

# Saint Croix Sailing Club

## 2011 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 with the exception of the following races which are open to all full club members regardless of race fee payment:
  - Youth Skipper
  - Female Skipper
  - Commodores Cup
  - Frostbite
  - Beercan Racing
- 2.2 If the race fee and registration paper work, including completed rating information, have not been received by the club by May 1st the respective boat shall be scored DNC for the first two Spring Series races and any subsequent regular season race (defined as any race that counts towards Yacht Of The Year) until the race fee, including a late payment penalty of \$15 and registration paper work have been received and reviewed by the club. This rule shall only apply to returning members that registered as race members during the prior year.
- 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 are required to have a Family or Regular member of the SCSC on board for the duration of each race.
- 2.4.2 All boats shall have required safety gear, government registration, etc. as required by applicable law.
- 2.4.3 All boats shall have more than one person on board for each race
- 2.4.4 All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the race committee.
- 2.4.5 All boats shall fly the SCSC burgee
- 2.4.6 All boats shall have on board a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association.

### **3. 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](http://www.stcroixsailing.com).

### **4. 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.

### **5. Signals made ashore**

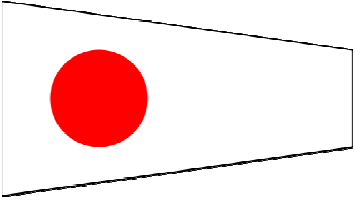
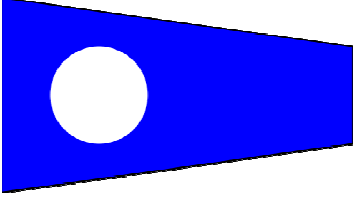
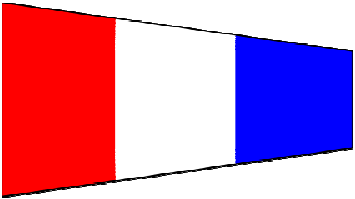
Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Hudson Marina flag pole.

### **6. Schedule of Races**

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as published in the SCSC calendar posted on the SCSC website.
- 6.2 Four make-up races are scheduled. Only races counting towards the yacht of the year shall be made up. Any yacht of the year race missed shall be made up on the next scheduled make up date but no sooner than eight days from the missed race. Additional make up races shall be scheduled as required.

### **7. Class Flags**

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	

## 8. Racing Areas

- 8.1 All racing, with the exception of distance races, 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.
- 8.2 Distance races will be conducted on the Saint Croix River between the Interstate 94 bridge, located at Hudson, WI and the US Highway 10 lift bridge located at Prescott, WI.

## 9. The courses

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.

## 10. Marks

- 10.1 Marks will be inflatable colored shapes
- 10.2 Offset marks may be set at the beginning of downwind legs
- 10.3 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.

- 10.4 Boats are to obey all navigational marks while racing. This includes, but is not limited, to slow no wake zones such as those found at Hudson, Afton and the Kinnickinnic channel.

## **11. The Start**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 except as modified in these Instructions.
- 11.2 Rule 26 will be modified as follows:
- 11.2.1 An attention signal of three short blasts shall be given one minute before the first starting sequence.
  - 11.2.2 The attention signal shall serve as the warning signal for the Division 3 start.
  - 11.2.3 The One-Minute signal of the preceding start shall serve as the warning signal for the following start.
  - 11.2.4 The class flag shall be raised at the same time as the preparatory signal.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.5 Boats having started more than 10 minutes after the starting signal for their class shall be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 11.6 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.
- 11.7 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.

## **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 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.

## **13. 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.

## **14. Time Limit**

- 14.1 Races, with the exception of distance 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.

- 14.2 Distance races are not subjected to the time limit of section 14.1 but may have their own time limit as specified in the sailing instructions or posted prior to the race in accordance with these instructions.

## **15. Protest and Arbitration**

- 15.1 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.

- 15.2 For each division the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

- 15.3 The race judge may waive the filing deadline of section 16.2 at his discretion. The waiver must be requested and granted before the competitor leaves the race course. The race judge may request protest forms to be mailed to his attention in which case the protest form shall be mailed or delivered within 24 hours.

### **15.4 Arbitration**

- 15.4.1 Arbitration of alleged RRS Part 2 rule violations shall be available to the parties immediately after the race where the incident occurred. It shall be the protesting boats responsibility to notify the arbitrator as well as the protested boat of the need for arbitration.

- 15.4.2 The arbitrator shall notify parties to the protest of the location and time of the arbitration meeting.

- 15.4.3 One representative from each boat shall meet with the arbitrator unless the protesting boat requests the protest be withdrawn.

- 15.4.4 No witnesses shall be heard at arbitration meetings.

- 15.4.5 A boat that accepts the arbitrators ruling that she broke a rule of RRS Part 2 shall receive a penalty of two pints or points equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in that race, whichever is greater. The acceptance of the arbitrators ruling is voluntary and cannot be grounds for redress or appeal.

