
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* hereinafter referred to as RRS.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be communicated via social media, cell phone texts or by hailing before launching near the boat hoists.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be at the discretion of the Fleet Captain(s) and/or Race Committee. Any change in the Schedule of Races will be communicated to competitors via email or the methods outlined in Section 2.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will be no signals made ashore. Any communication to the fleet will be done through cell phone to/from the Fleet Captain(s) and/or the Race Committee.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races is set forth on the sailing calendar posted on the RYC website. The order of start and approximate starting times for races are listed in Attachment #1.

6. RACING AREAS

The racing area is Area D shown on the chart (Attachment #2).

7. THE COURSES

The course shall be a windward-leeward with the start/finish line in the middle. The weather mark is to be rounded to port. The leeward marks shall be a gate.

A 1 or @ flag on the Race Committee boat will display the number of times around the course.

The Race Committee may elect to use a separate finishing mark on the starboard side of the committee boat. This will be communicated to the fleet before the start.

The Race Committee may make the decision to shorten course at any mark of the course without any warning.

8. MARKS

Marks will be tetrahedrons, balls or cylinders.

9. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with the RRS Appendix S Sound Signal Starting System. The sequence will begin with 5 short blasts prior to the warning signal. This modifies RRS 26.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

The race committee may attempt to notify premature starters by hailing sail numbers, boat name or hull numbers. Failure to hear a hail will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the main committee boat and the course side of a mark designating the port end of the starting line.

Any boat not starting within 5 minutes of her starting signal for a race will be scored DNS for that race. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

No races will start after 1300 for the Saturday Series racing and 2000 for Thursday Series racing. This also applies to any regatta that take place on those days.

The Go/No Go decision will be made at the dock 45 minutes before the start. Decisions will be announced to the fleet according to the procedures outlined in 2. Notices to Competitors.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the specified finishing mark. The Race Committee may elect to use a separate finishing mark on the starboard side of the committee boat. This will be communicated to the fleet before the start.

11. TIME LIMIT

The Time Limits for each of the races/series are noted in Attachment #1. This changes RRS 35.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests shall be written on forms available at the RYC clubhouse bar or downloaded from the US SAILING website. Written protests shall be filed within 60 minutes of the official arrival of the Committee boat at the dock. Written protests should be filed per RRS 61.3 and placed in the depository located at the RYC Clubhouse Bar. Each protest form shall contain the date and time it was placed in the depository and this information must be attested to by the signature of the bartender on duty.

Protests will be heard at the RYC Clubhouse, unless designated otherwise on the official race committee notice board. Protest hearings will be conducted following each day's racing, unless designated otherwise on the official race committee notice board. Every effort will be made to schedule timely protest hearing and to provide reasonable schedule notification to all involved parties of the protest(s).

13. SCORING

The Scoring System is described in Attachment #3.

14. WITHDRAWAL

A boat which retires from a race shall make all reasonable efforts to notify the Race Committee by hail, VHF radio, or cell phone.

15. SAFETY

A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee may or may not monitor VHF Channel 16.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at RYC Cups and Flags.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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 racing.

Attachment #1 Starting Procedure

1. THURSDAY EVENING IDEAL 18 SERIES RACES

1.1 ORDER OF START

Class	Flag	Warning
Ideal 18	Class Flag	1830

1.2 SUBSEQUENT STARTS

Three (3) races are scheduled for each evening.

Subsequent starts will be signaled as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race. Note that the order of start may change.

Races shall be abandoned at the discretion of the race committee. No races will be started after 2000.

2. SATURDAY MORNING IDEAL 18 SERIES RACES

2.1 ORDER OF START

Class	Flag	Warning
Ideal 18	Class Flag	1030

2.2 SUBSEQUENT STARTS

Five (5) races are scheduled for each Saturday.

Subsequent starts will be signaled as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race. Note that the order of start may change.

