



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Flying Scot® Buckeye Regatta



August 15-16, 2026
Hosted by Hoover Sailing Club Fleet 37
4250 Smothers Road
Westerville, Ohio 43082

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and FSSA Class Rules, except as those altered by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Only Flying Scot yachts, as defined by the FSSA may enter. Entrants must complete registration with the Hoover Sailing Club prior to the closing of registration.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main room of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to these sailing instructions shall be approved by the Principal Race Officer and will be posted no later than 45 minutes before the warning signal of the first affected race on Saturday. Any change in the racing schedule for Sunday will be posted before 1900 the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee boat at the dock.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, accompanied by two sound signals means that the next race is postponed. The next warning signal will be approximately 30 minutes after Code Flag "AP" is lowered with one sound signal and the Committee Boat leaves the dock.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A competitors' meeting will be held at 1145 on Saturday, August 15 at the Clubhouse.
- 5.2 Races are scheduled as follows:
 - Saturday, August 15: First warning signal at 1230; additional races to follow
 - Sunday, August 16: First warning signal at 930 additional races to follow
 - Sunday, August 16: No warning signal after 1130

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flag will be a White flag with a blue FS insignia.

7. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF Channel 71 to communicate with competitors.
- 7.2 Competitors are only to contact the RC on the water in the event of emergencies, safety issues, to retire from a race or report a protest or penalty taken.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The race area will be the main body of Hoover Reservoir in front of the club

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed are WA or LA as described in RRS Appendix S.
- 9.2 The course designation will be displayed on placards from both sides of the RC Signal Vessel

W = windward leg

Wo = Windward Offset

L = Leeward leg

Lg = Leeward Gate

Δ = Triangle

Courses may be designated:

Triangle (with a windward to finish)

Triangle W/L/W

W/L/W

Depending upon the number of boats, the PRO may set an offset mark and/or a leeward gate for a W/L course. The number of laps will be displayed with a number in front of the course designation.

For a triangle course the number will indicate the number of laps of the triangle.

- 9.3 The color of the cards represents proper rounding, red for marks to port and green for marks to starboard.
- 9.4 For example, a course of "2 Δ WLW" with red cards indicates that the course is 2 complete triangles then a windward leg, a leeward leg, and a windward leg, with all marks rounded to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Primary marks will be large, orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The Starting and finishing mark will be a pink foam block topped by an orange pennant.

11. SAFETY CHECK-IN

- 11.1 When the RC signal vessel displays Code Flag L prior to the first warning signal each day, competitors shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged by the RC.
- 11.2 All Ohio safety requirements regarding sailboats shall be observed.
- 11.3 A boat retiring from a race is asked to notify the Race Committee either upon leaving the course or, if that is impossible, immediately upon arriving ashore.
- 11.4 It is each competitor's exclusive responsibility to decide whether or not to race or continue racing, to wear a personal flotation device and to otherwise provide for his or her own personal safety unless the PRO determines that conditions are such that flotation devices are required. In such a circumstance the Y flag will be flown.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying a blue Race Committee flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 12.2 The starting line shall not be an obstruction during the race.
- 12.3 Races shall use a 5 minute starting sequence in accordance with RRS 26. Prior to the Warning, several short horn blasts will be used to alert all competitors to the beginning of the starting sequence.
- 12.4 As a courtesy, the RC may, after the starting signal, hail the sail and/or bow numbers of OCS boats. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the failure of the RC to hail, or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress.

13. CHANGED OR SHORTENED COURSE

- 13.1 Competitors will be signaled of the shortened course from a boat stationed near the last turning mark before the finish.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 14.2 The finish line shall not be an obstruction during the race.
- 14.3 Boats that retire before finishing should inform the RC as soon as possible and may do so by VHF radio.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The following time limits apply to each race:
 - 15.1.1 The time limit for the first boat to pass the first mark will be 30 minutes, and for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.
 - 15.1.2 If either of these limits is not met, the race shall be abandoned.
 - 15.1.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat shall be scored in their relative positions at that time to the best ability of the Race Committee..

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Protests: Hearing forms will be available at the clubhouse and shall be filed within 30 minutes of the RC signal vessel docking time, which will be posted on the official notice board. The order of protests will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time. Protests will be held at the clubhouse approximately in the order received.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply with the following modifications:
 - 17.1.1 One race must be completed to constitute a Championship.
 - 17.1.2 Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores, and no score shall be excluded.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 A competitor shall not use support or spectator personnel or their equipment, including tow vessels, while away from the dock unless they have been pre-approved by the Protest Committee, RC, or made available to all competitors by an Organizing Authority.