



2024 ECSC Governor's Cup Regatta

Sailing Instructions

September 21-22, 2024

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.
2. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board outside the RC Headquarters.
3. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions(SI):** 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. Changes to the Sailing Instructions made on the water will be communicated by radio. Communications will be made on Channel 68 of a VHF radio. It is incumbent on the racers to have an operating radio on their vessel in order to effectively participate in the racing events. If the PRO makes a change in the SI they will display the "Come Within Hail" flag and announce the changes on the radio twice. It is incumbent on the racer to communicate with the PRO if they do not hear well or understand the changes.
4. **Signals made ashore:**
 - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the main RC boat at the dock.
 - 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:**
 - 5.1.1. Saturday, September 21st First Warning is 12:30 P.M., No Warning signal shall be made after 3:30 P.M.
 - 5.1.2. Sunday, September 22nd First Warning is 10:00 A.M., No Warning Signal shall be made after 1:00 P.M.
6. **Class Flags:** Class flags will be shown at the Competitors Meeting and may be combined at the discretion of the race committee.
7. **Courses: Windward Leeward** courses (designation WL) will be the racing format used in this regatta. The windward mark will be a red/orange round or a red/orange tetragonal buoy with a white offset mark in conjunction with it. WL courses may also use yellow buoys as port and starboard gate as an alternative to a leeward mark. Placards on the side of the RC will indicate the course being sailed. The courses may be comprised of permanent numbered marks (designated by red or green numbered placards to determine rounding), and/or temporary orange buoys, (designated by red or green placards to determine rounding and lettered as T, T1, T2, etc. in order of rounding). See **Course Diagram** Below.
8. **Marks:** Marks will be either the permanent race marks, temporary Orange, Red, White or Yellow buoys.
9. **The Start:** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat (starboard end of starting line), and the course side of starting mark (the port-end of the line). The port end may be a permanent mark, or an orange or white ball.
 - 9.1. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall strictly avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
 - 9.2. There will be no "dip" starts.
10. **The Finish:** For WL courses the finish line will be between the orange flag on the finish vessel and the start/finish white ball.
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 90 minutes of that class' start the race will be abandoned.
 - 11.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of that class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired without a hearing. TLE boats shall receive a score equal to the number of boats that finished plus 2, not to exceed the number of boats that started. This changes rule 62.1(a).
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.
 - 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.



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15. **Keelboats** may not be hauled out or careened for cleaning or inspection during the regatta without approval of the race committee.

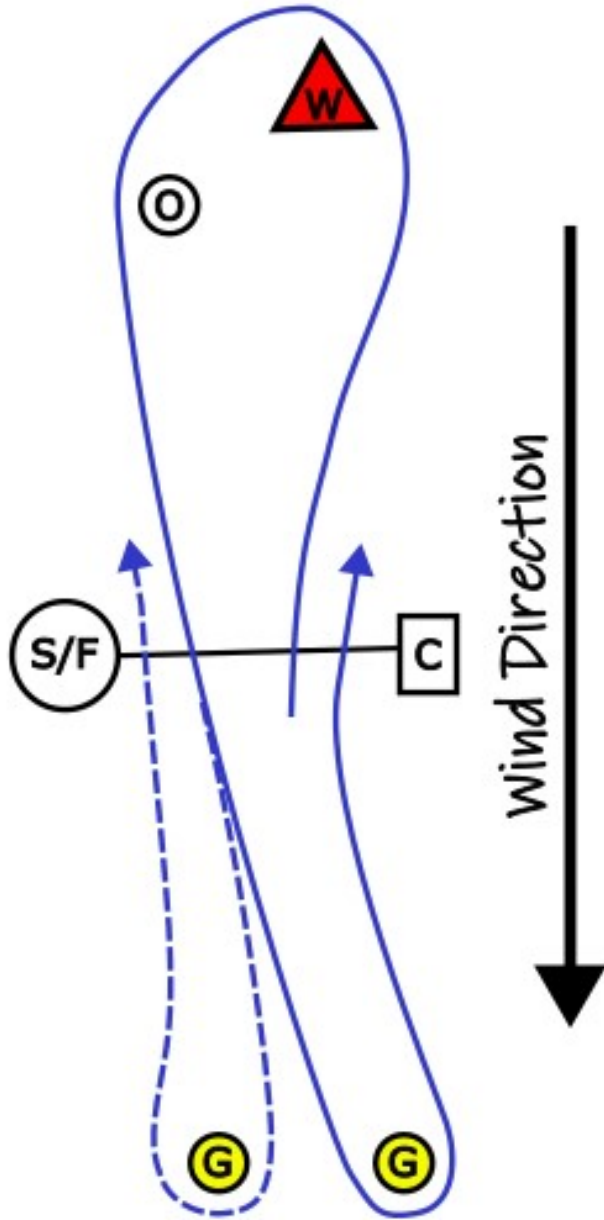
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Course Placards





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