

2020 ECSC Governor's Cup Regatta

Sailing Instructions

September 19, 2020



1. **Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (current version).
 - 1.1. **RRS 29.2 General Recall** is modified to allow the Race Committee to use any amount of time it wishes after the lowering of the general recall flag before resuming racing operations.
 - 1.2. **RRS 42 Propulsion** In the event the course has a leeward mark start and a windward mark finish, boats may use their engines to return to the start area. Engines must be turned off prior to the next preparatory signal for that boat's class.
 - 1.3. If there are conflicts between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.
2. **Notices to Competitors:**
 - 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board outside the RC Headquarters.
 - 2.2. When a notice has been posted, code flag Lima will be displayed with one sound.
3. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Race Committee Headquarters building no later than one (1) hour before the first warning on the day that it takes effect.
4. **Signals made ashore:**
 - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the mast next to the main boat ramp.
 - 4.2. When the flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
5. **Schedule of Races:**
 - 5.1. Saturday, September 19th First Warning is 12:00 noon, No Warning signal shall be made after 4:00 P.M.
6. **Class Flags:** Class flags shall be as follows:
 - 6.1. **Red Fleet:** Solid Red Flag
 - 6.2. **Green Fleet:** Solid Green Flag
 - 6.3. **Blue Fleet:** Solid Blue Flag
 - 6.4. **White Fleet:** Solid White Flag
 - 6.5. Fleets may be combined into a single start at the discretion of the race committee and will be signaled to competitors according to section 7.3 below.
7. **Courses:**
 - 7.1. Courses may use permanent marks, designated by red or green numbered placards (to determine rounding), and/or temporary orange buoys, (recognized as T, T1, T2, etc. in order of rounding).
 - 7.2. Courses shall be posted on the Race Committee vessel prior to each start.
 - 7.3. Prior to each start, the Race Committee will raise Code Flag Lima with one horn accompanied by the class flag for the next start. Code flag Lima and class flag will be lowered prior to the 5 short sounds made 1 minute prior to the warning signal for that fleet.
8. **Marks:** Marks will be either the permanent race marks, temporary Orange, White or Yellow buoys.
9. **The Start:**
 - 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The port end may be, a permanent mark, or an orange or white ball.
 - 9.2. Boats whose starting sequence has not started shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
 - 9.3. RC shall make 5 short horn sounds 1 minute prior to the start of each warning signal.
10. **The Finish:**
 - 10.1. The finish line will be between the orange flag on the RC boat and the last mark listed on the course card (unless changed by "shortening" the course RRS 32).
 - 10.2. Boats shall cross the finish line from the direction of the previous mark. (regardless of the color of the course card)
11. **Time limits:**
 - 11.1. If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes of that class' start, the race will be abandoned.
 - 11.2. If no boat has finished within 60 minutes of that class' start the race will be abandoned.
 - 11.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet properly finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing and shall receive a score equal to the number of boats that started plus 1.
12. **Protests.**
 - 12.1. The RC vessel shall sound its horn when it returns to its dock. All protests must be filed with the RC at the RC Headquarters shed within 30 minutes of when RC vessel docks and sounds its horn.
 - 12.2. RC will make a verbal announcement at the RC Headquarters shed, which shall include the protestor, protestee, any witnesses and the time and location of the hearing. The RC will allow 30 minutes time for the protested boat to prepare. Failure to hear the announcement shall not constitute grounds for granting redress under rule 62.1(a).
13. **Withdrawal:** boats that retire before finishing shall contact the RC or safety boats and declare their retirement from racing.
14. **Scoring:** Scoring shall be by the Low Point Scoring System - Appendix A except as modified below.

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- 14.1. One (1) race is required to constitute a regatta.
- 14.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her races.
- 14.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15. **Safety Check in:** When the Race Committee signal boat displays Code Flag "L" prior to the first warning of the day, competitors shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on Starboard tack and hail their sail number and fleet until acknowledged by the RC.
- 16. **Radio Communication:** The Race Committee will communicate with racing boats via VHF channel 68.
- 17. **Racing Chairman:** Marcus rogers racing@ecsail.org

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