

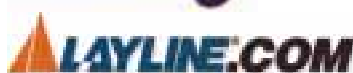
2000 InterClub Midwinter Championship Sailing Instructions

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1. RULES

- A. The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified Jan. 1, 1999, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the InterClub Technical Regulations, as revised on April 20, 1997, (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and these Sailing Instructions.
- B. The Safety Rules are added (see 2. SAFETY)
- C. The "Two Boat Length Line" rule is added:
 1. Add the following definition: *The Two Boat Length Line is a line perpendicular to the rhumb line from the previous mark. It passes through the point on that rhumb line which is two boat lengths from the mark.*
 2. Rule 18 (Passing Marks and Obstructions) is modified as follows: *When boats are about to round a leeward mark then all rights, obligations, and onuses of boats as set forth in Rule 18 remain the same, BUT they shall take effect at the "Two Boat Length Line" rather than at the "Two Boat Length Circle".*
- D. Rule 25 (Sailing Instructions and Signals) is changed such that all signals are by horn or whistle.
- E. RRS 30.1 ("I" Flag Rule) may be used; the use of the "I" Flag Rule will be made verbally.
- F. The "720 Turns Penalty", Appendix B1 of the racing rules shall apply.
- G. Boats shall be identified by their bow number. If two yachts have the same bow numbers, the yacht whose actual hull number matches that bow number shall display that number. The bow number shall be placed within 1 foot of the bow stem, be at least 10 inches in height, and be of contrasting color to be hull. No sail number is required.

2. SAFETY

- A. Launching - No boat shall launch and go sailing until given verbal permission to do so by the Race Committee chairman. This will be done after one or more crash boats is on the water.
- B. Life Jackets - All competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times while on the water except for

brief periods of time when clothing is being added or removed from under the personal buoyancy.

- C. Bow Lines - Each boat must have a bow line of at least 12 feet in length
- D. Capsizes - Each boat's obligation under fundamental rule 1.1 "Helping those in danger" specifically includes the following: whenever possible boats in the neighborhood of an overturned boat go the rescue of her crew. Boats going to the rescue must report their action to the Race Committee and file for redress. Credit will be given for that race for finishing in the position held at the time of rescue or, if that cannot be determined, by taking their average for the day. Should no other races be sailed that day, she will be awarded her average finishing position in the other races in the series. Points by redress shall not change the scores of other boats. The skipper and crew of the capsized yacht may be taken ashore immediately at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- E. Participation - The Race Committee chairman may request a skipper to cease participation and return to the dock, if in his/her judgment a skipper demonstrates a lack of experience and skill consistent with the current weather conditions.
- F. Late Arrivals, Withdraws, and Early Departures - Any boat arriving after the start of the first set of races, withdrawing from a race, or leaving before racing is over shall inform the Race Committee of her action whenever possible.

Violation of these Safety Rules may include disqualification from a race(s) or from the Regatta.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- A. Only InterClub Dinghies measured in accordance with the IC Technical regulations for the InterClub Dinghy Class may enter. All boats must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.
- B. By participating in these races the skipper acknowledges that the safety of his/her crew and boat are his/her responsibility. The skipper acknowledges that the evaluation of the wind, sea and weather conditions, including the decision of whether or not to start a race, to continue racing, or return to shore, is his/her sole responsibility regardless of whether the Race Committee chooses to start a race, continue or abandon a race. In addition, the skipper acknowledges that neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor the inspection of a boat shall in any way limit or reduce his/her complete and unlimited responsibility.
- C. The skipper agrees that any assistance from the Race Committee, the crash boats or other Severn Sailing Association vessels and from persons manning them is at his/her own risk. Further, he/she releases the Severn Sailing Association, its members, its employees, its Race Committee and crash boat crews, whether members of SSA or not, from all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage suffered in any way or from any cause during or related to this regatta.

4. NOTICES AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. All written notices including any changes to these sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board beneath the deck of the SSA Clubhouse.
- B. Any change in the sailing instructions after the skippers meeting will be posted 30 minutes before the first start except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted before 2100 hours the day before the change is to take effect.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES & RACING FORMAT

- A. A skippers meeting will be held at 9:30 on Saturday in the clubhouse.
- B. Racing Schedule - The warning signal for the first race on Saturday shall occur at 11:00 hours and on Sunday at 9:30 hours. No races shall be started after 14:30 on Sunday.
- C. Racing Format - A/B collegiate style event; a complete round consists of racing for A division, followed by a team change at the SSA dock, racing for B division. The number of races in each round and the number of rounds will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be signaled verbally. Each team must have separate A and B skippers and crews. A and B teams may sail the same or different boats.

