

Saint Croix Sailing Club

2010 Sailing Instructions

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Starting Sequence:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Horn sound</u>	<u>Flag Action</u>	<u>Event</u>
:00	3 short	None	Attention signal
:01	1 long	Div 3 and prep up	
:03	1 long	Prep down	
:04	1 long	Div 3 down; div 2 and prep up	Div 3 start
:06	1 long	Prep down	
:07	1 long	Div 2 down; div 1 and prep up	Div 2 start
:09	1 long	Prep down	
:10	1 long	Div 1 down	Div 1 start

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The U.S. Sailing Race Management Handbook states that: “Though all race personnel take seriously the possibility of injury to people or property, each competitor must decide for himself (sic) when to race.”

Furthermore, as there are risks involved in racing, the St. Croix Sailing Club cautions all sailors that each skipper is solely responsible for determining his/her abilities and his/her boat’s worthiness in any situation.

1. RULES

1.1 The racing of the St. Croix Sailing Club (hereafter SCSC) will be governed by US Sailing and The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the Class Rules of Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) except as any of these rules are changed by these sailing instructions or by the local fleet and filed with the Race Committee Chair prior to the beginning of racing. All races will be classified as Category A (No advertising).

1.2 Division 3, J/80 one design, must also comply with the *International J/80 Class Rules 2006* including subsequent changes and updates.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the SCSC and paying all required fees to the SCSC Treasurer or their appointed representative before the start of the event. Boats not paying their race fees in full before the beginning of the event shall not be scored. Registration forms may be found in the SCSC newsletters, the St. Croix Sailing Club web site, or by contacting a member of the race committee.

- 2.2 Eligible boats are required to have a “Family” or “Regular” member of the SCSC on board for each race.
- 2.3 Eligibility requirements for boats are:
- 2.3.1 All boats shall have required safety gear, proper government registration, display licenses, numbers, etc. as required by law.
 - 2.3.2 All boats shall have more than one person on board for each race.
 - 2.3.3 All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance, and provide proof of insurance upon request.
 - 2.3.4 All boats shall fly the SCSC burgee.
 - 2.3.5 While racing, transom mounted engines shall be stowed aboard or left mounted with the shaft in the vertical position from the preparatory signal until after that boat starts the race.
 - 2.3.6 All boats shall have a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, or a facsimile that gives the same information.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official SCSC bulletin board located just inside the gate to the Hudson Marina. The bulletin board hangs on the fence to the right side of the gate near the SCSC storage shed.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Saint Croix Marina flag pole.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as noted in the SCSC 2010 calendar attached to these Sailing Instructions; the calendar is also available at www.stcroixsailing.com.

- 6.1 Make-up races. There are four make-up races scheduled. Only races that count towards yacht of the year will be made up. Any yacht of the year race missed will be made up on the next scheduled make-up date not sooner than 8 days from the missed race. Additional make-up races may be scheduled if needed.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Numeral pennant flags will be used by the committee boat to differentiate the divisions. Division one will be designated the numeral pennant flag “one” (white triangle with the red circle in the middle). Division two will have the numeral pennant flag “two” (blue triangle with the white circle). Division three will have the numeral pennant flag “three” (red, white, and blue vertically striped triangle).

8. RACING AREA

All racing will be on the St. Croix River between the Interstate 94 bridge, located at Hudson, WI and the Lift Bridge located at Prescott, WI.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The courses shall be sailed as follows:

- O1** One triangle, windward, leeward, windward finish (6 legs)
- G1** One triangle, windward, leeward finish (5 legs)
- T1** One triangle, windward finish (4 legs)
- T2** Two triangles, windward finish (7 legs)
- W/L1.5** Windward, leeward, windward (3 legs)
- W/L2** Windward, leeward, windward, leeward finish (4 legs)
- W/L2.5** Windward, leeward, windward, leeward, windward finish (5 legs)
- W/L3** Windward, leeward, windward, leeward, windward, leeward finish (6 legs)
- TO** Two triangles, windward, leeward, windward finish (9 legs)
- HUGO1** Windward, reach, leeward, windward, leeward, reach finish (6 legs)
- OWL1** One triangle, windward, leeward, windward, leeward, windward finish (8 legs)
- X** Distance race as posted by the Race Judge's Board prior to start.

