

LAKE CHAMPLAIN COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER

Friday Night Open Racing Series 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Updated 7/15/21 TMT

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 on the day it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted in the CSC office.
- 3.2** On the water, the race committee will make any attempt to communicate verbally directly with competitors.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1** Registration will open at 1700 each Friday. Boats will be available to rig and launch on a first come, first serve basis. No reservations. The first warning signal will be at 1800, and no races will be initiated after 1915, or however long it will take for boats to return before sunset.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1** The racing area will be north of the CSC between the mooring field and North Beach, OR west of the Burlington breakwater in the vicinity of "B Can"

6 SUPPORT

- 6.1** Support will be provided in emergencies only. No coaching or instruction will be provided. Crews are expected to be proficient sailors and knowledgeable of the racing rules of sailing.
- 6.2** Boats unable to race, or otherwise unaware of racing procedures and rules will be instructed to return to the dock.

7 COURSES

- 7.1** See NOR. Course diagrams will be displayed in the CSC office.

8 MARKS

8.1 All marks will be orange balls.

8.2 Marks are to be left to port.

9 OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Beware of the cruise ships designated route, and avoid it. Only cross rapidly when needed, do no linger in the route.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using a three minute dinghy sequence following a repeater.

10.2 The starting line will be between the race committee boat and an orange ball to its port.

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

10.4 A boat that does not start within two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 THE FINISH

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

12 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

12.1 If no boat finishes within thirty-five (35) minutes of the start the race may be abandoned by the race committee.

12.2 Boats not finishing within five (5) minutes of the leading boat may be scored in place by the race committee in order to facilitate more races.

13 SCORING

13.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a weekly series.

13.2 A boat's weekly score is the total of her race scores.

13.3 If 5 (five) or more races are completed, a boats worst score may be dropped.

13.4 Scores will not carry over from each week.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 All safety rules and procedures of the CSC will apply.

14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, or inform a waterfront coordinator upon returning to the dock.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

15.1 Races are to be sailed without spinnakers or trapeze equipment. Bailers are required on board at all times.

16 SUPPLIED BOATS

16.1 Boats will be supplied by the CSC as is. No modifications are allowed.

17 PRIZES

17.1 No prizes will be given. Winners will be mentioned online or on CSC social media.

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 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.**

18.2 All participants are required to submit a CSC liability waiver prior to sailing.

SI ADDENDUM A

BOATS SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

A1 BOATS

- A1.1** Boats will be supplied for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - (c) hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - (d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - (e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with.
- A1.2** All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- A1.3** The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- A1.4** Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
- A1.5** Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association do not apply.