6. RACING AREA

Normally, the racing area shall be run from a committee boat anchored off the SSA waterfront. In certain circumstances racing may be run from the SSA dock or other suitable location. In the case of a change, the Race Committee shall notify all contestants orally of the alternative racing area.

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- A. All marks shall be either orange or yellow balls.
- B. The course shall be a Windward/Leeward course with three legs. The starting line and the finishing line will be the same, located approximately 1/3 of the total distance between the windward and leeward mark. All marks shall be passed to port. An offset mark may be included at the windward mark and will be signaled verbally.
- C. The start/finish line may be crossed on the leeward leg of the course.

8. THE START

- A. The starting line shall be between a staff with an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange buoy. The buoy may be replaced by a staff with an orange flag in a boat.
- B. A boat shall not be ranked as a starter three minutes after the starting signal has sounded.

9. STARTING SIGNALS

The starting signals shall be made by horn, whistle or any other audible sound as follows:

Warning Signal	Multiple short blasts	
Preparatory Signal	2 long blasts	2 minutes
	1 long and three short blasts	1 1/2 minutes
	1 long blast	1 minute
	3 short blasts	30 seconds
	2 short blasts	20 seconds
	1 short blast	10 seconds
	1 short blast	5 seconds
	short blast for each remaining second	
Start Signal	1 long blast	Start

The warning signal for subsequent races will be made shortly after the finish of the previous race at the Race Committee's discretion.

10. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled by a single horn or whistle blast. The Race Committee shall attempt to hail the bow numbers of the boats starting prematurely. Failure to hear a hail is not ground for redress.

11. GENERAL RECALLS

General recalls shall be signaled by multiple horn or whistle blasts. The next signal shall be the warning signal.

12. THE BLACK FLAG RULE

The Race Committee may verbally hail that the "Black Flag" rule is in effect. When this is the case, if any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is inside the triangle bounded by the starting line and the weather mark during the minute before the starting signal, that boat shall be disqualified from that race. In the event of a general recall and subsequent starting sequence, boats once disqualified from that race under the black flag rule are no longer eligible to compete in that race.

The Race Committee shall record and hail the bow numbers of all disqualified boats. Upon hearing such a hail, these boats shall sail out of the starting area and stay clear of the race course and of all boats still

eligible to compete for the duration of the race. Boats failing to do so may be disqualified from a subsequent race or races or from the entire day's races.

13. SHORTENED COURSE

The course shall not be shortened.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be hailed near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a crash boat or Race Committee person(s). The change shall be hailed before the leading boat has begun the leg. The Race Committee will manually move the mark to be changed. Subsequent marks may be moved to maintain course configuration.

15. POSTPONEMENT, ABANDONMENT AND CANCELLATION

The Race Committee may postpone, abandon or cancel any race for reasons of weather, fairness or safety. Should conditions warrant, it may postpone or cancel racing by announcement ashore before the fleet launches. In addition, for safety purposes, the Race Committee may postpone or abandon and instruct any or all boats to return immediately to the Club dock and remain there until racing is resumed, canceled or until boats choose to retire for the day. All such announcements shall be made orally and may be relayed on the water by crash boats.

16. THE FINISH

The finish line will be the same as the starting line.

17. TIME LIMIT

If no boat finishes within 30 minutes, that race shall be abandoned. Any boat not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish shall be scored the number of finishers plus 1.

18. PROTESTS

- A. No protest flag need be displayed. This changes RRS 61.1.
- B. A protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee at the finish of his/her intent to protest and identify the boat being protested directly after the finish of the race in which the incident took place.
- C. Protests shall be written on US SAILING forms available on the shelves on the east side of the SSA clubhouse and lodged there within the protest time which will begin at the time of the docking of the Race Committee signal boat and end one hour later. Docking time will be posted on the Notice Board.
- D. Protest notices will be posted within one-half hour of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are interested parties or witnesses.

19. SCORING

- A. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, as changed herein, will be used.
- B. RRS 35 and Appendix A2 are modified such that boats not satisfying the time limit requirements (17) will be scored "TLM" (Time Limit Missed) and receive one point more than the last boat finishing.
- C. There shall be no throw out race.
- D. Two races sailed by each division constitutes a series.
- E. The winning team will be the team that has the lowest combined score for A and B divisions.

20. INSPECTIONS

Inspections may be made during or after the regatta for compliance with Class Rules.

21. TROHIPES

- A. Trophies will be awarded to A and B skippers and crews for the first three combined places.