

SEVERN SAILING ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2017-2020 Edition

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the rules of the participating classes. U.S. Sailing Prescriptions to Rule 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.2 This Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will not apply if a separate Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions are published.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing a registration form and paying any fees to Severn Sailing Association, the Organizing Authority, by 1 ½ hours before the scheduled start of the first race for the entering boat.
- 2.2 Entry fees are as stated in SSA's Policies and Procedures, Section III-J, unless an amendment is posted.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the outer staircase on the lower level of the SSA clubhouse.
- 3.2 A competitors' meeting may be held at 0930 on the first day of a regatta.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the sailing instructions made on the first day of the series will be posted within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the competitors' meeting.
- 4.2 When there is no competitors' meeting, changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 except that any change in the starting time of the first race of a day will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the SSA clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS "Race Signals".

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The scheduled number of races for a 2-day event is 5 and for a 1-day event is 3, except:
 - a) when Notice A (Schedule of Races) is posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0900 hours on the day of the event, or
 - b) when the event is listed as a "Short Course" event on the SSA Schedule there will be no maximum number of races set for the event.

- 6.2 The scheduled time for the First Warning Signal of each race day shall be 1100 hours, except for events designated on the SSA Schedule as 1300 hours warning signal, when it shall be 1300 hours.

- 6.3 No Warning Signal shall be made after 1500 hours on Sundays, except for days designated as 1300 hours starting time when it shall not be made later than 1630 hours.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be a flag displaying the class insignia.

8 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in areas "A" or "C" as shown in Attachment 1. Racing will take place in Area "A" unless a notice is posted.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
 - 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course flag and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
 - 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee may display code flag "C" with several sound signals to indicate that mark 1 will be a new mark as described in SI 10.2.
 - 9.4 When the course flag is flown over the "2nd Substitute", an offset mark to be rounded to port will be used with mark 1. The offset mark will be placed at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and 6-10 boat lengths to port of mark 1.
 - 9.5 For courses D and G, when the course flag is flown over the "3rd Substitute", a separate finish line will be set in accordance with SI 14.3.
 - 9.6 A leeward gate, with marks set approximately 8-10 boat lengths apart, may be used without signal. When a gate is set, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
 - 9.7 If only one mark of a leeward gate is present, it should be treated as a mark of the course, and rounded to port.
- ## 10 MARKS
- 10.1 The rounding and offset marks will be orange cylinders or spheres.

- 10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 9.3 and 13, will be orange tetrahedrons.

11 CHECK IN

- 11.1 Each boat shall sail by the race committee signal boat, hail her sail number and be acknowledged by the race committee with a return hail of her sail number. This shall be done before a boat starts the first race in which she competes each day.
- 11.2 A boat failing to comply with the check-in procedure shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty in the first race in which the boat competes, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26, unless code flag "3" is displayed prior to the warning signal.
- 12.2 When code flag "3" is displayed, races will be started by using Appendix U (Audible-Signal Racing System).
- 12.3 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port end mark. The port end mark will either be mark 3 or a yellow cylinder set to leeward of mark 3.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.6 When RRS 29.1 applies, the race committee intends to hail premature starters. The following will not be grounds for redress: failure of the race committee to hail any sail or hull numbers; failure of a boat to hear a hail; a boat's position in the sequence of hails; promptness of the hail. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Unless a notice is posted, the hail will be verbal.
- 12.7 A minimum of three boats from a class must be present in the starting area, registered for the regatta and checked in with the race committee prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day for that class in order for the class to be given a start. For subsequent starts that day, a class must have a minimum of two boats in the starting area prior to the warning signal in order to be given a start.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF A COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark, signal in accordance with rule 33, and remove the original mark as soon as is practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 For courses T, W, and O, the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat and the course side of mark 1.
- 14.2 For courses D and G without 3rd substitute, the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 14.3 For courses D and G with 3rd substitute, the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat on the starboard end and an orange cylinder or sphere on the port end.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Time limit is 2 hours for the first boat to finish in each class.
- 15.2 Boats which have not finished and are still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be recorded as "Time Limit Expired"(TLE) and will receive a score 2 points more than the number of finishers, but no boat will receive a score greater than the points awarded a DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 The race committee may abandon a race when it is unlikely that all boats will be able to finish and return to the harbor before sunset.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available on the 2nd floor of the SSA clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the official arrival of the race committee signal boat at the dock. The time limit also applies to protests by the race committee. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 The race committee will post its official arrival time on the notice board and will hoist code flag "B" during the protest filing period. Code flag "B" will be lowered with one sound signal at the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the 2nd floor of the SSA clubhouse unless an alternate location is posted.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 For the SSA Spring Series, Summer Series, and Fall Series, hearings will be scheduled on the following Thursday beginning at 1930 hours.
- 16.7 Rule 44.1 is changed by adding: "A boat breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS may take a penalty any time after the incident and before the start of a protest hearing by taking a 40% Scoring Penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c)."

16.8 The penalties for breaking instructions 12.4 and 18.1 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

- 16.9 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

17 SCORING

Regattas will be scored in accordance with the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A, except that a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area prior to the end of racing shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. If it is not practicable to notify the race committee on the water, notification shall be on shore as soon as possible. The Race Committee can be notified by contacting any race committee boat verbally, or by VHF channel 65A.
- 18.2 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. If not so specified, she shall also carry one USCG approved PFD, of the appropriate class, for each person on board.
- 18.3 All boats shall have available an appropriate line, not less than 25 feet long, which can be used for towing.
- 18.4 Appropriate protective clothing shall be worn by competitors from 15 November through 15 March and at all other times that the water temperature is below 60F. Wetsuits or dry-suits may be appropriate for this purpose, but skippers are solely responsible for the safety of their crew, their vessel and themselves.

