BIRMINGHAM SAILING CLUB
2025-2028 NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

This document applies to BSC Sunday Portsmouth Series, One-Day Regattas and Two-Day Regattas. The Organizing Authority is Birmingham Sailing Club (BSC) and races will be held on Logan Martin Lake.

1. RULES

1.1. The race event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the most current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing and these sailing instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. For all regattas, an updated Notice of Race (NOR) and/or Sailing Instruction's (SI's) may be sent prior to the event. If an event specific NOR/SI is not sent, this document will govern unless modified by rules described in 2.2.

2.2. Notices may be posted to the BSC Website Event Page Notice Board and/or to the Official Notice Board inside BSC Clubhouse, one hour before the start of any regatta.

2.3 Competitors will be informed of notices by reasonable means.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. For the Sunday Series, changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by the Race Committee (RC) using VHF. This complies with rule 90.2(c) of the RRS.

3.2. Changes may be posted to the BSC Website Event Page Notice Board, or if needed, to the Official Notice Board inside BSC Clubhouse, one hour before the start of any regatta.

3.4 Competitors will be informed of changes by reasonable means.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole near the launching ramp, or on the RC boat when docked at main dock.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" for displaying a race Warning signal.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Sunday Series races will start at 1400. The Start Time is changed to 1330 for the Sunday Series races between the end of Daylight Savings Time and January 31 of the following year.

5.2. For One-Day Regattas, the Warning signal will be made at 1230 on Saturday.

5.3. For Two-Day Regattas, Warning signals will be made at 1300 on Saturday and at 0930 on Sunday. No race will be started after 1230 on Sunday.

5.4. For subsequent races to be held on the same day, the Warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race is about to start, a series of horn blasts may precede the Warning signal.

5.5. No races will be started within 1 hour of any planned onshore event such as awards reception. Otherwise, no race shall be started less than 1 hr. before sunset.

6. COURSES (See Appendix A)

6.1. The course will be windward-leeward as shown on Appendix A.

6.2. The number of legs will be determined by the Race Committee subject to conditions And displayed on a whiteboard on the side of RC boat.

6.3. For One-Day and Two-Day Regattas, different classes may have different number of legs and/or different length legs.

6.4. All rounding marks shall be left to Port.

7. CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION

7.1. Registration for the event(s) can be found on the BSC Website and/or before races during the skippers meeting.
7.2 Each boat shall check-in at the Race Committee boat before the start of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the RC boat on starboard tack and shall hail their (1) sail number and (2) skipper.
7.3 Failure to register per 7.1 and check-in per 7.2 may result in scoring errors. The ultimate responsibility to verify successful check-in lies with the competitor.
7.4 The Race Committee may take reasonable means to assist competitors with check-in and registration.

8. THE START

8.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 of the RRS with the Warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
8.2. The Starting Line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and a nearby buoy, "X", on the port end of the Start/Finish Line. The port end buoy may be replaced by a Race Committee boat with an orange flag.
8.3. For Sunday Series races, there will be one (1) Start for all competitors signaled with a yellow flag as the Warning signal. At the discretion of the PRO, the competitors may be divided to allow for two (2) starts; separated with the intention to increase the quantity of races for the given day or provide a Start for less experienced sailors to participate.
8.4. For One-Day and Two-Day Regattas, a separate Start will be given for each class that has 5 or more boats in the starting area prior to the first start of the event. The Warning signal of the starting class shall be the class flag.
8.5. Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS competitors by VHF, but failure to do so or a competitor's failure to hear a hail are not grounds for redress.

9. THE FINISH

9.1. The Finish Line shall be between an orange flag/shape on a Race Committee boat and the nearby mark, either "X" or another mark of the course, including the use of "C" mark as indicated in Appendix A.

10. TIME LIMITS – SHORTEN COURSE

10.1. The Time Limit shall be 90 minutes from the Start of the race for the first boat to Finish. If no yacht has rounded the first mark within 45 minutes, then the race shall be abandoned.
10.2. If in the opinion of the race committee no boat will finish within the Time Limit they may Shorten course by taking station at any rounding mark of the course, displaying code flag "S" and sounding two signals. When a Shortened Course signal is given, all boats shall continue to round the marks displayed at the Start until they reach the mark at which the Race Committee displayed the Shorten Course signal.
10.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will receive a score equal to the number of boats that have finished within the Time Limit, plus one. This changes to RRS 35, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

11. PROTESTS

11.1. Protests must conform to Rule 60. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Official notice board and must be filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the Race Committee returning to shore. After submitting the protest, the protesting skipper shall await instructions as to the time and place of the hearing. It is the protestor's unshared responsibility to learn the time and place of the hearing and to ensure that any witnesses that are to be called on the protestors' behalf are present at the hearing.

12. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

12.1. The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a Rule of Part 2 while in the 'zone around a mark' other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

12.2. Rules 44.1(a) and 44.1 (b) apply as stated in the RRS.

13. PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

13.1. After a race, a boat that may have broken a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in Rule 44.3(c). However, Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply.
A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

13.2. The Post-Race Penalty shall be
(a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
(b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

14. SCORING

14.1. The Low Point scoring defined by RRS Appendix A, and as modified here, will apply for all races.

14.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 BSC sponsored Race Events that are set up for One Design racing will be scored on a Low Point System with points equal to the order of finish position and 'letter finishes' equal to the number of boats entered in that fleet.
This scoring method applies to One-Day Regattas, Caldwell Cup and Leukemia Cup Regattas. Open fleet participants in these events and all entries in LDRs will be scored using Portsmouth Handicap Ratings as assigned in the BSC Scoring System based of US Sailing documents. Ratings may be modified to account for windspeed and number of crew situations. A High Point score will also be calculated from the finish order in each race based on the number of boats in the race. That High Point score will be used in the Fleet Standings and All BSC Events scoresheet.

14.4 BSC Sunday Series races will be scored using Portsmouth Handicap ratings to calculate Corrected Finish Times to place finishers in a corrected order of finish with a Low Point score for each race. The daily standings will be based on the Low Point total sum of the finishes in all races completed that Sunday. A High Point score will also be calculated from the finish order in each race based on the number of boats in the race.
That High Point score will be used in the Sunday Mini-Series ranking for the overall series standings. The overall Sunday Mini-Series Standings shall be based on sum of the individual's best High Point score in 30% of the total number of mini-Series races completed.

14.5 Single-handing is allowed in boats normally requiring a crew for BSC sponsored races unless otherwise specified in the event's SI. Fleet sponsored events should specifically designate crew requirements, by name and number, for entries in their regattas.

15. SAFETY

15.1. It is each competitor's un-shared responsibility to provide for their personal safety and to observe the requirements to operate a yacht in Alabama.
15.2. The wearing of life jackets and the decision to start or continue a race is the sole Responsibility of each competitor.
15.3. A boat retiring from a race shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate in the club regattas at their own risk.
See RRS Part 1: Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the club regatta.

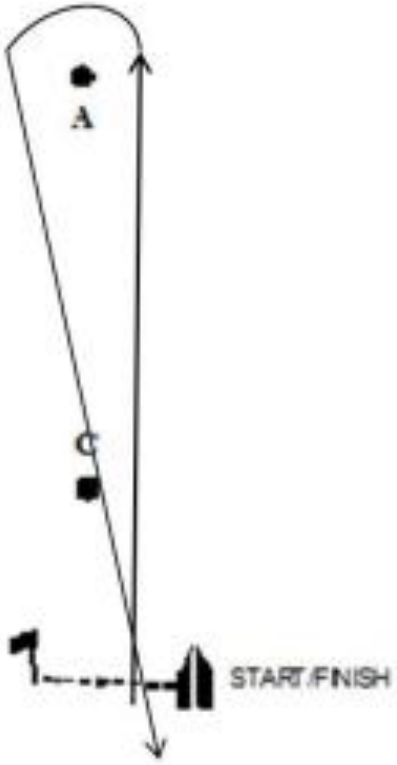
17. ELIGIBILITY

17.1 Skipper to be included in the Sunday Series standings must be members of Birmingham Sailing Club. Guest skippers are welcome to participate in a member's boat but will not be included in the results. Guest skippers will be scored in the individual races in which they sail, respective to the registered boat, and rank as Starters for C22, Open, Flying Scot, Sunfish, and Thistle Fleet participation. Other fleets may exist.

Appendix A

The preferred BSC courses are below. Note that at the discretion of the PRO, these courses can be modified for a specific regatta as needed and a separate finish line can be made with the use of "C" mark as the finish pin and leeward mark if desired.

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