

Saint Croix Sailing Club

2011 Labor Day Sailing Instructions

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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 when to race.” Furthermore, as there are risks involved in racing, the Saint 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 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the International Sailing Federations (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the class rules of performance handicap racing fleet unless any of these rules are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 All races are classified as Category A (no advertising)

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. Payment of the applicable race fee is required.
- 2.2 If the race fee and registration paper work, including completed rating information, have not been received by the club by the registration deadline the respective boat shall not be eligible to compete.
- 2.3 Registration forms are available for download from the SCSC website or by contacting a member of the race committee.
- 2.4 Eligibility requirements for boats are as follows:
 - 2.4.1 All boats shall have required safety gear, government registration, etc. as required by applicable law.
 - 2.4.2 All boats shall have more than one person on board for each race
 - 2.4.3 All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the race committee.

- 2.4.4 All boats shall have on board a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association.

3. Classification

Boats will be classified according to Lake Ontario PHRF handicapping rules or applicable Portsmouth Yardstick to PHRF conversion. There will be three divisions with entries divided into divisions based on PHRF handicaps. Five or more entries of the same type shall be eligible to compete in a one design division.

4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted in the racing section of the official SCSC website. The SCSC website is located at www.stcroixsailing.com.

5. Chances in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals made ashore

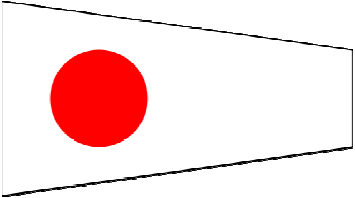
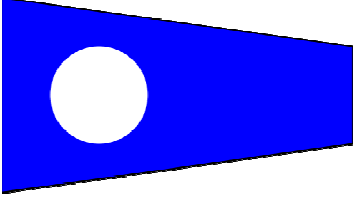
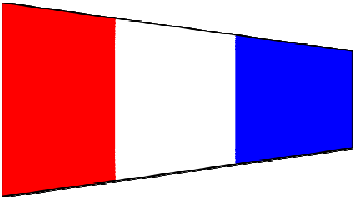
Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Hudson Marina flag pole.

7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1 Races are scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd at 0900 hours.
- 7.2 The regatta consists of a total of four races. A minimum of one completed races shall be required to constitute the regatta.
- 7.3 The race committee may schedule up to a maximum of three races per day. Competitors shall be notified at the skippers meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd at 0900 hours of the final schedule of races.
- 7.4 Abandoned races may be rescheduled prior to 1500 hours on Sunday, September 4th at the discretion of the race committee.
- 7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for each day is 1030 hours. No race will start after 1500 hours on Sunday, September 4th.

8. Class Flags

The following numeral pennant flags shall be used by the race committee to differentiate divisions.

Division 1	Pennant 1	
Division 2	Pennant 2	
Division 3	Pennant 3	

9. Racing Areas

- 9.1 All racing will be conducted on the Saint Croix River between the Interstate 94 bridge, located at Hudson, WI and the slow no wake area located at Afton, MN.

10. The Courses

- 10.1 The diagrams in Appendix A illustrate the courses, including approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed for each division and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11. Marks

- 11.1 Marks will be inflatable colored shapes
- 11.2 Offset marks may be set at the beginning of downwind legs
- 11.3 An additional mark may be set to increase the course length for specific divisions. Additional marks will be indicated by the race committee signal boat by displaying XM↑ for an additional upwind mark and XM↓ for an additional downwind mark.
- 11.4 Boats are to obey all navigational marks while racing. This includes, but is not limited, to slow no wake zones.

12. The Start

- 12.1 Races will be started using rule 26 except as modified in these Instructions.
- 12.2 Rule 26 will be modified as follows:
 - 12.2.1 An attention signal of three short blasts shall be given one minute before the first starting sequence.
 - 12.2.2 The attention signal shall serve as the warning signal for the Division 3 start.
 - 12.2.3 The One-Minute signal of the preceding start shall serve as the warning signal for the following start.
 - 12.2.4 The class flag shall be raised at the same time as the preparatory signal.
- 12.3 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange color flag on the race committee boat located at the starboard end of the starting line and a orange starting mark at the port end of the starting line.
- 12.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 12.5 Boats having started more than 10 minutes after the starting signal for their class shall be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 12.6 Any temporary flag or mark set off the transom of the race committee boat is to be considered an extension of the race committee boat.
- 12.7 Boats with transom mounted engines shall have their engine stowed aboard or left mounted with the shaft in the vertical position from the preparatory signal unit after that boat starts the race.

13. Change of course after the start

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg which is to be changed although the new mark not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration without further signal.

14. The Finish

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange color flag on the race committee boat and a nearby race mark.

15. Time Limit

Races shall be abandoned if no boat finishes the race within 3 hours of the last starting signal. All boats not having finished the race within 45 minutes after the first boat from division one or two sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing.

16. Protests

- 16.1 Protests shall be written and submitted on forms available from the Race Judge. Lacking a proper protest form, a reasonable attempt to provide in writing the information required under RRS61.2 shall be acceptable.
- 16.2 For each division the protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Protest Committee Hearings
 - 16.3.1 The protest committee shall notify parties to the protest of the location and time of the hearing. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
 - 16.3.2 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS61.1(b).
 - 16.3.3 If a party fails to make reasonable arrangements to appear at a protest committee hearing the protest committee may decide the protest in the absence of the party in accordance with RRS63.3(b).

17. Scoring

- 17.1 Races shall be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the low point system.
- 17.2 There shall be no exclusion of race scores.