9.2 The Race Judge will post courses on the committee boat course board(s) using above designations. Each boat must sail their posted division course.

9.3 All marks shall be rounded to port.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks will be inflatable colored shapes.

10.2 Offset Mark: An additional mark may be set after the windward mark and is to be rounded to port.

10.3 An additional mark may be set to increase the course length for specific divisions and will be indicated on the committee boat course board(s). XM[↑] indicates extra windward mark. XM[↓] indicates extra leeward mark.

10.4 Boats are to obey all navigational marks while racing. This includes no-wake zones such as those that are found at Hudson, Afton and the Kinnickinnic channel.

- 10.5 When any mark is missing or has shifted, the race committee shall, when possible, replace it in its stated position, or substitute a new one with similar characteristics, or a buoy, or vessel displaying Code Flag M.

11. THE START

Note: According to Fundamental Rule 4, it is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or to continue racing.

- 11.1 Races will be started using (RRS) Rule 26.
- 11.2 Rule 26 will be modified in that three short horn bursts will sound one minute before the first starting sequence will begin.
- 11.3 Rule 26 will again be modified in that the preparatory flag and the class flag will be raised at the same time, 3 minutes before the start of each division.
- 11.4 Boats shall start in the following order Division 3, Division 2, Division 1 with the starting signal of the preceding start serving as the warning signal of the following start.
- 11.5 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line, and a port end orange starting mark.
- 11.6 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made will keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.7 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.8 Any temporary flag or buoy set off the transom of the committee boat is to be considered an extension of the committee boat.
- 11.9 The Race Judge, at his/her discretion, may fly the Y-Flag indicating life jackets must be worn by all competitors for the duration of the race.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The race will be abandoned if no boat finishes the race within 3 hours of the last start; all boats must finish no more than 45 minutes after the first boat from Division 1 or 2 finishes.

14.2 Distance races will not be subject to this time limit but may have their own time limits as specified in the sailing instructions or as posted prior to the race in accordance with the race instructions.

15. PROTESTS & ARBITRATION

- 15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Judge. Lacking a proper protest form, a reasonable attempt to provide in writing the information required under (RRS) Rule 61.2 is acceptable.
- 15.2 Completed protest forms must be returned to the Race Judge within two hours after the protesting boat finishes.
- 15.3 The Race Judge may waive the filing deadline of 16.2 at his discretion. The waiver must be requested and granted before the competitor leaves the course. The Race Judge may ask that protest forms be mailed to him. All forms shall be mailed or delivered within 24 hours.
- 15.4 The Race Judge is empowered by the Race Committee to convene a protest hearing at his/her discretion.
- 15.5 Decisions of the Protest Jury will be final, although they are subject to appeal.
- 15.6 All protests and arbitration hearings will be open to all SCSC members to facilitate their becoming better acquainted with the rules. Observing members must not participate in the proceedings in any way, and they must remain silent.
- 15.7.1 A short arbitration hearing will be held promptly after the race in which the incident occurred for protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 or Part 3 of the (RRS).
- 15.7.2 After a written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protester requests the protest be withdrawn. Observers will be allowed to facilitate their becoming better acquainted with the rules, but may not participate in any way. A decision will be made and conveyed promptly.
- 15.7.3 A yacht that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2 or Part 3 of the RRS shall receive a penalty score of 2 points or points equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in that race, whichever is greater. The acceptance of an arbitrator penalty during arbitration is voluntary and cannot be grounds of redress or be appealed. When parties in arbitration do not accept an arbitrator's penalty ruling, when made, the matter will go before a Protest Committee where a greater or lesser penalty may be assessed.
- 15.7.4 The Protest Committee will notify the parties to the protest as to the date and time of the hearing. All attempts will be made to have protest hearings immediately following the race in which the protest occurs.
- 15.8 Failure to appear: if a party fails to make reasonable arrangements to meet with the arbitrator, or come to a protest hearing, the Protest Committee may decide the protest in the absence of the party in accordance with (RRS) 63.3(b).
- 15.9 Any Protest of the Race Committee concerning the results or scoring must be submitted within 14 days of the posting of the results on the club's web site or the bulletin board whichever is earliest.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 As permitted by RRS 4.2, boats may exclude race score(s) from final results according to the following table based on the number of races completed.

