

# WCSC Centerboard Fleet

## Sailing Instructions for 2020

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### **1 RULES**

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020.

### **2 Eligibility**

**2.1** Any member of WCSC with a centerboard boat may compete.

**2.2** To be eligible for Fleet membership, and be considered for ranking in the yearlong series, competitors must pay fleet dues by the annual Fleet meeting in the Fall.

**2.3** Members may sign up for the race at the skippers meeting, held 90 minutes prior to the start of the first race on each race day, or sail by the signal boat on the water hailing their sail number and intention to race.

### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club website on the Centerboard Fleet page.  
Home > Sailing > Centerboard Fleet

### **4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**4.1** Dates of Racing: see Club website calendar

**4.2** Number of Races: 37 races are planned for 2020. All races other than the last race of the Spring will be windward /leeward races on dropped-mark courses. The last race of the Spring will be a distance course around government buoys.

**4.3** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 12:00. On each race day, the skippers' meeting will be held 90 minutes before the warning signal of the first race.

**4.4** No warning signal will be made after 15:00.

### **5 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be a yellow rectangular flag with a blue Portsmouth symbol.

### **6 THE COURSES**

The diagrams at the end of this document show the courses that might be sailed, the order the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left (boat's side).

### **7 MARKS**

**7.1** The windward and leeward marks for the dropped-buoy races will be orange tetrahedrons.

**7.2** If the next leg of the course is changed, the new mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.

**7.3** The starting and finishing marks will be the RC signal boat and a red sphere.

### **8 THE START**

**8.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the red sphere on the port end.

**8.2** Two or more boats are required to start a race.

**9 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat on the port side and a red sphere on the starboard side (when viewed from the windward mark).

**10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 33.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except in the case that the foul occurred in the zone of a mark.

**11 TIME LIMITS**

**11.1** The overall time limit will be 90 minutes for the lead boat to finish.

**11.2** 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.

**12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protests will be handled informally by discussion of any/all interested CB Fleet members present for the race in which the protest occurred. The CB Fleet Captain will lead the protest discussion, and will decide the outcome. This changes PART 5 of the RRS.

**13 SCORING**

**13.1** The highpoint percentage system will be used to score the 2020 Centerboard Fleet Series.

**13.2** The series is expected to consist of 36 windward/leeward dropped-mark races and 1 distance race around government buoys. To qualify for inclusion in the final series ranking, a boat shall start at least 50 percent of the races completed.

**13.3** Race scores will be determined as follows:

“N” is defined as the number of boats that compete (start) in a particular race. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

Finishing place	Score
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3
Each place thereafter	Subtract 1 point

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not start that race (DNS) will not be scored.

**13.4** The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100.

**13.5** The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

**13.6** A boat may discard her worst races according to the formula: that boat’s scored races divided by 6. Fractional results will be rounded down.

**13.7** An excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for a series score, but not as one of her scored races.

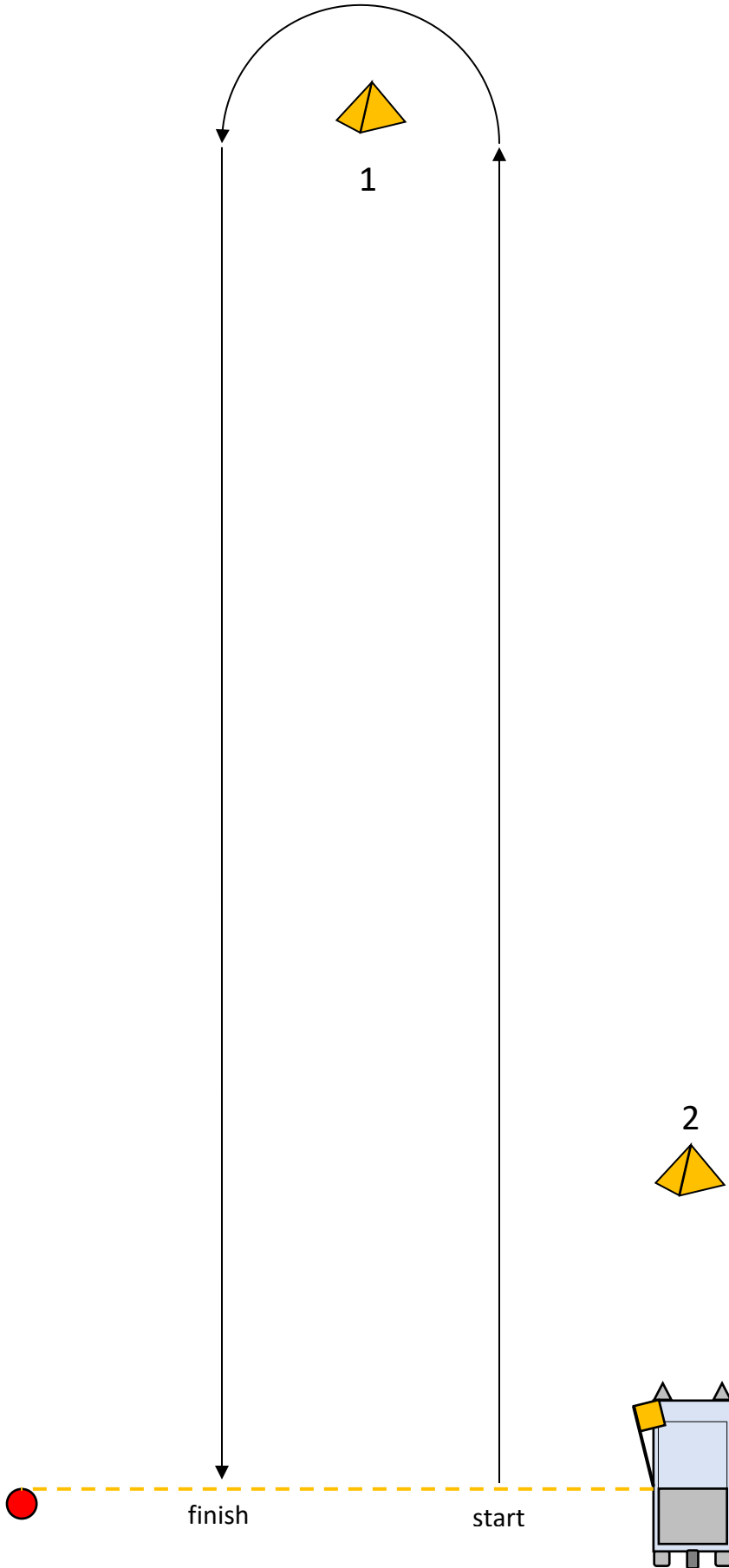
**14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Race Committee will communicate with the fleet on VHF channel 69

**15.0 SAFETY**

- 15.1** 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.
- 15.2** 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 race equipment shed.

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start-1-finish



# W 2

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