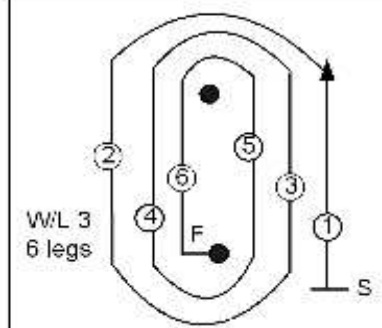
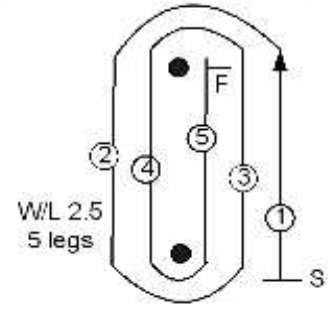
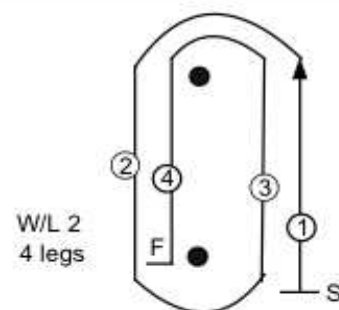
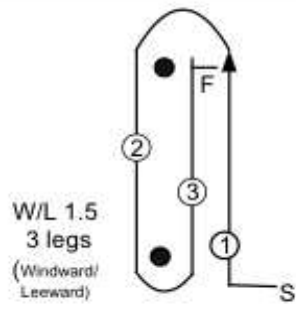
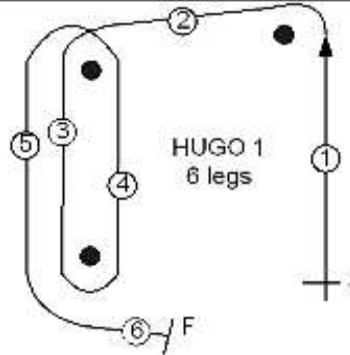
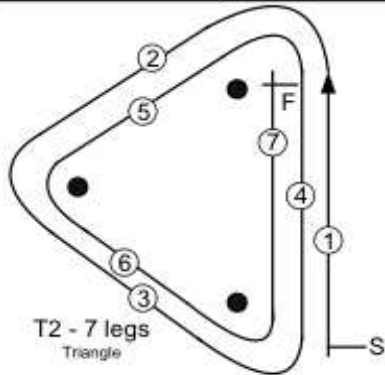
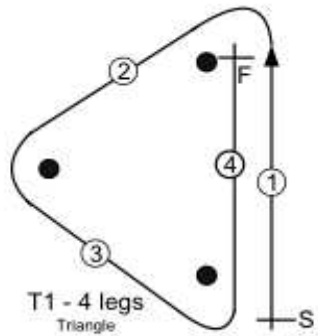
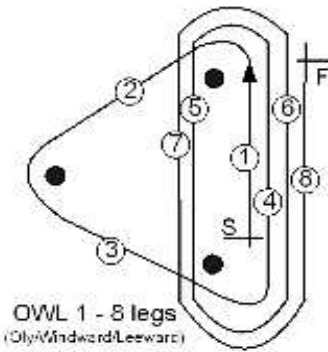
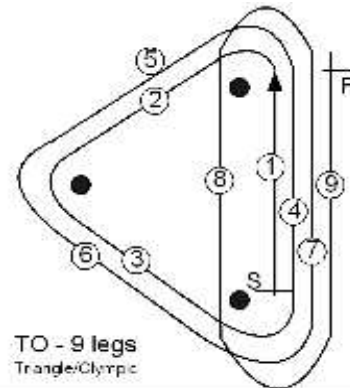
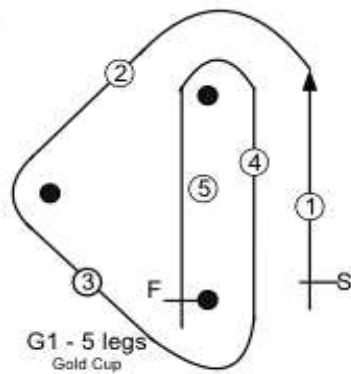
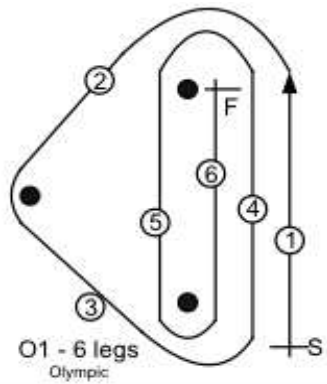
18. Radio Communication

- 18.1 All radio communications shall be made on VHF Channel 72 unless otherwise noted.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each division. The Mooney Cup, a travelling trophy, will be awarded to the best overall finisher.

Appendix A: Race Courses



Appendix B: Start Sequence

Signal	Flag	Sound	Elapsed Time
Attention Div. 3 Warning		Three Short	0:00:00
Div. 3 Preparatory	Division 3 Flag ↑ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:01:00
Div. 3 One-Minute Div. 2 Warning	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 3 Start Div. 2 Preparatory	Division 3 Flag ↓ Division 2 Flag ↑ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:04:00
Div. 2 One-Minute Div. 1 Warning	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:06:00
Div. 2 Start Div. 1 Preparatory	Division 2 Flag ↓ Division 1 Flag ↑ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:07:00
Div. 1 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:09:00
Div. 1 Start	Division 1 Flag ↓	One Long	0:10:00