



2026 Willamette Sailing Club (WSC)

Sailing Instructions

1 **RULES:**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 One-design class rules will also apply.
- 1.3 All competitors are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair sailing as required by RRS Part 1 and the By-Laws of WSC.

2 **ENTRY:**

- 2.1 Entry is open to all members of WSC, all members of WSC-recognized sailing clubs, and other persons or groups authorized by the WSC Board of Directors.
- 2.2 Non-WSC members may race as a guest by fleet invitation, not to exceed one series.
- 2.3 Competitors shall enter by completing the “Online Race Entry Form” in the race section of www.willamettesailingclub.com. Unregistered boats shall not receive a score. Late registered boats shall not receive a score for any races sailed before completing registration.
- 2.4 Entry is free for WSC members. The entry fee for all non-members shall be \$25 per series, payable upon entry.
- 2.5 It is the responsibility of all competitors to serve on the Race Committee as directed by the Fleet Captain. Failure to perform your duty shall be grounds for disqualification from the series and disqualification from WSC Club Championships. Voluntary sign up for the Race Committee will be available, but the Fleet Captain may assign competitors to fill unfilled Race Committee shifts as needed. Competitors must serve on a minimum of one race committee shift for each series in which they compete. Competitors can serve their shifts during any series in the calendar year.
- 2.6 Three boats of one design on the line shall constitute a fleet and get their own start. Boats not racing as a class shall race in White Fleet.

3 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors, including changes in the Sailing Instructions, will be posted adjacent to the southwest entrance to the WSC clubhouse, or announced orally on the water as allowed by RRS 90.2(c) by the Race Committee prior to the first race in which they will take effect.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a Committee Boat at the WSC dock. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after Flag AP is lowered.

4 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Series	Dates	Laser/Day Sailer	Thistle/Lido 14
Winter	Feb. 8 – March 29	Sundays, 2:00 PM	Sundays, 2:00 PM
Opening Day	Sunday, April 12	Sunday, 3:00 PM	Sunday, 3:00 PM
Spring	April 13 – May 27	Mondays, 6:30 PM	Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
Summer I	June 1 – July 15	Mondays, 6:30 PM	Wednesdays, 6:30 PM



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Summer II	July 20 – Sept. 2	Mondays, 6:30 PM	Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
Fall	Sept. 6 – Oct. 18	Sundays, 4:00 PM	Sundays, 4:00 PM

Note: Daysailers will sail on Monday during the Spring Series pilot dates of May 11 and May 18.

5 COURSES:

- 5.1 The courses will be Triangle, Olympic, and Windward/Leeward as specified in the Course Chart.
- 5.2 All turning marks will be round orange buoys.
- 5.3 Courses will be designated by black letters on a white board displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 5.4 The letter M behind the course letter indicates the course is “modified;” i.e., start and finish is in the middle of the course. If letter M is not displayed, the start is at the leeward mark and finish is at the windward mark.
- 5.5 The number 2 behind the course letter indicates a 2-lap course. Boats are not required to sail through the starting line at the beginning of the second lap.
- 5.6 The letter L behind the course letter indicates a longer course. If letter L is displayed, boats must round the “longer course” mark set beyond the normal windward or leeward mark.
- 5.7 The starting and finishing lines are not restricted.
- 5.8 The use of an offset buoy may be used at the windward mark to help spread out the fleets at the race committee’s discretion. The committee boat will raise the “come with in hail” flag and announce the use of an offset buoy.

6 CLASS FLAGS:

- 6.1 Class flags shall be pennants with class insignias or other flags as indicated orally by the Race Committee on the water.

7 STARTING & FINISHING:

- 7.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow or orange buoy.
- 7.2 RRS 26 Starting System shall be used, modified as follows:
 - 3 minutes before start: Warning Signal (Class flag, one sound)
 - 2 minutes before start: Preparatory Signal (P flag, one sound)
 - 1 minute before start: One-Minute Signal (P flag removed, on sound)
 - 0 minutes before start: Starting Signal (Class flag removed, one sound)
- 7.3 To maintain a continuous clock sequence for starts, the starting signal can be the warning signal for the next fleet in the starting order if that fleet’s class flag is displayed with the starting sound (rolling start). This modifies RRS 26.
- 7.4 For modified (M) courses, the Race Committee may at its discretion set a separate finish line from the starting line. If a separate line is set, it shall be between a blue flag and a red buoy. If no separate line is set, the finish line shall be the same as the starting line.



