



Sailing Instructions
2022 Saratoga Multi-hull Open Regatta (SMOR)
July 29-30, 2023

1. Safety: IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR TO DECIDE WHETHER TO START OR CONTINUE A RACE. Competitors are encouraged to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while on the water. Each boat must carry the safety equipment required by government regulations and her class rules and give any possible help to a person or vessel in distress. (RRS 1- 4).

2. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board located on the front porch of the SLSC clubhouse.

3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat. Code flag "AP" Answering Pendant with two audible signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The thirty minute harbor signal for the next race will be the same signal for the lowering of the AP.

4. Use of Radios: The Race Committee uses radios on Channel 72 to communicate with competitors. Channel 16 is monitored by the Saratoga County Sheriff's Dept.

5. Courses may be any of the I,W,L,G, or F courses illustrated at the end of these instructions. Triangular courses will be approximately equilateral. The letter code indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed on the port quarter of the Race Committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for the start of the first division. All boats will sail the same course. The first two digits (18=180 Degrees, 04=40 Degrees, etc.) of the compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed along with the course code letter. The offset mark illustrated on courses "W1", "W2", "I1" and "I2" is located approximately 40 yards from (and above the layline to) the windward mark.

6. Marks of the course will be green or yellow tetrahedrons or orange balls. Other marks used for starting and finishing pins or temporary marks may be orange balls. An anti-barging buoy will be attached to the stern of the Race Committee boat. While racing, boats may not touch this mark or pass between it and the race committee boat. (RRS 31)

7. Starting: All races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. If we have multiple divisions, assignments to the starting divisions will be given at the Skippers meeting. The starting signal for the first Division is the Warning signal for the next Division to start, and so on. The Race Committee will signal a starting sequence with a series of repetitive sounds prior to the Warning Signal for Division I.

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

7.1. Starting (continued): Following a race, the intention to run another race will be signaled by Flag “L” (black and yellow quadrants). Flag “L” (with repetitive sounds) will be lowered prior to the warning signal for the next race. The starting line will be between a yellow staff on the Race Committee starting boat (there may also be a red flag flying from this staff) and the aftermost part of the green, yellow, or orange mark at the other end of the line.

8. Recalls and Abandonment:

8.1 Individual Recall

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee shall promptly 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. It shall be lowered no later than four minutes after the starting signal. The Race Committee may attempt to hail premature starters, but it is the responsibility of each boat to start properly. 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.

8.2 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 (display the First Substitute, with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled Division shall be made approximately one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound).

9. 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.

Abandonment and Return to Shore is signaled by Flag “N” and three sounds. If only Flag “N” is displayed, boats should return to shore. Further instructions will be made ashore.

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.

10. Shortened Course (RRS 32.2)

A race may be shortened at any mark or gate before any boat has passed that mark or gate. A Race Committee boat will display Flag S (blue square on white background) with two sounds before the first boat reaches the mark. The finish line will be between that rounding mark and a yellow staff displaying Flag S, or, at a gate, between the gate marks.

11. Finish line ends are a yellow staff (or RC flag if a mark set boat is taking finishes) on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

12. Time Limit: The time limit for a race is 60 minutes. Racing will be abandoned if no boat finishes a race within the prescribed limit. Boats finishing within the time limit will be given their actual score(s). If any boat finishes within the time limit, those boats still racing when the time limit expires will be scored one more than the last boat finishing within their respective fleet(s). This changes RRS 35.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

Protest flags are not required. A boat intending to protest another boat must take every effort to advise the protested boat while still racing. Protests must be filed within 1.0 hour after the race committee boat docks. Hearings and Requests for Redress will be decided following an informal open hearing which will take place immediately following racing. A three person protest committee will be appointed by the Race Captain and there will be no appeal from the committee's decision. The purpose of this simplified procedure is to encourage educational discussion and enforcement of the RRS. This changes RRS 60-62.

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