Races shall be abandoned at the discretion of the race committee. No races will be started after 1300.

3. MEMORIAL DAY, FOOLS, SUMMER FLING and LOCC REGATTAS

The order of start and approximate warning signal times will be determined and communicated via email for each regatta.

Subsequent races shall start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race. The number of races will be determined by the Race Committee.

There will be one drop after the completion of six (6) races.

Attachment #2 Racing Area



Note: This Chart Should Not Be Used For Navigation

Attachment #3 Scoring

1. IDEAL 18 FLEET SCORING

1.1 RACE SCORING

The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, shall apply.

1.2 INDIVIDUAL SERIES SCORING

For the purposes of Series Scoring, the boat is scored regardless of the skipper.

To qualify and be scored for a series, an Ideal 18 must be registered (ie dues paid) with the local fleet and the Class Association and race 60% of the races in that series.

For each series, a boat will be allowed to throw out all races sailed beyond the 60% required to qualify for the series.

The individual race scores, excluding the drops as set forth above, shall be combined on a percentage basis and the lowest percentage for the series wins.

NOTE: The Thursday and Saturday of the Summer Fling and the Saturday of Memorial Day regatta will also count in their respective series score.

If your boat does not start a race you “will not be scored” this counts for all series.

If your boat does not finish a race, you will be scored the number of boats starting the race plus two points.

If you retire after a finish (RAF) you will be scored the number of boats starting the race plus two points.

Women’s Racing Association (WRA) will score their boats separately.

1.3 SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

The Series Championship shall be the boat with the lowest combined percentage for the 3 out of 4 series. WRA Racers will be scored through the WRA program.

1.4 REGATTA CHAMPIONSHIP

For the purposes of this award, the boat is scored for the whole season.

For Racers using RYC Club boats, the same boat and sails must be used for the entire regatta. The boat/sails will be scored, not the skipper.

The finishing place for the overall regatta championship shall be determined by totaling each boat's finishing positions for each regatta and determining a ranking using the low point system.

In years with a North American Regatta: Three out of the 4 regattas must be sailed to qualify for the Regatta Championship. One of the 3 must be the Ideal 18 North Americans.

In years when there is no North American Regatta or there is no participation from Fleet #1: All local regattas must be sailed.

1.5 OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP

An overall champion shall be determined by averaging the finish place for the Series Championship and the finishing place for the Regatta Championship. In the event of a tie, the boat that has the best finish in the series championship shall prevail.

Attachment #4 Equipment & Accommodations Standards

1.0 PURPOSE & USE

1.1 Purpose

It is the purpose of these special regulations to establish uniform minimum equipment and accommodations standards for boats racing in the Rochester Yacht Club series races and thereby to aid in promoting uniform racing.

1.2 Use

These regulations do not replace, but rather supplement, the requirements of governmental authority, the Racing Rules of Sailing and RYC. The attention of skippers is called to restrictions in the RRS regarding the location and movement of equipment.

2.0 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

2.1 Safety

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of owners who must do their best to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

2.2 No Limitation

Neither the establishment of these special regulations, their use by RYC, nor the inspection of a boat will be in compliance with all of these standards when entering any race to which these requirements apply.

2.3 Decision To Race

It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or continue a race.

2.4 Certificate of Compliance

It is a condition to entering each race that the owner agrees that his/her boat will be in compliance with all of these standards when entering any race to which these requirements apply.

3.0 MINIMUM CREW

Class rules shall apply

4.0 INSPECTION

By entering any RYC race or series, the owner agrees that the boat may be inspected before or after any race for compliance with these standards. It is the skipper's responsibility to make arrangements for the inspection with the Division Captain.

5.0 CONFORMANCE WITH MINIMUM EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

5.1 One-Design Keel Boats

Ideal-18 class shall at all times while participating in RYC sponsored races carry all required racing equipment as defined in their respective class rules and as required by the US Coast Guard regulations for the size, type and usage of the vessel.