



2025 SLSC Sailing Instructions

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Safety:

- It shall be the responsibility of each competitor to decide whether to start or continue a race.
- Competitors are required to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while out on the water when involved in any Saratoga Lake Sailing Club event.
- Each boat must carry safety equipment prescribed by her class rules and government regulations.

Rules:

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 (RRS), the prescriptions and rules of the competing classes, except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions.

Use of Radios:

The Race Committee uses radios on Channel 71 to communicate information between race support boats. Competitors may have radios aboard their racingboat to monitor Race Committee radio traffic but should only broadcast from their radio in situations requiring the assistance of the race committee.

Notices to Competitors:

Will be posted on the SLSC website under the "Racing-NOR/Sl" tab and located in a binder on the porch of the SLSC clubhouse.

Changes to the Sailing Instructions:

Will be posted on the SLSC website under the "Racing-NOR/SI" tab and located in a binder on the porch of the SLSC clubhouse. Questions about these sailing instructions should be addressed to the Flag Lieutenant(s) Race or the Race Committee the day of the race or before.

Schedule of Races:

Described in the Notice of Race, posted on the SLSC website under the "Racing -NOR/SI" tab and located in a binder on the porch of the SLSC clubhouse.

Courses:

May be any of those illustrated at the end of these instructions. A "Code" indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed on the aft port quarter of the Race Committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for the start of the first division. The first two digits (18=180 Degrees, 04=40 Degrees, etc.) of the compass bearing to the first mark may be displayed along with the course code.

The offset mark illustrated on courses W1, W2, I1, I2, L1, and L2 is located approximately 40 yards from and slightly even and above the port tack lay line to the windward mark.

Marks of the Course:

- Will be green, red, yellow, or orange tetrahedrons or balls.
- The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the aft port side of the Committee Boat and the aftermost part of a green, yellow, or orange mark at the other end of the line.
- The finish line shall be any Committee Boat flying a blue flag and the aftermost part of a green, yellow or orange mark at the other end of the line.

Other marks used for starting and finishing pins, off-set marks or temporary marks may be orange, green or red balls. An anti-barging buoy may be attached to the stern of the race committee boat. While racing, boats may not touch this mark or attempt to pass between it and the race committee boat.

Racing:

- All races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- Class assignments to the starting divisions are given in the Notice of Race.

The starting signal for the first Division to start is the Warning signal for the next Division to start, and so on. The Race Committee may signal a starting sequence with a series of repetitive sounds prior to the Warning Signal for the first Division to start.

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Division Flag with Sound	5
Preparatory	Flag "P" with Sound	4
One Minute	Lower Flag "P" with Sound	1
Start	Change Division Flag with Sound	0

- Flag I (RRS 30.1) if used, is substituted for Flag "P".
 - RRS 30.1 is in effect when Flag "I" is flown as the preparatory signal. RRS 30.1 requires that any boat OCS within one minute of the start round the ends of the starting line to restart.
- The intention to run another race will be signaled by flying Flag "L" on the finish line. Flag "L" will be lowered prior to the warning signal for the next race.

Recalls:

- **Individual Recall**
 - Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee shall display Flag "X" with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with RRS 30.1, if it applies, or until approximately 3 minutes after the fleet has started. No sound will be made when Flag "X" is lowered.

- **General Recall**

- When, at the starting signal, the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or to which RRS 30.1 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a General Recall and shall display the First Substitute with two sounds. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled Division may be made, not sooner than one minute after the First Substitute is lowered (one sound). The starts for any succeeding Division shall follow the new start.

In the event of a General Recall and restart (or any other incident delaying the start of the second division), the race committee will make every effort to correctly record the racing times of the affected division to accurately calculate Overall Handicap results.

Failure of the race committee to get these times will NOT be grounds for protest.

If the Race Committee is unable to calculate fair results for the overall handicap, no overall handicap results for that race will be counted for any fleet.

Postponement:

- **On Shore**

- When the Answering Pennant (Postponement) and two sounds have been made on shore, lowering of the Flag and one sound shall signal 30 minutes to the warning signal of the next race.

- **On the Water**

- When a postponement has been made on the water, lowering of the "AP" and one sound shall indicate at least one minute but not more than 5 minutes to the warning signal for the next race, unless the postponement is superseded by the starting time of day limitation.

Abandonment:

- **Abandon and Re-sail**

- Abandon and Re-sail is signaled by Flag "N" and three sounds, followed by Flag "L" and one sound. Both flags will be left flying until the warning signal for the next race.

- **Abandon and Return to Shore**

- Abandonment is signaled by Flag "N" and three sounds. If only Flag "N" is displayed, boats should return to shore.

- **Shortened Course:**

- (RRS 32.2 with modification for SLSC): According to RRS 32.2: Before any boat has finished, position the new finish line:
 - At any rounding mark
 - At a gate, between the gate marks

SLSC Modification of RRS 32.2 : The finish line will be at the original Starting line.

Time Limits:

Sunday Series Racing:

- Racing will be abandoned if no boat finishes a race within 1.5 hours from the second start.
- Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored with the next succeeding place within their fleet and the next succeeding place for Overall Handicap.
- If no boat from a specific fleet finishes within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, all boats that started in that fleet and did not retire before the expiration of the time limit, will be scored with a 1st place for their fleet score, and a “DNF” for their overall handicap score.

Wednesday Night Series Racing:

- Racing will be abandoned if no boat finishes a race within 1 hour from the second start.
- Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored with the next succeeding place within their fleet and the next succeeding place for Overall Handicap.
- If no boat from a specific fleet finishes within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, all boats that started in that fleet and did not retire before the expiration of the time limit, will be scored with a 1st place for their fleet score, and a “DNF” for their overall handicap score.

Protests:

Protest flags are not required for any boat sailing a series race at SLSC. Protests and requests for redress will be decided following an informal open hearing which will take place immediately following racing if possible. Protests must be filed 1.5 hours after the race committee boat docks. A three-person protest committee will be appointed by the Race Captain of the day. Once a decision has been made by the committee, the protesting party may then appeal the decision of the protest committee.