

# Small Boat Spring Warm Up Series

## NOTICE OF RACE

**DATE:** Thursdays; April 10 thru May 1. First signal on the water at 1830 hrs.

**FEE:** Included in Annual Small Boat Race Fee or \$20 per race day. Entries are due by 1700 on the day before first race sailed. Send entries to: Small Boat Race Chair – PO Box 262, Solomons, MD 20688

**CLASSES:** Two Classes are anticipated: Laser and Portsmouth. The RC may, at the first race of the series, elect to score additional classes or split the Portsmouth Fleet.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 **Penalties:** One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe in same direction), RRS Appendix D2.1 (c), will apply. This changes Rule 44.1.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be hailed in the starting area from the RC boat prior to the first race of the day.

### 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the rear of the SMSA Clubhouse
- 3.2 When the flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal sequence for AP.
- 3.3 If the RC intends to use course "M", They shall fly the RC flag from the SMSA Pier not later than 1745 hours on the day of the race.

### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Thursday April 10, First Warning: 1830hrs. Additional races to follow at the discretion of the RC.
- 4.2 Thursday April 17, First Warning: 1830hrs. Additional races to follow at the discretion of the RC.
- 4.3 Thursday April 24, First Warning: 1830hrs. Additional races to follow at the discretion of the RC.
- 4.4 Thursday May 1, First Warning: 1830hrs. Additional races to follow at the discretion of the RC.

### 5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be located on the lower Patuxent River in the vicinity of Solomons Island.

### 6 COURSE:

- 6.1 The course will be determined by the RC after taking into account the types of boats, the number of competitors and weather conditions in the race area.
- 6.2 The RC will select one of the four courses listed in Attachment A or course "M" as allowed in SI paragraph 6.3.
- 6.3 The RC may also choose to use ad hoc course "M" which will be started from the SMSA pier.
- 6.4 Competitors will be notified as to the course while in the Starting Area by hail from the RC prior to the start of each race. The RC may, if possible post the course designation on the rail of the RC boat.

### 7 THE START

- 7.1 It is anticipated that each Class will start separately with rolling starts but the RC may modify this at it's discretion. The RC will hail the starting order prior to each race.
- 7.2 Appendix S, – Sound Signal Starting System, will replace Rule 26, Starting Races.

7.3 The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and the designated adjacent race mark except for Course "M" where the start will be between a yellow flag on the SMSA Pier and the north Travel Lift pier at Solomons Yachting Center.

7.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

7.5 It is incumbent on the competitor to time the start correctly. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side (OCS) of the starting line at immediately prior to her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will hail her sail number in accordance with Appendix S. Failure of the competitor to hear the hail or failure of the race committee to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 8 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and the designated adjacent race mark except for Course "M" where the start will be between a yellow flag on the SMSA Pier and the north Travel Lift pier at Solomons Yachting Center.

## 9 TIME LIMITS

Time limits will be determined on the water by the RC.

10 **PROTESTS:** Protests shall be hailed to the Race Committee immediately following the race in which the infraction occurred. The protest shall then be lodged with the Race Committee at SMSA within one hour of the finish time of the last boat in class or at the time of Race Committee arrival, whichever is later. Protests will be heard ASAP.

## 11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A applies.

11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a Series.

11.3 A boat's series score will be computed as follows: Each days racing will be aggregated into a daily low point score. The series score is the total of her daily scores over the 4 days of the event excluding her worst day. This changes Rule A2.

## 12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 Check In: Prior to her first warning signal on each day, a boat shall sail close abeam of the signal boat and hail her sail number and class.(SMSA Pier in the Case of Course "M".)

12.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

12.3 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. If not so specified, she shall also carry one USCG approved PFD, of the appropriate class, for each person on board.

12.4 All boats shall have available an appropriate line, not less than 25 feet long, which can be used for towing. Violation of this provision is not subject to protest or cause for redress.

12.5 All Competitors are required to wear USCG Approved Personal Flotation Devices at **ALL TIMES** while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This includes the time from when the boat leaves the club pier or other launch point until she returns to that launch point. This changes the Part 4 preamble and Rule 40. Competitors that do not comply with this regulation will be scored DNC.

12.6 If the sum of the water temperature and the Air Temperature is less than 120, all Competitors are required to wear either a wetsuit or a drysuit for cold water immersion protection at **ALL TIMES** while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This includes the time from when the boat leaves the club pier or other launch point until she returns to that launch point. Wet Suits and Drysuits are **not** personal flotation devices. Competitors that do not comply with this regulation will be scored DNC.

## 13 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

**14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**15 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given at the conclusion of the series. Awards/#Boats per class: 1st/3 2nd/5 3rd/7

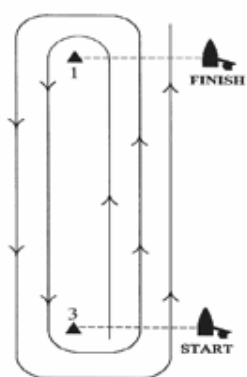
**16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailboat Racing is an inherently dangerous activity that may result in injury or death. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

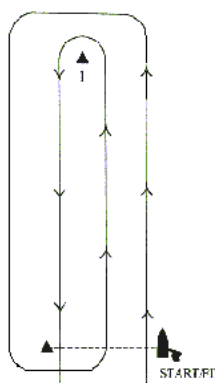
**Attachment A – Courses**

Desig	Description
W	Windward/Leeward (5 legs, windward finish)
L	Windward/Leeward (4 legs, leeward finish)
O	Olympic triangle (6 legs, windward finish)
G	Triangle (5 legs, leeward finish)

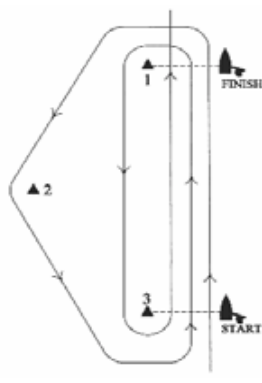
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