

2002 InterClub Midwinter Championship Sailing Instructions

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1. RULES

1. The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified Jan. 1, 2000, 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. The InterClub Technical Regulations are amended such that all boats are required to carry a bow line of at least 12 feet in length and 3/16" diameter.
2. Regatta Format – Each team shall consist of A and B divisions. Each Team must sail the same boat. Each division sails a number of races followed by an intermission allowing rotation of division skippers and crews. This cycle repeats as many times as possible.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. 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.
2. Each Team entered in the regatta shall have separate A and B skippers and crew. No skipper or crew may race in both divisions.

3. NOTICES AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. 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.
2. 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.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES & RACING FORMAT

1. A skippers meeting will be held at 9:30 on Saturday in the clubhouse.
2. 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.
3. 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. Rotation instructions will be issued verbally by the Race Committee.

5. BOW NUMBERS

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.

6. LIFE JACKETS

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. This Changes RRS 27.1 and 40.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will in the off the SSA waterfront in the Severn River or in Spa Creek.

8. PARTICIPATION

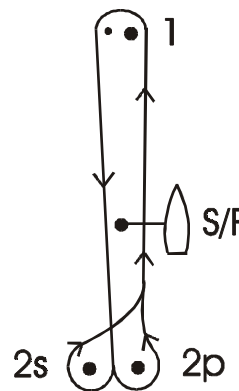
The Race Committee chairman may request a skipper to cease participation and return to the dock, if in his/her judgment a skipper demonstrates a lack of experience and skill consistent with the current weather conditions.

9. LAUNCHING

No boat shall launch and go sailing until permission is given by the Race Committee via an announcement on the Club Public Address System.

10. COURSES AND MARKS

1. All marks shall be either orange or yellow balls.
2. The course shall be a Windward/Leeward course as shown in the diagram: S-1-2(p or s)-F. 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(s). An offset mark at the windward mark and/or a leeward gate at the leeward end of the course may be included and will be signaled verbally.
3. The start/finish line may be crossed on the leeward leg of the course.
4. The windward mark will be in place at the start, the leeward mark(s) will be in place before the first boat rounds the weather mark and the finish will be in place before the first boat rounds the leeward mark(s).



11. THE START

1. 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.
2. No boat shall start later than three (3) minutes after their starting signal.

12. STARTING SIGNALS

The starting signals shall be made by horn, whistle or any other audible sound and will govern even when supplemental visual signals are used. The sequence is 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.

13. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The Race Committee intends to hail the bow numbers of the boats starting prematurely. Failure to make a hail or to hear a hail is not ground for redress.

14. GENERAL RECALLS

General recalls shall be signaled by multiple horn or whistle blasts only. The next signal made shortly thereafter shall be the warning signal. These change RRS 29.3.

15. I-FLAG RULE

The I-flag may be invoked verbally by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal. No flag or visual signal will be used. This changes RRS 30.1. The Race Committee may attempt to hail the bow numbers of the boats violating RRS 30.1 prior to the start. Failure to make a hail or to hear a hail is not ground for redress.

16. Z- FLAG RULE

The Z-flag may be invoked verbally by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal. No flag or visual signal will be used. This changes RRS 30.2.

17. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

The course shall not be changed after the start, subject to the requirements of sailing instruction 10.4.

18. SHORTENED COURSE

The course shall not be shortened.

19. POSTPONEMENT, ABANDONMENT AND CANCELLATION

The Race Committee may postpone or abandon any race for reasons of safety or fairness 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 verbally by the Race Committee.

20. THE FINISH

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

21. 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 DNF.

22. 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 to the rescue of her crew. Boats going to the rescue must report their action to the Race Committee and file for redress as per the rules. The jury will have the following priorities in awarding redress: place in race, average of day's scores, average of series. The skipper and crew of the capsized yacht may be taken ashore immediately at the discretion of the Race Committee.

23. WITHDRAWING FROM A RACE

Any boat withdrawing from a race, or leaving the racing area shall inform the Race Committee of her action whenever possible.

24. PROTESTS

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

25. SCORING

1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2 will be used. A2 is changed such that a DNF will be scored as number of finishers +1.
2. There shall be no throw out race.
3. Two races sailed by each division shall constitute a series.
4. The winning team shall be the team that has the lowest combined score for A and B divisions.

26. INSPECTIONS

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

27. TROHIPES

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