

Sailing Instructions

Mark White Memorial Cow Town Regatta

Saturday – Oct 10, 2026
Hoover Sailing Club
4250 Smothers Road
Westerville, OH 43081

1. Rules

The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Notices to competitors

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the day they will take effect, except that any change in schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. Signals Made Ashore

All signals will be made from the Race Committee's official boat. Signals may be made from the official boat while remaining moored to the dock. Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two sound signals (one horn when lowered) means "the race has been postponed". The time of the warning signal will be announced before the lowering of "AP".

4. Schedule and class flags

A competitors' meeting (skipper's meeting) will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday 10/10 at the Hoover Sailing Club house. The class flag is the MC Scow burgee.

5. Racing area

The racing area will be the navigable waters of Hoover Reservoir (north of Smothers Road bridge).

6. Schedule of Races

PRO will run as many races as possible given weather conditions; one race will constitute a regatta.

7. Courses and marks

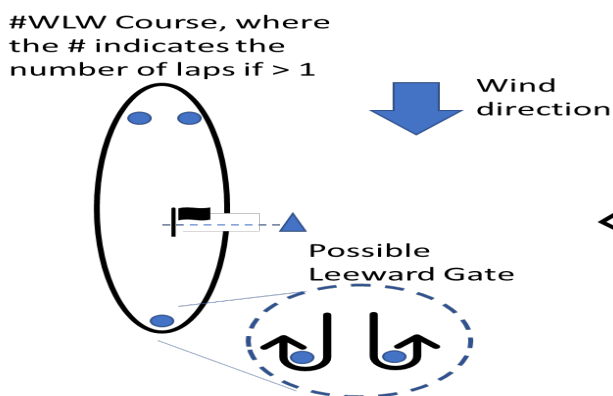
The courses shall be Windward-Leeward configuration courses as shown below. Course designations will be displayed on the committee boat as follows:

The direction of the course will be identified by the color of the lettering or shapes on the course designation plaques. (i.e., red letters or shapes means take marks to port; green letters or shapes means take marks to starboard).

Saturday- Oct 10	11:00 AM	Skippers meet at clubhouse
	11:45 AM	Warning Signal, Race 1
	4:00 PM	No races started after 4:00

- a. Marks will be orange or yellow marks. An offset will be placed at the windward mark for Windward-Leeward configurations. A leeward gate will be used.

- b. Changes in course after the start shall be signaled from the Race Committee boat or official chase boat stationed at the preceding mark displaying code flag "C" with periodic horns or whistles.



8. Starting and finishing lines

The starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue RC flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a pennant mark with an orange flag displayed on the port end. Race participants are allowed to cross through the start/finish line during upwind or downwind legs, the start/finish line is "open".

Races shall be started with a three-minute **COLLEGIATE** starting sequence. This changes RRS 26.

At 3 minutes	– Three long horns
At 2 minutes	– Two long horns
At 1 minute 30 seconds	– One long horn, followed by 3 short horns
At 1 minute	– One long horn
At 30 seconds	– 3 short horns
At 20 seconds	– 2 short horns
At 10 seconds	– 1 short horn
At 5,4,3,2,1	– 1 short horn for each second
At the start	– One long horn.

A few short sound signals will be provided 10 to 15 seconds prior to the official start of the sequence.

9. Time limit

The race time limit for each race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.

10. Safety

- No race will be started when the wind registers 20 mph steady or gusts greater than 23 mph as measured on the Race Committee boat.
- If, after a race has started, the wind registers 20 mph steady or 23 mph in gusts, the PRO will either abandon the race or shorten the course at the next possible mark of the course and take finishes there.
- If 3 or more boats are capsized during a race, the race committee shall abandon the current race.
- If, in the opinion of the PRO, an unsafe condition exists or may be developing while the wind is below the limits above, the PRO may choose not to start, may shorten, or may abandon a race.
- These safety statements modify MCSA Race Instruction X, Section 17.

11. Hearing Requests

- Boats intending to protest an incident in the racing area shall so inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing. Failure to do so makes her protest invalid. This changes RRS 60.4.
- Requests for redress shall be made under RRS 61.2, shall be filed within the protest time limit or 1 hour after the incident, whichever is longer. This changes RRS 61.2 (b).
- All parties to protests will be notified as to the time, location, and order of any hearing or arbitration.
- Hearing request forms will be available from the PRO.

12. Scoring

The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will be used. If 6 or more races are sailed, each competitor's worst finish will be removed from the scores (1 throw-out), subject to RRS 90.3b. One race constitutes a series.