not required to sail through the starting line at the beginning of the second lap.
- 5.6. The starting line may be restricted to boats starting and finishing races at the discretion of the Race Committee. Otherwise, the line is not restricted.
- 5.7. If no boat has finished the race, the Race Committee may shorten the course at any turning mark by displaying Flag S with two sounds. The finish line shall be between the mark and the boat displaying Flag S.

6. **CLASS FLAGS:** Class flags shall be pennants with class insignias unless otherwise indicated by the Race Committee.

7. **STARTING & FINISHING**

7.1. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow or orange buoy.

7.2. RRS 26 Starting System shall be used, modified as follows:

- ▶ 3 minutes before start: Warning Signal (Class flag, one sound)
- ▶ 2 minutes before start: Preparatory Signal (P flag, one sound)
- ▶ 1 minute before start: One-Minute Signal (P flag removed, one sound)
- ▶ 0 minutes before start: Starting Signal (Class flag removed, one sound)

7.3. To maintain a continuous clock sequence for starts, the starting signal will be the warning signal for the next fleet in the starting order if that fleet's class flag is displayed with the starting sound.

7.4. Any boat not starting or not racing shall keep clear of the starting area or be subject to protest.

7.5. For modified (M) courses, the Race Committee may at its discretion set a separate finish line on the opposite side of the Committee Boat from the starting line. If no separate line is set, the finish line shall be the same as the starting line.

7.6. For unmodified courses (no M displayed), the finish line shall be between a flag on a Committee Boat and the windward mark.

7.7. **Individual Recall:** If one or more boats are over the starting line early, the Race Committee shall display Flag X with one sound. The Race Committee will, as a courtesy, attempt to hail the numbers of the OCS boats, but failure to do so shall not relieve boats of the responsibility to start properly.

7.8. **General Recall:** If the Race Committee is unable to identify the boats starting early, it shall display the First Substitute flag with two sounds. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after First Substitute is lowered.

7.9. **Round the ends rule:** If the Race Committee displays the I Flag in place of the P Flag, RRS 30.1(round-the-ends rule) will be in effect for that start. Boats on course side of the starting line after the 1-minute signal must return to the pre-start side of the line by rounding one of the ends.

7.10. **For Laser Racing Only:** Rule 30.1 is always in effect, whether or not the I Flag is displayed.

8. **TIME LIMIT:**

8.1. **The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 45 minutes.** The Race Committee may abandon the race before the time limit if, in its judgment, the race cannot be completed on time.

8.2. **Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF.**

9. **SAFETY**

9.1. All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

9.2. All boats shall carry the following safety equipment:

- ▶ One bailing device (portable or through-hull)
- ▶ One horn or whistle audible for at least ½ mile
- ▶ Bowline at least equal to the length of the boat
- ▶ Any other safety equipment required by state or federal law

9.3. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, inspect boats to make sure they comply with all safety requirements. Boats found in violation may be disqualified from that race.

9.4. Competitors will be subject to disqualification for interfering with commercial traffic. Race Committee will assign a Safety Boat to lead all commercial vessels through the course. The warning signal shall be 4 long sounds, repeated continuously until commercial traffic has cleared the course.

9.5. Any boat passing between a commercial vessel and the Safety Boat leading it through the course shall be scored DSQ and must retire immediately from that race.

9.6. Boats at risk of collision with a commercial vessel may use any means of propulsion necessary to keep clear, except that if by doing so they improve their position in the race, they shall immediately retire.

**10. PROTESTS & PENALTIES:**

- 10.1. Competitors are strongly encouraged to settle rules infractions on the water by taking the Two-Turns penalty specified in RRS 44. **For Laser Racing Only:** The Two-Turns penalty is modified to a One-Turn penalty.
- 10.2. If you believe you have been fouled and the offending competitor fails to take a penalty on the water, you may protest by hailing "Protest" at the first reasonable opportunity. You are not required to display a red protest flag.
- 10.3. A boat intending to protest shall report its intent and the sail number of the boat it is protesting to the Race Committee upon finishing.
- 10.4. Parties to protests shall report to the race committee within 15 minutes after the Committee Boat docks. Failure to report by a protestor will result in the protest being disallowed. Failure to report by a protestee will result in the protest being held without him or her.
- 10.5. Rule 63 is changed to "Three Minute Justice" in lieu of a protest committee hearing. "3 Minute Justice" is defined as follows: Each party to a protest may select one fleet competitor as a judge. Each party has 1 minute to tell his or her story. Judges have 1 minute to make a decision. Judges' decisions are final.

**11. SCORING:**

- 11.1. The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A2, will apply
- 11.2. Boats not starting (DNC), not finishing (DNF), on course side at the start (OCS), or disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored with the number of starters plus 1.
- 11.3. For every 5 races sailed, each boat may exclude its worst score.
- 11.4. White fleet shall be scored using the Portsmouth rating system.

**12. PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats registered for the series using the following formula:

- 12.1. 3 boats = 1 award
- 12.2. 6 boats = 2 awards
- 12.3. 9 boats = 3 awards
- 12.4. 15 boats = 4 awards
- 12.5. 20 or more boats = 5 awards.