



Lake Eustis Sailing Club

13th Annual MC SCOW Train Wreck REGATTA

And

MC TRIPLE CROWN – EVENT #2

Jan 29-31st, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Notice of Race, the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the US Sailing Prescriptions, the MC Class Association Rules, and these Sailing Instructions which shall supersede in the event a conflict exists. (This changes RRS 63.7.) The regatta is open to all MC Scows meeting NOR requirements. Entries must be complete, and all fees paid before a boat may be scored.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and BRIEFING

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the vicinity of the LESC Clubhouse. A Competitors Briefing in person and on VHF Channel 72 will be held at 1100hrs on Friday Jan 29th.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at the completion of the Competitors' Briefing or prior to 0800 hours on the day the change is to take effect, whichever is later, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before the change will take effect.
- 3.2 An "L" Flag flown at the Notice Board indicates that a change in the SIs has been posted.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the "MC" RC Signal Boat.
- 4.2 When a postponement is signaled ashore, the next warning signal will be made either (a) not less than 45 minutes after the lowering of flag 'AP' or (b) when all boats have assembled in the starting area, whichever is sooner. (Changes RRS Race Signals).

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The warning signal for first race will be at 1230hrs on Friday Jan 29th 2021.
- 5.2. Except when races are sailed back-to-back, the times of the warning signals will be posted on the official notice board.
- 5.3. No warning signal shall be made after 1300 hours on Sun Jan 31st
- 5.4. 8 races are scheduled, but more races may be sailed at the discretion of the PRO

6. **CLASS FLAGS** will be the standard MC Scow class burgee.

7. **RACING AREA** will be the waters of Lake Eustis

8. Course

8.1 The course will be the WA course as shown in the RRS Appendix S and as indicated in these SI's

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Original marks will be large Orange Tetrahedrons; the offset mark at the windward mark will be a small Red Ball.
- 9.2 New marks to change the next leg of the course will be Green Tetrahedrons and will be used in accordance with RRS 33 . The change may be broadcast on the competitor radio channel. Subsequent course changes will alternate between the two mark colors (Changes RRSs 33(a)).
- 9.3 There will be no off-set mark at a changed windward mark. The leeward “gate” may be replaced by a single mark which will be rounded to PORT
- 9.4 After the start, minor adjustments in a mark’s location will not be signaled (Changes RRS 33).

10 Areas of obstruction Any areas deemed obstructions will be defined at the competitors meeting.

11. The start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be: Between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on two RC Boats, or 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 then to a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat at the port end.
- 11.2 RRS 30.1 will be in effect for all starts, including starts where RRS 30.2, RRS 30.3 or RRS 30.4 are also in effect.
- 11.3 If a mid-line boat is in place in accordance with SI 11.1, a boat may return to the pre-start side of the line around the mid-line boat, leaving it to PORT as per diagram, before starting. This changes RRS 30.
- 11.4 A boat that has not started before 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS.

12. Change of the next leg of the course

- 12.1 refer to SI 9

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be either A) between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat and the course side of a nearby course rounding mark or B) the course side of the marks forming the leeward gate. The RC boat at the finishing line may not be the same boat as used at the starting line.
- 13.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing indicates “no more racing today”.
- 13.3 Flag H displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing indicates “racing will continue after a break either on shore or on the water”.
- 13.4 If no flag is flying it may be assumed that another race will follow immediately.
- 13.5 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 registration immediately upon arrival on shore

14. PENALTIES SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat that does not comply with RRS 44.1 but, prior to a hearing, acknowledges breaking a rule, shall be penalized 30% of the number of boats entered, but not less than six places, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF. (changes RRS 44)

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The target time per race shall be 60 minutes. Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired),i.e. the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish, plus 2. (changes RRS A10 and RRS35)
- 15.2 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 20 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.

16 PROTESTS

16.1 A protesting boat shall notify the RC in the finishing area the racing numbers of all protested boats.

16.2 The RC shall post the time of docking of the RC signal boat and the racing numbers of all known protesting and protested boats.

16.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at the LESC Clubhouse and lodged with the Chief Judge or other designated person within the protest time limit, which is one hour after the docking of the RC signal boat.

16.4 Protest hearing notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing to which they are parties, or named as witnesses.