- 15.4.6 If the arbitrator is unable to decide a protest, or if both parties do not meet with the arbitrator as instructed, or when the representatives of the boats do not accept the arbitrators ruling, the protest at hand will be referred to a protest committee hearing where a greater or lesser penalty may be assessed.

- 15.4.7 Once closed an arbitration hearing shall not be reopened for any reason.

- 15.4.8 Arbitration meetings are open to all club members.

### **15.5 Protest Committee Hearings**

- 15.5.1 The protest committee shall notify parties to the protest of the location and time of the hearing. Notices will be posted within 24 hours of the protest time limit or unsuccessful arbitration to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

- 15.5.2 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS61.1(b)

15.5.3 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)

15.5.4 Protest Committee Hearings are open to all club members

## 16. Scoring

16.1 Races shall be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the low point system unless otherwise specified in these instructions.

16.2 Yacht Of The Year

16.2.1 Yacht Of The Year scoring shall be based on the results of the following races which together will be considered a single series:

- Spring Series
- Summer Series
- Fall Series
- Breaking Waves
- Carlson Classic
- Autumnal Equinox

16.2.2 The provisions of RRS A.9 shall apply.

16.2.3 Boats may exclude races scores according to the following schedule

- 1 score excluded if 5 or more races have been completed
- 2 scores excluded if 10 or more races have been completed
- 3 scores excluded if 15 or more races have been completed
- 4 scores excluded if 20 or more races have been completed

16.2.4 A race is completed if scored, see RRS90.3(a). If a boat has two or more equal worst scores the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded.

### 16.3 Series Scoring

*16.3.1 The Weekend Series shall consist of the following races which together will be considered a single series:*

- *Breaking Waves*
- *Carlson Classic 1 & 2*
- *Autumnal Equinox 1 & 2*

*16.3.2 Individual Series (Spring, Summer, Fall and Weekend Series) shall be scored according to RRS Appendix A.2. A boats worst score shall be excluded provided that at least five races have been completed in the series.*

*16.3.3 A race is completed if scored, see RSS90.3(a).*

## 16.4 Beercan Races

16.4.1 Beercan races shall be scored using the high point system with boats being scored points one more than the number of boats that started the race minus the competitors finishing place. The series shall be scored by adding the number of points awarded in each completed race with no scores being excluded.

## 16.5 Other Races

16.5.1 All other races not specifically mentioned previously shall be scored based on total corrected time.

## 17. Radio Communication

All radio communications shall be made on VHF Channel 72 unless otherwise noted.

## 18. Trophies

### 18.1 Trophies

#### 18.1.1 Yacht Of The Year

Yacht Of The Year Trophies shall be awarded to the top boat in each division.

#### 18.1.2 Traveling Trophies

Traveling Trophies for the following races shall be awarded to the top boat based on the best overall corrected time:

- Breaking Waves
- Autumnal Equinox
- Commodores Cup

#### 18.1.3 Beercan Racing

Trophies shall be awarded to each boat that finishes first in any race.

## 19. Distance Races

19.1 In case a distance race requires passage of the no wake zones at the Afton or Kinnickinnic narrows, time spent in these areas shall be deducted from the respective boats finishing time. It is the responsibility of the individual skippers to accurately record and report time spent in the no wake areas to the race judge at the earliest opportunity after finishing the race but no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the race. Should any of the no wake buoys not be present, channel markers shall be used as reference for recording time spent in the no wake area.

19.2 Boats are required to exit the no wake areas in the same order they entered into the no wake area.

19.3 The maximum time deduction for passage of each individual no wake area is 15 minutes.

19.4 Should a boat not report the time it spent in no wake areas within the time limit specified no time shall be deducted from this boats finishing time.

