

The Skeleton Crew Regatta



Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction

1. Rules [NoR]: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. Notice to Competitors / Changes to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions [SI]: Will be posted on the bulletin board outside RC headquarters. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the first start, any changes to the schedule will be posted one week in advance.
3. Eligibility and Entry [NoR]: Skipper and owner must be a member of Eagle Creek Sailing Club and the boat is assigned to the Red Fleet, Green Fleet, Blue Fleet or White Fleet per their ECSC PHRF Rating. This is a single-handed regatta – only one skipper on board. NO CREW.

Skippers must have their ECSC PHRF from the PHRF Czar prior to Saturday, August 19.

4. Fees [NoR]: There are no fees for this event.
5. Schedule [SI]:
 - 10:00 AM Registration, Lunch provided
 - 10:30 AM Skipper's Meeting
 - 11:00 AM Harbor Gun (RC vessel leaves the dock)
 - 11:45 AM Warning signal for first race – additional races follow
 - 3:45 PM No more starts after this time; awards at RC HQ shelter approximately 45 minutes after RC vessel has docked.
6. Signals Made Ashore [NoR}: Signals made ashore will be made on the main RC boat at the dock. When the flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.
7. Class Flags [NoR]: Flag displaying colors red/green and blue/white will be used.
8. Venue and Racing Area [NoR]: The venue host is Eagle Creek Sailing Club. The race area is Eagle Creek Reservoir.
9. Courses [NoR]: Courses may use permanent marks in conjunction with temporary buoys. Courses will be indicated on the starboard side of the RC vessel using placards to indicate the marks and order of rounding. Course placards will have the Mark designation with a red or green background to designate the rounding. Temporary buoys (orange & white balls) shall be recognized as T, T1, T2, etc. in the order of rounding. A new course for any race will be posted before starts and accompanied by “come within hail” (“L”) Flag and one horn. Competitors should always check the course board prior to the start of each race as courses are likely to change for each race in this regatta.
10. Marks [SI]: Marks will be either the numbered permanent race marks, temporary Orange, Red, White or Yellow Buoys. Permanent marks that have drifted from their designated location shall not be grounds for

granting redress.

11. Communications [SI]: On the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
12. The Start [SI]: There will be two starts, one for Red and Green Fleets and one for Blue and White Fleet for each race. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag located on the port side of the RC vessel and the nearest orange or white mark located to port of the RC vessel. [SP] A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
13. The Finish, Time Limits [SI]: The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag located on the port side of the RC vessel and the nearest orange or white mark located to port of the RC vessel. A race shall be abandoned if the first boat has not rounded the first mark within 30 minutes of the start or the first boat has not finished within 60 minutes. Boats not finishing within 20 minutes of the finish of the first boat in their fleet shall be notified they will be scored in-place and shall immediately returned to the starting area for further instructions.
14. Protests [SI]: Protest hearing requests shall be submitted by filing a Protest form which are available at the RC Headquarters. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 30 minutes after the RC vessel has docked and sounded its horn. RC will post and make a verbal announcement at the race shed no later than 30 minutes after the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
15. Scoring [SI]: The Appendix A will apply except no score shall be excluded. Red, Green, Blue and White Fleets will be scored separately.
16. Safety [SI]: Before the first warning signal, all boats shall sail past the RC Signal Vessel and check-in by hailing their sail number. They shall continue to do so until verbally acknowledged by the RC. A boat withdrawing from racing shall notify the RC. A designated Safety Boat shall monitor all race and will respond if needed.
17. Prizes [NoR]: Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third place for each Fleet. The winning skippers in each fleet shall have their names inscribed on the permanent Skeleton Regatta trophy.
18. Disclaimer of Liability [NoR]: Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that: a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event; b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their

other property whether afloat or ashore; c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission; d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

19. Contacts [NoR]: Jerry Brickley (glenfinnian@hotmail.com)