

# 2025 Series Racing Sailing Instructions



1. **Rules:** The Racing Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. **Notices to Competitors:**
  - 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board outside the RC Headquarters.
  - 2.2 The Race Chairman can be contacted at 317-966-4844, [jckohnep@comcast.net](mailto:jckohnep@comcast.net).
  - 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on **VHF Channel 68**. It is **strongly recommended** that every racer **carry a VHF equipped radio** and monitor **Channel 68** for any racing announcements of Sailing Instruction changes. This recommendation is made to enable communicating both racing information, safety information and distress requests. The failure to hear these communications can not be used to seek redress.
3. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:**
  - 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 1.0 hour before the first race warning signal on the day that it takes effect.
  - 3.2 Changes to the sailing instructions can be made on the water by the Primary Racing Officer. If this is done the “Come Within Hail” flag will be deployed, and these changes will be communicated to racers verbally twice before the start of any affected race.
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. **Class Flags:** Class flags will be the color of their respective PHRF fleets as listed in the NOR and may be combined at the discretion of the race committee. The class flag for the J22 Fleet shall be the class insignia.
6. **Schedule of Races:**
  - 6.1. The schedule of races is posted online at <https://www.ecsail.org>.
  - 6.2. There will be one race for each fleet starting. Times for the first warning of the first start of the day are available on the ECSC website listed.
  - 6.3. Changes to the schedule will be communicated to competitors via email no later than one week in advance of the change.
7. **Racing Area:** The racing area will be Eagle Creek Reservoir.
8. **Courses:** 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. Gates will use yellow marker buoys and yellow placards.
  - 8.1. **Changes to the Course**

**Rule 33** ( Regarding Change of Course ) shall be altered in the following fashion Adding .....

    - 33(d) If an “S” flag is displayed with the Shorten Course flag “C” after the appropriate signaling for a Change of Course, the boat’s next mark shall be the original race course’s designated finish mark and its adjacent finish line. Crossing this line from the side of the course from the last mark will signify the boat’s finish of the race.
9. **Marks:** Marks will be either the permanent race marks, temporary Orange, Red, White or Yellow Buoys. The approximate location of permanent marks is indicated in the attached map. Permanent marks that have drifted from their designated location shall not be grounds for granting redress.
10. **The Start: Fleet Racing Wednesday Night and Sunday Series**
  - 10.1. Fleet racing will take place using 3 separate starts.
    - 10.1.1. Blue and White fleets will start together - first at the scheduled race time.
    - 10.1.2. Red, Green 1, and Green 2 – warning signal no sooner than one minute after the start of the Blue/White Fleets.
    - 10.1.3. The J22 Fleet shall start separately from the Red/Green Fleet if there are three or more J22s reporting to race – warning signal no sooner than one minute after the Red/Green Fleet start.
    - 10.1.4. All races will start using the Audible -Signal Racing System Appendix U of RRS. In addition to the Audible System there will be a display of the Fleet Flag **UP** at the Warning Signal(3 Minutes before Start Signal), the display of the Preparatory Flag **UP** at the 2 minute signal before the start, and the taking **DOWN** of the Prep Flag one minute before the start and the taking **DOWN** of the Fleet Flag at the Start Signal.
    - 10.1.5. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The port end may be a permanent mark, an orange ball, or a white ball.
    - 10.1.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made are asked to not interfere with the starting sequence for other races by keeping clear of the triangle made by the windward mark, the starting pin and the RC boat. Non-starting boats that are not yet racing should stay clear of the 15 boat lengths behind the start line.
      - 10.1.6.1. **RRS 29.2 General Recall** is modified to allow the race committee to use any amount of time it wishes after lowering the general recall flag before resuming racing operations.
    - 10.1.7. As a courtesy to competitors, 5 short sounds will be made approximately 1 minute prior to the next warning signal.
11. **The Finish: Wednesday Night and Sunday Series** The Finish Line will be between the orange flag on the finish vessel and the last mark listed on the course card.
12. **Time limits:**
  - 12.1. If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 minutes of that class’s start, the race shall be abandoned.
  - 12.2. If no boat has finished within 90 minutes of that class’s start the race shall be abandoned.
  - 12.3. All boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of that class sails the course will be scored together in last position if they are on the last leg of the race, and no other unfinished boats are further behind than the last leg.
  - 12.4. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of that class sails the course that are on the last leg of the course will be scored together in second to last place if there are other boats still not yet on the last leg of the course. In this event these last referred to boats will be scored together in last place. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

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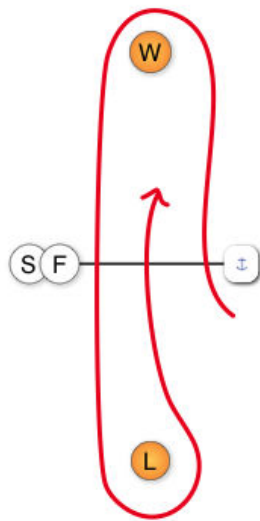