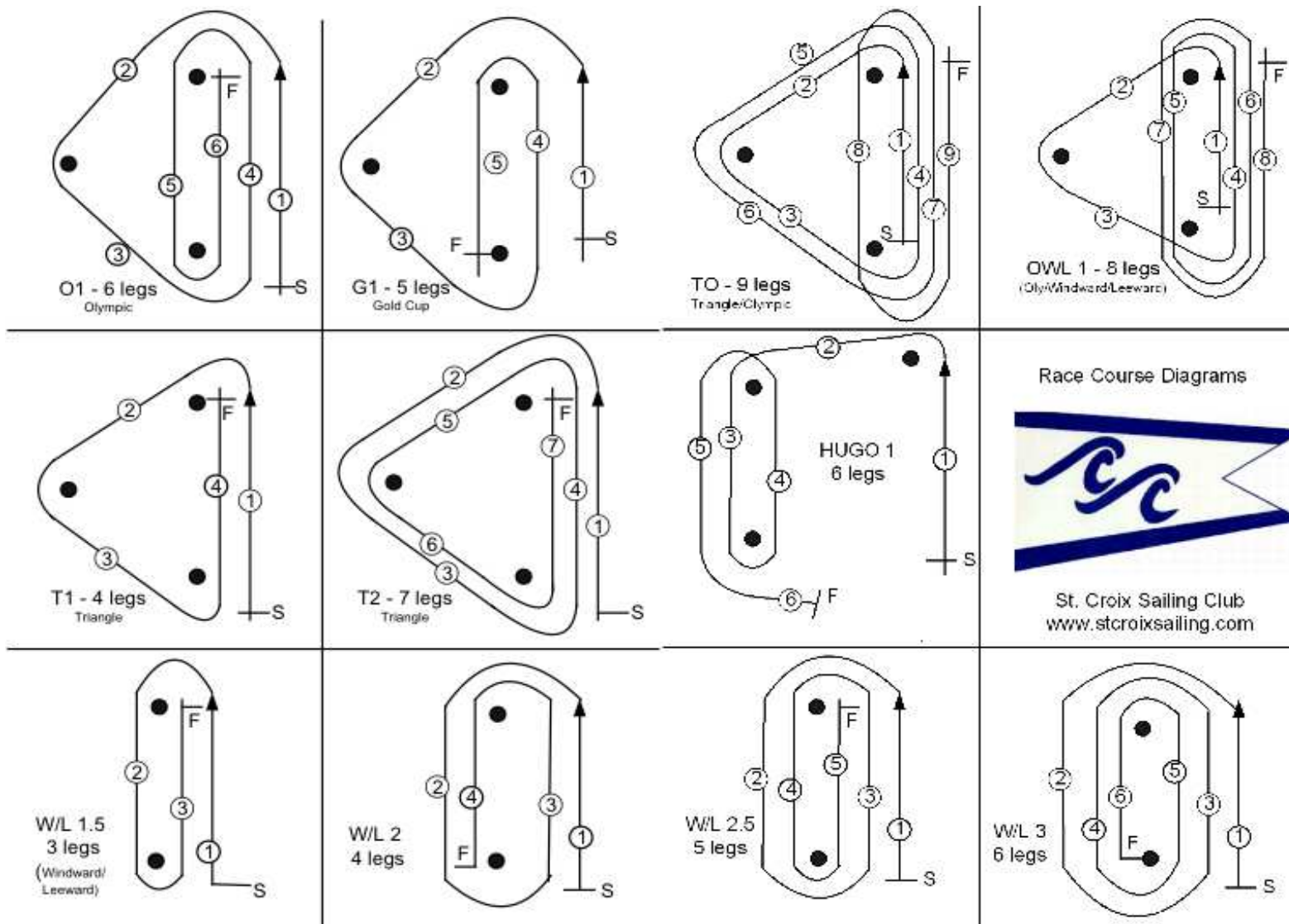
19.5 *For the purpose of distance racing only, Section 10.1 of these Sailing Instructions shall be amended as follows:*

*Marks will be inflatable colored shapes or navigational marks.*

19.6 *Should navigational marks be used instead of regular race marks the following rules shall apply:*

- If the mark is a slow no wake marker a boat shall be considered having rounded the mark once her entire hull has entered the slow no wake zone and the boat has competed either a tack or jibe.*
- If the mark is a channel marker the area between it and shore on the non channel side shall be considered an obstruction. A boat shall be considered having rounded the mark once she has sailed past the mark while being in the zone and completed either a tack or jibe.*

# Appendix A: Race Courses



## Appendix B: Start Sequences

19.7 Single Start, primarily used for Beercan races and certain weekend races

Signal	Flag	Sound	Elapsed Time
Attention & Warning		Three Short	0:00:00
Preparatory	Division 3 Flag↑ Division 2 Flag↑ Division 1 Flag↑ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:01:00
One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Start	Division 3 Flag ↓ Division 2 Flag ↓ Division 1 Flag ↓ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:04:00

Three Starts, primarily used for Tuesday races and weekend races with high turnout

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

Four Starts, used exclusively for special events such as the Labour Day Regatta

Signal	Flag	Sound	Elapsed Time
Attention Div. 4 Warning		Three Short	0:00:00
Div. 4 Preparatory	Division 4 Flag↑ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:01:00
Div. 4 One-Minute Div. 3 Warning	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:03:00
Div. 4 Start Div. 3 Preparatory	Division 4 Flag ↓ Division 3 Flag ↑ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:04:00
Div. 3 One-Minute Div. 2 Warning	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:06:00
Div. 3 Start Div. 2 Preparatory	Division 3 Flag ↓ Division 2 Flag ↑ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:07:00
Div. 2 One-Minute Div. 1 Warning	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:09:00
Div. 2 Start Div. 1 Preparatory	Division 2 Flag ↓ Division 1 Flag ↑ Preparatory ↑	One Long	0:10:00
Div. 1 One-Minute	Preparatory ↓	One Long	0:12:00
Div. 1 Start	Division 1 Flag ↓	One Long	0:13:00