Completed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Counted	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	13	14	15	16

16.3 Rule A9 will apply to all races. Rule A9 is modified such that boats that did not come to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

16.4 A boat having made the decision to retire from a race should notify the race committee of their decision and will be scored DNF; they may start their motor to leave the course as long as they do not interfere with the progress of any other boats in the race.

16.5 All boats failing to finish within the time limit (see SI 14) shall be scored one point more than the number of boats in her class that do finish within the time limit. This changes RRS A9.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All radio communications will be made on VHF Channel 72.

18. TROPHIES AND RACE SPECIFIC RULES

18.1 Yacht-of-the-Year trophies will be awarded to the top boat in each division based on the cumulative results of the following races which together will be considered a single series for yacht-of-the-year:

- Spring Evening Series (5)
- Summer Evening Series (5)
- Fall Evening Series (5)
- Breaking Waves (1)
- Autumnal Equinox (2)
- Carlson Classic (2)

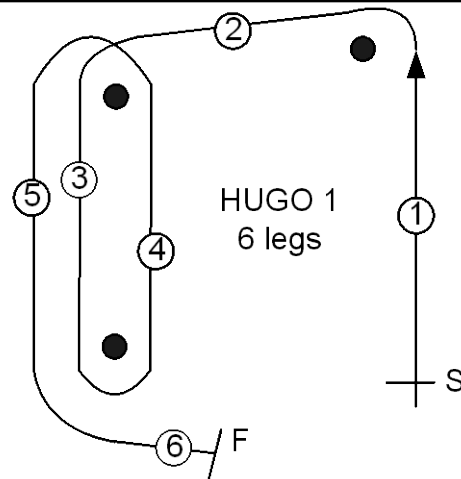
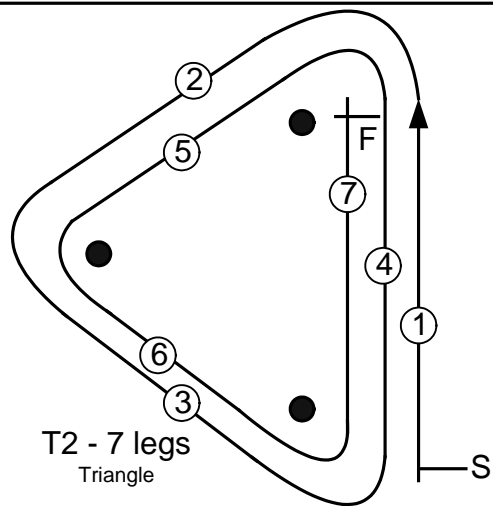
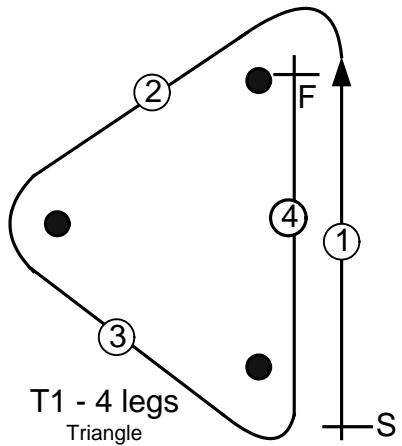
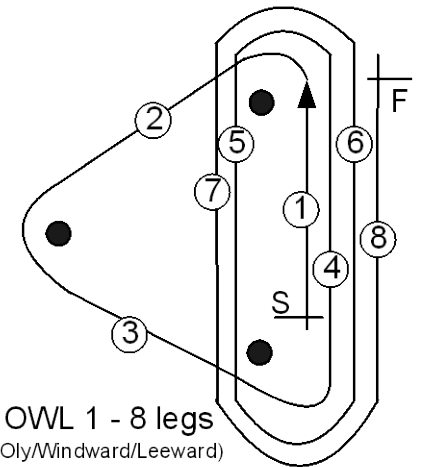
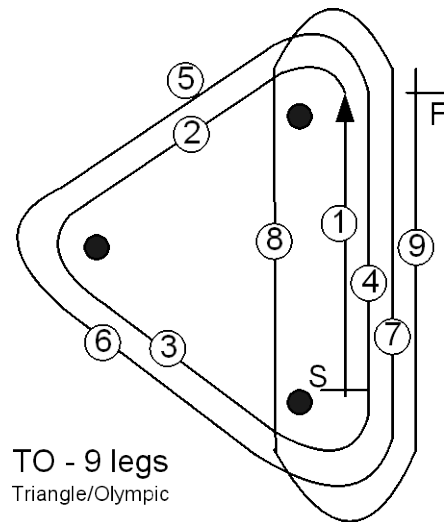
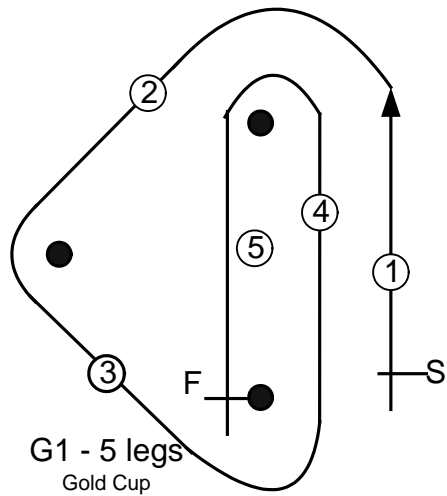
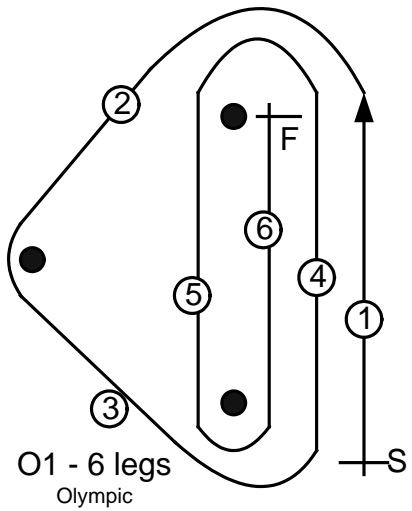
Traveling trophies will be awarded for the following races based on best corrected time over all:

