

S.L.S.C. 2017 Sailing Instructions

Safety: IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR TO DECIDE WHETHER TO START OR CONTINUE A RACE. Each boat must carry safety equipment required by her class rules and government regulations and give any help to a person or vessel in danger.

Rules: Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions and rules of the competing classes, except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions, and these Sailing Instructions.

Notices to Competitors: Will be posted on the Race Bulletin Board located on the front porch of the SLSC clubhouse.

Changes to the Sailing Instructions: Will be posted on the Race Bulletin Board and SLSC website. Questions about these sailing instructions should be addressed to the Flag Lieutenant Race or the Race Committee the day of the race or before.

Schedule of Races: Described in the Notice of Race and will be posted on the Race Bulletin board and the SLSC website.

Courses: May be any of those illustrated at the end of these instructions. A "Code" indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed on the aft port quarter of the Race Committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for the start of the first division. The first two digits (18=180 Degrees, 04=40 Degrees, etc.) of the compass bearing to the first mark may be displayed along with the course code. The offset mark illustrated on courses "W1", "W2", "I1" and "I2", "L1", "L2" is located approximately 40 yards from (and above the layline to) the windward mark.

Marks of the Course: Will be green, yellow or orange tetrahedrons.

The Starting line shall be between a yellow staff on the aft port side of the committee boat (there may also be a red flag flying from this staff) and the aftermost part of a green, yellow or orange mark and the other end of the line.

Other marks used for starting and finishing pins, off set marks or temporary marks may be orange, green or red balls.

An anti-barging buoy may be attached to the stern of the race committee boat. While racing, boats may not touch this mark or attempt to pass between it and the race committee boat.

Starting: All races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Class assignments to the starting divisions are given in the Notice of Race. The starting signal for the first Division to start is the Warning signal for the next Division to start, and so on. The Race Committee may signal a starting sequence with a series of repetitive sounds prior to the Warning Signal for the first Division to start.

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Division Flag with Sound	5
Preparatory	"P" Flag with Sound	4
One Minute	Lower "P" with Long Sound	1
Start	Change Division Flags with Sound	0

Flag 'I' (round the ends rule, RRS 30.1) if used is substituted for flag "P". It is not the intention of SLSC to use the "U" or "Z" flags for club racing.

Following a race, the intention to run another race will be signaled by Flag "L" (black and yellow quadrants). Flag "L" (with repetitive sounds) will be lowered prior to the warning signal for the next race. The starting line will be between a yellow post that may have a red flag also on the Race Committee starting boat and the starting mark.

Recalls:

Individual Recall

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee shall display Flag X (blue cross on white field) with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with RRS 30.1 (around the ends rule) if it applies, or it shall be lowered four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. The race committee may attempt to hail premature starters, but it is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.

General Recall

When, at the starting signal, the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which RRS 30.1 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall and shall display the First Substitute (blue triangle pennant with yellow inside) with two sounds. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled Division shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding Division shall follow the new start. The starting signal for the recalled Division is the Warning signal for the next Division, and so on.

In the event of a General Recall and restart, the race committee will make every effort to correctly record the starting time of the affected division relative to the starting time(s) of any division(s) already racing in order to accurately calculate Overall Handicap results. Failure of the Race Committee to get these times will NOT be grounds for protest. If the Flag Lts. Race are unable to calculate fair results for the overall handicap, no overall handicap results for that race will be counted for any fleet.

Postponement:

On Shore

When the Answering Pennant (Postponement - red and white striped pennant) and two sounds have been made on shore, lowering of the Flag and one sound shall signal 30 minutes to the warning signal of the next race.

On the Water

When a postponement has been made on the water, lowering of the AP and one sound shall indicate, at least, one minute but not more than 5 minutes to the warning signal for the next race.

Abandonment:

Abandon and Return to Shore

Abandonment is signaled by Flag "N" (blue and white checks) and three sounds. If only flag 'N' is displayed, boats should return to shore.

Abandon and Re-sail

Abandon and Re-sail is signaled by Flag "N" and three sounds, followed by Flag "L" (black and yellow quadrants) and one sound. Both flags will be left flying until the warning signal for the next race.

In the event a race is abandoned after some fleets have finished, these fleets will be scored. For fleets where some boats have finished, boats that did not finish and did not retire when the race was abandoned, will be scored with the next succeeding place within their fleet and for Overall Handicap scoring.

Shortened Course: (RRS 32.2 with modification for SLSC)

If the race committee signals a shortened course by displaying Flag "S" (blue square on white background) with two sounds, the finish line will be:

- At a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying Flag "S" on a Race Committee boat.
- At a gate, between the gate marks.
- At the original Start – Finish line. The shortened course will be signaled at a windward or leeward mark or leeward gate, by an unanchored mark set boat, flying a shorten course flag and sounding two horns. The Race Committee boat will also fly a shorten course flag. The fleet will sail to and finish at the original start finish line. If signaled at a windward mark, the finish line will have the RC boat to port and the pin to starboard (downwind finish).

Time Limits: Racing will be abandoned if no boat finishes a race within 2 hours from the second (II) start. The race committee will score all boats that finish within the total time limit of 2.5 hours. Boats finishing will be scored for overall handicap also. This changes RRS 35.

Boats that did not finish within the 2.5 hour limit and did not retire, will be scored with the next succeeding place within their fleet and for Overall Handicap scoring. If no boat from a specific fleet finishes within the 2.5 hour time limit, all boats that started in that fleet and did not retire before the expiration of the time limit, will be scored with a 1st place.

Protests: Protest flags are not required for any boat sailing a series race at SLSC.

Protests and requests for redress will be decided following an informal open hearing which will take place immediately following racing if possible.

Protests must be filed 1.5 hours after the Race Committee boat docks. A three person protest committee will be appointed by the Race Captain and there will be no appeal from the committee's decision. This changes RRS 60-62.

Scoring: Described in the Notice of Race. Results will be posted on the Race Bulletin Board and on the Club Website and in other social media.

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