

Star of the North Regatta 2023

September 8th – 10th 2023

Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC)
Wayzata, MN, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) of the Star of the North Regatta 2023 Regatta is the Wayzata Yacht Club.

The notation [NP] in a rule in the Notice of Races means that breaches in this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. [DP] Each boat shall comply with all U.S. Coast Guard, state, and other applicable governmental laws, rules, and regulations.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction (including time of race) may be made on the water by hail and/or announce via VHF radio channel after displaying code flag “L” with one sound in the racing area. This changes RRS Rule 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the race committee signal vessel and verbally receive the change when Flag “L” is displayed.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located next to the front door of the WYC Clubhouse.
- 3.2. The race office is located at WYC, 1000 Eastman Lane, Wayzata, MN 55391.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Failure (or delay) to make or hear these broadcasts, or failure (or delay) to include a bow number or sail number, shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.4. The RC may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the VHF channel.
- 3.5. [DP] While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when notifying the RC of a retirement or withdrawal, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication, that are not available to all boats.
- 3.6. [DP][NP] A boat shall notify RC via VHF radio in an emergency or when retiring from a race.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the WYC flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Abbreviated Schedule:

Date	Time	Item
September 7, 2023	1745 hrs	Warning signal for practice race.
September 8, 2023	1000 hrs	Warning signal for Capri 25's and Sonars
September 9, 2023	1000 hrs	First warning signal
September 10, 2023	1000 hrs	First warning signal

- 6.2. A competitor's meeting for the Capri 25 and Sonar fleets will be held on Friday, September 8th at 0830 at the WYC Clubhouse.
- 6.3. A competitor's meeting for the S2 7.9 fleet will be held via VHF on Saturday, September 9th at 0930.
- 6.4. S2 7.9 fleet will only race on Saturday, September 8th and Sunday, September 9th.
- 6.5. No warning signal will be made after 1200 hrs on Sunday, September 9th.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Starting order and associated warning signal class flag for each fleet shall be as follows:

Start Order	Fleet	Class Flag
First Start	Capri 25	Capri 25 burgee
Second Start	Sonar	Sonar class flag
Third Start	S2 7.9	S2 7.9 class flag

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Attachment 2 shows the location of the race area.
- 8.2. Emergency Evacuation Locations are identified on Attachment 2.

9. COURSES

9.1. Buoy Courses.

- 9.1.1. Diagrams in SI Addendum 1 show the courses, including the order and required side that marks are to be passed.
- 9.1.2. Courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward buoy courses, with a minimum of two (2) legs.
- 9.1.3. Offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

9.2. Medium Distance Course.

- 9.2.1. The optional Medium Distance Course for the Capri 25 Fleet may be a combination of inflatable tetrahedron marks designated to achieve the desired course configuration and length.
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first leg.
- 9.4. The course designation will be displayed on a board on the starboard side of the RC Signal vessel.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Original Windward Mark (1) will be inflatable orange tetrahedron.
- 10.2. Offset Mark (1a) will be a red ball.
- 10.3. Original Gate Marks (2p and 2s) will be red inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 10.4. Start Mark will be a inflatable orange tetrahedron.
- 10.5. Finish Mark will be a green inflatable tetrahedron.
- 10.6. Change Marks, as provided in SI 12, will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on the VHF Channel.
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. If the change is for *Mark 1*, the new mark shall be a yellow inflatable mark, unless the change is for the final leg of Course 5, in which case the finish line shall be in the new position. An offset mark will not be set with a changed mark.
- 12.2. If the change is for a gate *mark(s)* (2p and/or 2s), the new marks will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 12.3. If a gate mark (2S or 2P) is missing or out of position, a boat shall round the remaining mark to port.
- 12.4. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original-colored mark.
- 12.5. RC may, without signals, make minor adjustments to the original marks to change the direction of a leg provided no boat is on that leg. This changes RRS *Rule 33*.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish shall be between the course side of a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of a nearby green mark.
- 13.2. Code Flag A flown from the RC Signal Vessel with no sound signal while a boat is finishing means no more racing today.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS Appendix V1 (PENALTY AT TIME OF AN INCIDENT) shall apply.
- 14.2. RRS Appendix T (ARBITRATION) shall apply.
- 14.3. A lesser penalty than DSQ (which may include no penalty) may be given at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC) for an infringement of Rules other than the Rules of Part 2, or RRS Rule 31. This changes RRS Rule 64.2.

15. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1. **Bouy Course:** The Mark 1 Time Limit, Target Time, Race Time Limit, and Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

First Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	60 minutes	120 minutes	30 minutes

- 15.1.1. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.1.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.1.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2. **Medium Distance Course:** The time limit for the first boat of her fleet to finish a medium distance course race shall be 3 hours from their starting signal.

16. **HEARING REQUESTS**

16.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Vessel docks after the last race of the day, or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board. The hearing room is located on the 2nd floor of WYC Clubhouse.

16.2. Hearing request forms are available in the front side of the Protest Filing Box located in the WYC Clubhouse entryway.

16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Arbitration and hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located on the 2nd floor of WYC Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

17. **SCORING**

17.1. In accordance with RRS A2.1, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores with one race excluded after 6 races have been completed.

17.2. One race (per class) is required to be completed to constitute a series (per class).

18. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1. **Check-In** - [DP][NP] All boats shall check-in with the RC Signal Vessel displaying Code Flag 'L' before the first warning signal of the day. Each boat shall sail past the RC on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. A boat is checked in when they receive acknowledgement from the RC.

18.2. **Retirement** - [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18.3. [NP][DP] Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the PC or RC.

19. **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

19.1. There are no restrictions on replacement of crew or equipment.

20. **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

21. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

21.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

22. **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

22.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

23. **PRIZES**

23.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finishers in the Capri 25 and Sonar fleets; and top 2 finishers in the S2 7.9 fleet.

23.2. Other prizes may be given at OA's discretion.

24. **RISK STATEMENT**

24.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

25. **INSURANCE**

25.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than \$300,000.

25.2. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OA's request.

Attachment 1

Course Diagrams

Course LA - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish		Course WA - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish	WA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish	WA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish	WA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish

Attachment 2

Map of Lake Minnetonka

Racing Area Map

