

# 2018 MCSA Midwinters Championship Regatta

March 8-10, 2018

Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Eustis, FL

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the club.

1. The schedule is as follows:
  - Competitors briefing: Thursday, March 8, 2018 0900 hour at the clubhouse.
  - Warning signal for the first race: Thursday, March 8, 2018, 1030 hours.
  - The time of the warning signal for subsequent races will be posted except when races are sailed back-to-back.
  - Seven (7) races are scheduled of which no more than three shall be sailed on any one day.
  - Races may be sailed back-to-back.
  - On the last day of the regatta if three races have been completed no warning signal will be made after 1200 hours. If three races have not been completed this time limit is extended to 1500 hours.
2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the Clubhouse of the LESC Clubhouse (Regatta Headquarters). Signals made ashore will be displayed at a docked signal boat.
3. Marks:
  - 3.1 Original marks and change marks will be identified at the competitors briefing.
  - 3.2 After the start, minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.
4. The time limit shall be 90 minutes. Boats still racing 25 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, and A11.
5. The starting line will be:
  - 5.1 Between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark, or
  - 5.2 Between staffs displaying orange flags on two RC Boats, or
  - 5.3 From a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat at the starboard end, to a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat in the approximate center of the start line, and thence to a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat at the port end.
  - 5.4 RRS 30.1 will be in effect for all starts, including starts where RRS 30.2, RRS 30.3 or RRS 30.4 is also in effect.
  - 5.5 If a mid-line boat is in place in accordance with SI 5.3, a boat may return to the pre-start side of the line around the mid-line boat, leaving it to port, before starting. This changes RRS 30.1
  - 5.6 A boat that has not started before 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS.
6. Following the display of the Individual Recall signal, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF radio the sail numbers of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the start signal and boats that must comply with Rule 30.1. Such announcements are a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement, or of boats to hear and/or understand it, shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
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  - 7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and on the course side of a nearby mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee boats.
  - 7.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing indicates "no more racing today".
  - 7.3 Flag H displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing indicates "racing will continue after a break either on shore or on the water".
  - 7.4 If no flag is flying it may be assumed that another race will follow immediately.
  - 7.5 A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta Headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore
8. The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply, except that RRS A2 is changed so that each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races unless seven races or more are completed. If seven races are completed, each boat shall discard her worst score, except when prohibited under RRS 90.3(b). Three races need to be completed before a Midwinter Champion is recognized and perpetual trophies awarded. One race constitutes a regatta for purposes of awarding keeper trophies.
9. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
10. A capsized boat that is righted by outside help shall retire. This changes RRS 41.
11. A boat intending to file a protest shall verbally inform the RC after finishing.