7.5 For unmodified courses (no M displayed), the finish line shall be between a blue flag on a Committee Boat and the windward mark.

7.6 Hailing on Individual Recall: The Race Committee may, as a courtesy, attempt to hail the sail numbers of the OCS boats, but any failure or error in hailing will be no basis for redress.

7.7 For Laser Racing Only: Rule 30.1 is always in effect, whether or not the I Flag is displayed. This changes RRS 26 and 30.1.

7.8 For a general recall: Rolling start will continue with the next fleet and the recalled fleet will go to the end of the fleet line up. The general recall flag will come down with the P flag coming down.

8 **TIME LIMIT:**

8.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 45 minutes. Boats finishing more than 10 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF without a hearing. The race committee may at their discretion mark a boat that hasn't finished but will certainly finish within the time limit as "Finish in Place" to allow the next race's starting sequence, but must allow all boats finished in place to return to the starting area before making the warning signal for the next race. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

9 **SAFETY:**

9.1 All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This applies whether or not a Yankee flag is displayed. This modifies RRS 27.1 and 40.

9.2 All boats shall carry the following safety equipment:
One bailing device (portable or through-hull)
One horn or whistle audible for at least ½ mile
Bow line at least equal to the length of the boat
Any other safety equipment required by state or federal law

9.3 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, inspect boats to make sure they comply with all safety requirements. Boats found in violation may be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This modifies RRS A5 and 63.1.

9.4 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, declare a boat or its crew in need of assistance due to injury, equipment breakage, illness, hypothermia, or other safety problem, and require that boat or crew to accept assistance under RRS 41(a). This in no way modifies RRS 4.

9.5 Competitors will be subject to disqualification without a hearing for interfering with commercial traffic. This modifies RRS A5 and 63.1. The race committee will assign a Safety Boat to lead all commercial vessels through the course. The warning signal shall be 4 long sounds, repeated continuously until commercial traffic has cleared the course.

9.6 Any boat passing between a commercial vessel and the Safety Boat leading it through the course shall be scored DSQ without a hearing and must retire immediately from that race. This modifies RRS A5 and 63.1.

9.7 Boats at risk of collision with a commercial vessel may use any means of propulsion necessary to keep clear, except that if by doing so they improve their position in the race, they shall immediately retire. See RRS 42.3(i).

10 **PROTESTS & PENALTIES:**



10.1 Competitors are strongly encouraged to settle rules infractions on the water by taking the Two-Turns penalty specified in RRS 44 and One-Turn penalty for breaking rule 31. For Laser, Lido, and Daysailer Racing Only: The Two-Turns penalty in every circumstance is modified to a One-Turn penalty. This modifies RRS 44.1.

10.2 A boat intending to protest shall report its intent and the sail number of the boat it is protesting to the Race Committee upon finishing. A written protest form is allowed but not required. This modifies RRS 61.2.

10.3 Parties to protests shall report to the race committee within 30 minutes after the Committee Boat docks. Failure to report by a protestor will result in the protest being disallowed. Failure to report by a protestee will result in the protest being held without him or her. This modifies RRS 61, 62 and 63.

10.4 Rule 63 is changed to “Three Minute Justice” in lieu of a protest committee hearing. “3 Minute Justice” is defined as follows: Each party to a protest may select one fleet competitor as a judge. Each party has 1 minute to tell his or her story. Judges have 1 minute to make a decision. Judges’ decisions are final.

10.5 In incidents involving damage to boats or injury to persons, a full protest committee hearing under RRS 63 shall be held in lieu of Three Minute Justice. The 30 minute limit to file a protest is also waived, protests must be filed in a reasonable time considering time taken in light of damage or injury

11 **SCORING:**

11.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

11.2 Boats scored DNC, DNS, DNF, or DSQ shall be scored with one point more than the number of boats that finished the race being scored. This modifies RRS A5 and A9.

11.3 For every 5 races sailed, each boat may exclude its worst score. This modifies RRS A2.1.

11.4 Boats sailing in the White fleet shall be scored by one-design class or Portsmouth handicap at the Race Committee’s discretion.

11.5 No more than 2 race committee “average point” scoring adjustments may be requested for participating on the race committee instead of racing.

12 **PRIZES:**

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats registered and competing in at least one race for the series using the following formula:

12.1 3 boats = 1 award

12.2 6 boats = 2 awards

12.3 9 boats = 3 awards

12.4 15 boats = 4 awards

12.5 20 or more boats = 5 awards.