18.5 The race committee may carry out checks of safety equipment required in SI 18 or class rules.

19 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

A boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, U.S. Government vessels, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

- a) RRS 60.2 and 60.3 are changed such to permit a protest based on information received from any source.
- b) RRS 61.3 is changed such that there is no time limit for filing the protest.
- c) RRS 64.1 is changed such that the protested boat has the burden of proof that they did not break this rule.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

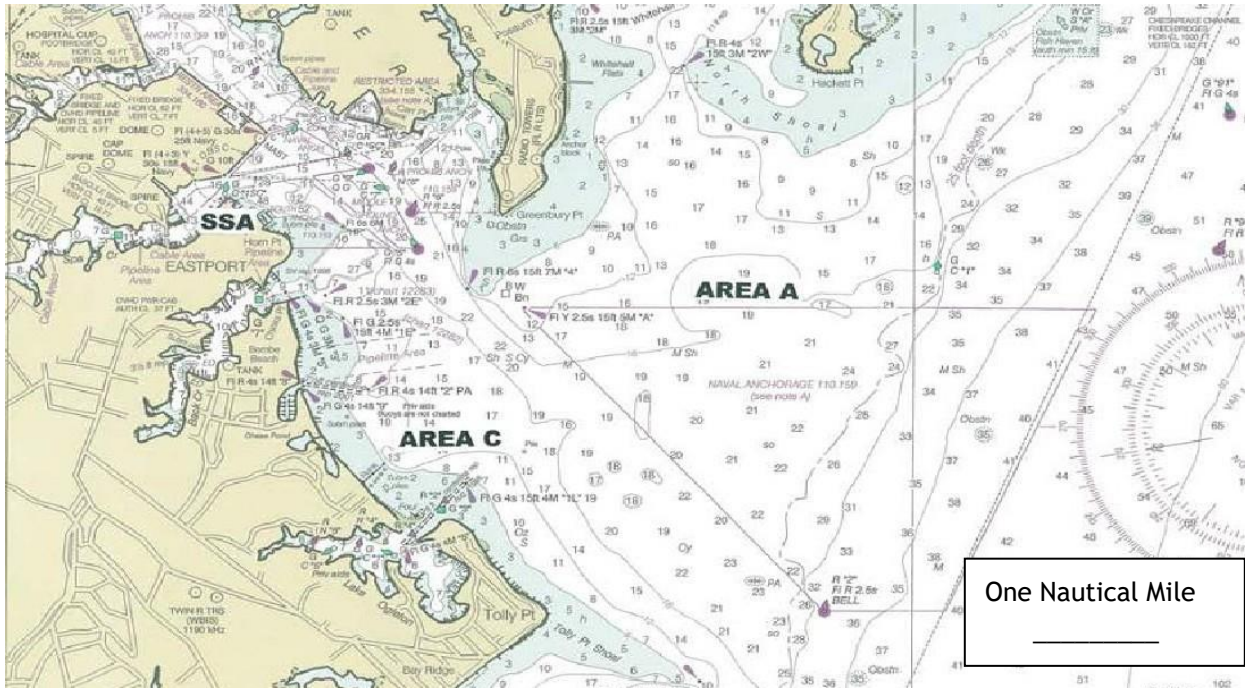
21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first, second, and third in the regatta. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY


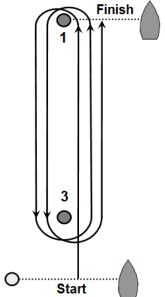

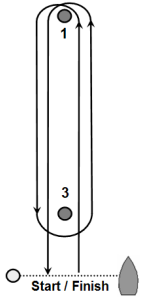
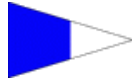
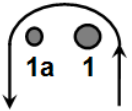

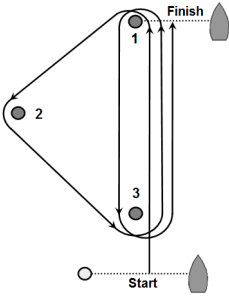

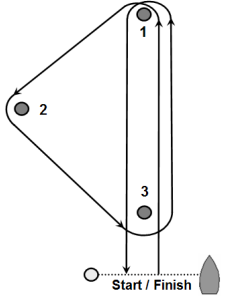

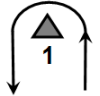
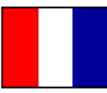
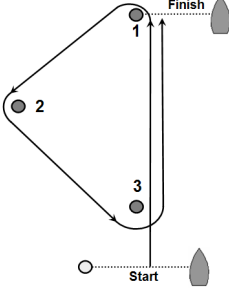
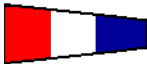
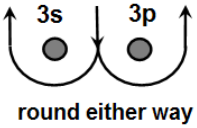

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT 1 - RACING AREAS



ATTACHMENT 2 - COURSES

see also instructions 9 (Courses), 12 (The Start), and 14 (The Finish)

Course	Diagram	Course	Diagram	Options	Diagram
 Flag "W": Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish		 Flag "D": Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish		 Flag "2 nd Sub.": Offset at Mark 1 (SI 9.4)	
 Flag "O": Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish		 Flag "G": Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish		 Flag "C" at Start: (SI 9.3)	
 Flag "T": Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish		 Flag "3" Appendix "S", 3-minute sound-system starting sequence		 Flag "3 rd Sub.": Split Start/Finish Line (SI 9.5 and 14.3)	