<u>Series</u>	<u>Number in Series</u>
Breaking Waves	1
Autumnal Equinox	2
Commodore's Cup	1

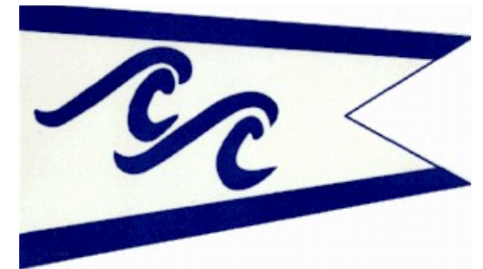
18.2 Youth Skipper, Female Skipper, Spring Invitational Open, all Friday Evening Beer Can, Commodore's Cup, and Frostbite races will be open to all interested full members of the SCSC regardless of race fee payment.

19. DISTANCE RACES

19.1 Distance races may be held from the Hudson bridge area to the Prescott bridge area and run through the “No Wake Zones” at the Afton and Kinnickinnic narrows. Time spent in no-wake areas will be deducted from the respective boats total time. It is the responsibility of the skipper to accurately record and report time in the “No Wake Zones” to the race judge at the earliest opportunity upon finishing the race. If the no wake buoys are not present, then use the channel marker buoys for recording time. It is permissible to run a motor while in the no wake zone. Any boat not reporting time in a “No Wake Zone” will not have that time deducted from the total time over the racecourse. Boats must exit no wake zones in the same order they enter the zones. The maximum time allowed to navigate through each no wake zone is 15 minutes.



Race Course Diagrams



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