

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2018 Mississippi Valley Districts

Fleet 262 and Harbor Island Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and all Rules governing a Lightning Class District Championships.
- 1.2. Changes have been made by these Sailing Instructions to the following RRS sections: 29.1 (Individual Recall), 33(a) (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 42.3(b) Propulsion, 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty), 62.1(a) (Redress), A4.1 (Scoring), Race Signal AP (Postponement).

2. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 2.2. All competitors must watch for and keep clear of barges and other deep draft vessels in the navigational channel..

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS – Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the lake chart in the clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 4.2. The schedule of races for the first day's races will not be changed.
- 4.3. Any change to the schedule of races for the second or subsequent day's racing will be posted by 1800 hours (6:00 pm) on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.4. Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat at the dock.
- 5.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP". This changes the meaning of Race Signal "AP"

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2018

10:25 am: Warning Signal for Race

SUNDAY JUNE 10, 2018

9:25 am: Warning Signal for Race (No warning signals after 12:55 pm)

7. MARKS

- 7.1. Marks of the course, including the start and the finish, will be orange buoys.

8. COURSES

8.1 The course for each race will be an "I" course, that is a windward-leeward course with an offset mark to windward and a gate to leeward, with five legs, unless a shorter course is signaled by posting a fraction followed by a letter ("3/5 I" for example would be a windward-leeward-windward course).

8.2 Please note that boats must leave both the windward mark and the offset mark to port and then pass **through the leeward gate** of an "I" course from the direction of the windward marks..

8.3 The starting mark may serve as one of the gate marks. It may be moved to a position directly downwind of the windward in an effort to make true windward legs.

8.4 The finishing mark will be that closest to the committee boat when on station for the finish.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 9.2. The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat.

10. RECALLS – When individual recalls are signaled, the race committee may (at its discretion) attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats. Failure of the race committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its sail number shall not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. If the moved mark (or the moved finishing line) is not visible from the previous mark of the course or if the change of position is more than 20°, the change will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.2. If the moved mark (or the moved finishing line) is visible from the previous mark of the course and the change of position is 20° or less, the change may not be signaled. This changes RRS 33(a).

12. THE FINISH – The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. If the first boat does not round the first mark within forty minutes or complete the race in two hours, the race shall be abandoned.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. Protests will be written and delivered to the Protest Committee Chairperson before the end of "Protest Filing Time," which will begin when the committee boat docks and end 45 minutes later. These times will be posted on the notice board.
- 14.2. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of "Protest Filing Time" to inform competitors of the place and time of hearings.
- 14.3. Protests will then be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.

15. ALTERNATE PENALTY – A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing under spinnaker may take a penalty turn at the time of the incident by sailing well clear of other boats, promptly dousing her spinnaker (head below gooseneck), making one turn including a tack and a gybe, and then resetting her spinnaker. This changes RRS 44.2.