

# WCSC Centerboard Fleet Sailing Instructions

## WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB

- 1.0 RULES** - The Annual Centerboard series will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.0 ENTRY** –
- 2.1 Any member of WCSC with a Centerboard boat may compete
  - 2.2 To be eligible for the yearlong series, competitors must pay fleet dues by the last scheduled race date.
  - 2.3 Members may sign up for the race at the skippers meeting held 90 minutes prior to the start of the first race or sail by the Signal boat on the water hailing their sail number and intention to race
- 3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be verbal discussion at the skippers meeting the day of the race
- 4.0 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** –
- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be discussed at the skippers meeting the day of the race and will be verbally announced
- 5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** -
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal boat in the harbor.
  - 5.2 Code flag "AP," Answering Pennant, with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed." The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.
- 6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES** -
- 6.1 Races are scheduled on the club calendar distributed with the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr billing or on the WCSC web site.
  - 6.2 3 races are scheduled each race date. 13 race dates are scheduled throughout the year for a total of 39 races.
- 7.0 CLASS FLAG** –
- 7.1 Class flag will be a Yellow Portsmouth flag
- 8.0 RACING AREA** - The racing area will be in front and to the west of the WCSC property.
- 9.0 COURSE** –
- 9.1 The Race Committee will display the course on the stern of the Signal Boat
  - 9.2 The course designation will be: "W2" (Two Laps, Start, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish) or "W1" (One Lap, Start, 1, 3, Finish). See attached diagram.
- 10.0 MARKS** -
- 10.1 The course marks will be as follows:
    - 10.1.1 Weather Mark is a yellow or orange cylinder/tetrahedron
    - 10.1.2 Leeward Mark is a yellow or orange cylinder/tetrahedron
  - 10.1 The start mark will be a red ball
  - 10.2 The finish mark will be a red ball
  - 10.3 New marks, as provided in RRS 33, changing the Course after the Start, will be yellow or orange marks depending on the original mark set. If Yellow is the original Mark, then Orange will be the change mark. If Orange is the original mark, yellow will be the change mark.

**11.0 THE START -**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and a small red ball at the port end
- 11.3 There will be a minimum of 2 boats required to start a race. If only 1 boat is in the starting area, no races shall be started.
- 11.4 Two starts, and "A" and a "B" start shall be available when 2 or more boats request a "B" start. "B" starts shall be available only to boats of less than 16 feet. The "A" and "B" starts shall be rolling starts where 0 minutes in the start sequence for the "A" start is 5 minutes for the "B" start. If not enough boats are present and requesting a "B" start, all boats will report for a common start.

**12.0 THE FINISH -**

- 12.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a red ball at the port end of the line.

**13.0 TIME LIMIT -**

- 13.1 The overall time limit will be 90 minutes for the lead boat to finish.
- 13.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the lead boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS rule 35, A4 and A5.

**14.0 PROTESTS -**

- 14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available on the WCSC signal boat and lodged with the Fleet Captain within Protest Time which will begin when the RC boat docks and end 1 hour later. The RC will make a sound signal upon docking.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible in the WCSC clubhouse or at the Tiki deck.
- 14.3 The Protest Committee will be the Fleet Captain and other skippers who were not directly involved in the protest being heard. If the Fleet Captain filed the protest, other fleet skippers will be recruited to hear the protest. If the Fleet captain is not present, the acting Fleet Captain will represent the fleet.

**15.0 SCORING -**

- 15.1 39 races are scheduled. One race shall be completed to constitute a season.
- 15.2 If a yacht is not in the starting area at the time the race starts and does not start, the yacht will not be scored. It will be treated as if there were no intention to race.
- 15.3 A boat may request a 'Finish in Place' on the course by hailing the RC. RC will score the boat in the position that boat is currently on the course without a time.
- 15.4 Each race will be scored by assigning the most current U.S.S.A. Portsmouth yardstick DPN for each boat in the race.
- 15.5 Competitors must finish ½ the races completed to be eligible for the season long series. If ½ of all completed races yields a fractional result, this will be rounded up the next whole race. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.6 The low point system will be used to determine the season fleet champion. Any competitor that races in more than the number of races needed to qualify will be awarded throw out races. They will be allowed to throw out the number of races that brings their total races back down to the number needed to qualify. All qualified competitors will receive their lowest total points across the number of races needed to qualify. These total points will be divided by the number of races needed to qualify to arrive at their average score. The skipper with the lowest average score will be deemed the Centerboard season fleet champion.

**16.0 SAFETY -**

- 16.1 Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and, by participation, agrees to sail and utilize WCSC's facilities at his or her own risk. Neither WCSC nor persons assisting with the conduct of races shall be responsible for damage or injury suffered during races or related activities.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio contact from the WCSC clubhouse.

17.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION –

In addition to the normal sound and visual signals, the Race Committee may use VHF channel 69 to hail competitors regarding information important to racing prior to the prep signal. The Race Committee may call boats OCS using VHF radio in addition to the visual and sounds signals. Failure of any boat to receive this information shall not be grounds for redress.

18.0 W1/W2 COURSE DIAGRAM

- 18.1 Course W1 signals 1 lap. Start, 1, 3 and finish.
- 18.2 Course W2 signals 2 laps. Start, 1, 3, 1, 3 and finish.
- 18.3 The start/finish line is open.