16.5 The protest committee will hear protests as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt

16.6 Photographs, videos and digital images of any kind may not be used as evidence in these hearings except when they have been originated from a source designated by the RC or the Organizing Authority. (Changes RRS 63.6)

16.7 A request for redress shall be delivered to the Protest Committee within the protest time limit or within one hour after the incident whichever is later (Changes RRS 62.2).

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta. Unless 6 or more races are completed no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

17.2 - Sailors using an "X sail" shall advise the race committee.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Races will be run when, in the opinion of the RC and within the MC fleet recommendations, the conditions are considered suitable for racing.

18.2 When the safety of a race is threatened due to weather or other safety concerns the RC may discontinue racing by hoisting flags 'N' over 'H' meaning "discontinue racing and find safe harbor." Any boats that have not finished may be scored at the discretion of the PRO who may also order the race abandoned (Changes RRS 32, 35 and the Race Signals for flag 'N over H').

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27 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

27.1 Except in an emergency or as provided in these sailing instructions a boat that is racing shall not make or receive any electronic communication.

27.2 Race Signal Flags will be the primary means used by the RC to communicate with competitors, however the RC will attempt to make VHF radio contact regarding OCSs, weather issues, safety concerns and other actions of the RC where clarification may be helpful to the sailors. This may include start time countdown. The competitor channel used will be Ch 72. Failure of radio communications is not cause for redress.

28 Prizes will be awarded as per the NOR.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 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.

30 COVID RESTRICTIONS

30.1 Covid-19 Restrictions and Practices published in the NOR are hereby incorporated. Amendments to the Restrictions and Practices based on current local, state & CDC conditions and requirements may be added, removed or changed as an SI Change.

30.2 Frequent or flagrant failure or resistance by a competitor to follow Covid-19 Restrictions and Practices may be determined by the RC to constitute grounds for Event Disqualification. No grounds for redress will be granted.

WATER BOTTLES

Please help us to become **GREENER** by filling your water bottles before leaving shore

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

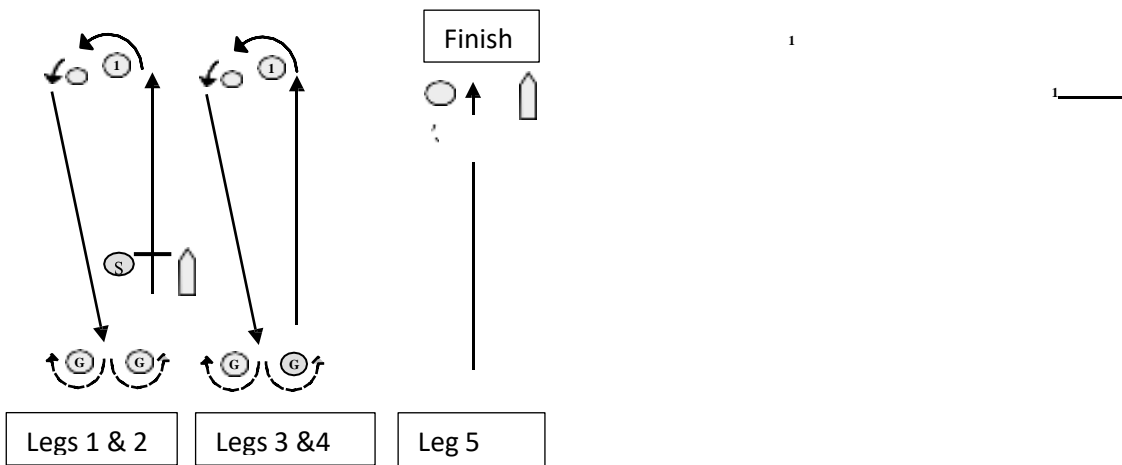
THE COURSE IS A "WA course

(W = WINDWARD/LEEWARD) the NUMBER INDICATING THE NUMBER OF "windward" LEGS.

EXAMPLE: WA 3 = 3 LEGS (UPWIND FINISH) NOTE: AN RC BOAT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR MARK(S) ON STARTING OR FINISHING LINE.

If no leeward gate the leeward mark shall be rounded to PORT

WA 3 (schematic diagram- not to scale)



Start line may be to leeward of gate or leeward mark.

ALLOWABLE RETURN TO PRESTART SIDE WITH MID- STARTING LINE BOAT

(SEE SI 11.3)