13. **Protests:**

**Wednesday Night and Sunday Series**

- 13.1. Protest forms 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.
- 13.2. RC will post and make a verbal announcement at the race shelter 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.
- 13.3. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14. **Wind Limits at Race Time:** When the RC anemometer is available and working, it shall be used to measure the true wind speed. Races will be run only if the anemometer wind speed averages more than 3 knots before the start. If the average wind speed before the race does not exceed 3 knots for 30 minutes, the race shall be delayed or cancelled. The race committee will postpone or abandon races if, in their judgement, the wind is too strong to support safe racing for all fleets.
15. **Cancellations before Racing:** If wind conditions are felt by the Primary Race Officer (PRO) to be hazardous to safe sailing/racing or inadequate to support sufficient racing boat speeds before the race, the PRO may cancel the race for the day, and they will attempt to give a 3-hour advance notice to racers. This notice will be given through the ECSC group texting application. Please be sure you are registered to receive these text messages from the club by giving your phone number at registration. Frequent wind gusts above 20 knots of wind, lightning in the local area or very light wind would be examples but not the only reasons for such advance cancellations.
16. **Withdrawal:** Boats who retire before finishing shall contact the RC or safety vessels and declare their retirement from racing.
17. **Scoring:**
- 17.1. Scoring shall be by the Low Point Scoring System – RRS Appendix A (to include A5.3) will apply except as modified below.
- 17.2. Boats must compete in at least 33% of the scheduled races to qualify for any series. 51% of all races (rounded up to the nearest whole number) shall be scored for any one participant.
18. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.
19. **Boat Qualification:** A racing boat may only be entered once in any series race and a member must always be present on the boat in order to be scored.



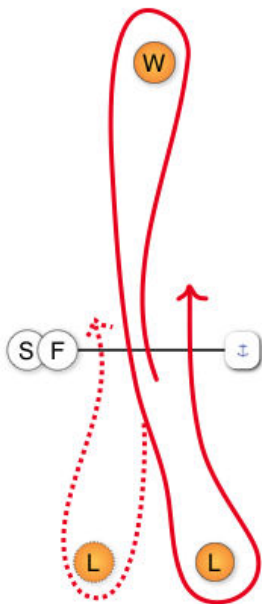
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LEEWARD**

**WIND  
DIRECTION**

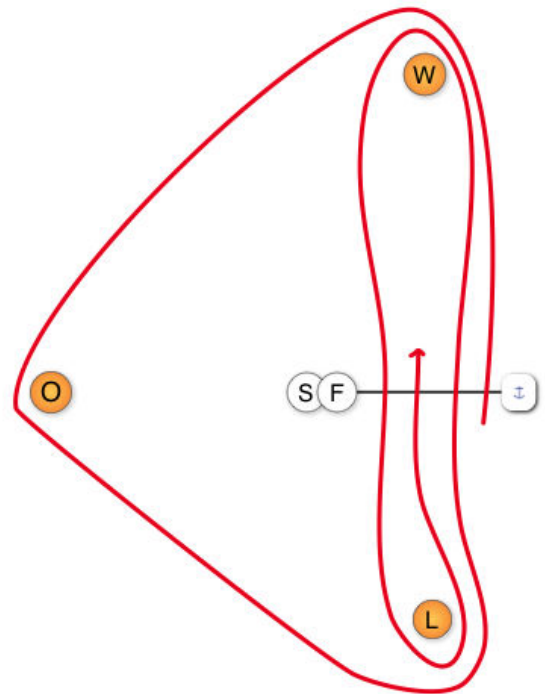


**KEY**

	Starting mark buoy
	Finish mark buoy
	Leeward rounding mark or leeward port gate
	If present, leeward rounding Mark starboard gate
	Windward rounding mark
	Offset rounding mark
	Race committee signal boat in position as a mark

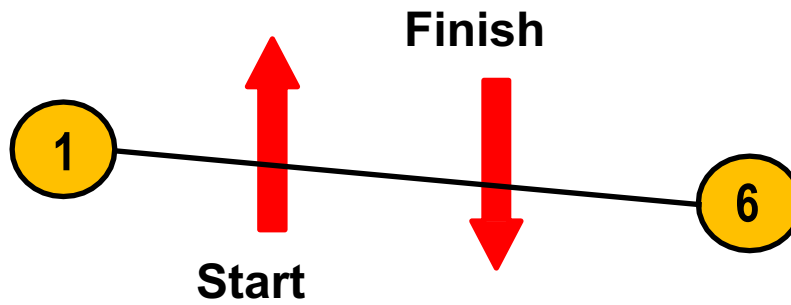
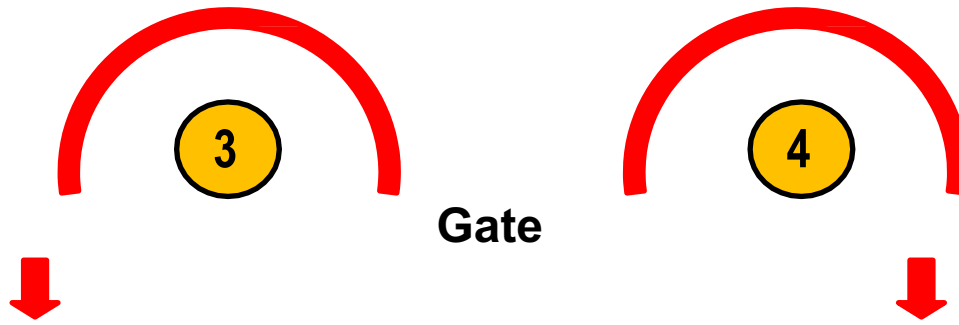


**WINDWARD-  
LEEWARD WITH  
GATE**



**MODIFIED  
OLYMPIC**

Sunday Honors Series Course



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