

**MCSA Sailing Instructions**  
**2021 MCSA Midwinter Championship**  
**March 11 - 13, 2021**  
**Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Eustis, FL**

**1 Rules**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the MCSA rules and by-laws.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the club.

**3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4 Signals Made Ashore and Race Office**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from a docked Race Committee vessel.

4.2 The race office will be located in the Lake Eustis Sailing Club.

5 **AP Ashore Delay.** After Flag AP ashore is lowered, the next signal will be made not less than 45 Minutes later.

**6 Schedule**

6.1 Seven Races are scheduled.

6.2 No more than three races will be sailed in one day.

6.3 Practice Race 1500 Wednesday, March 10, 2021

6.4 Competitor's Briefing & social distancing note: 0900 Thursday, March 11, 2021 These are in the NOR and are essential for people with health concerns

6.5 The Warning Signal for Race 1 1030 Thursday, March 11, 2021

6.6 Subsequent races will follow. After going ashore, subsequent race warning times will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

6.7 If three races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1200 on Saturday, March 13, 2021

6.8 If fewer than three races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1300 on Saturday, March 13, 2021.

**7 Class Flag**

7.1 The class flag will be the class insignia on a red, white, & blue background.

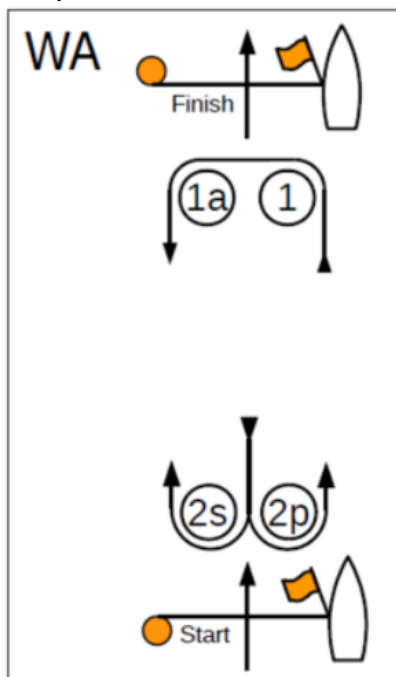
**8 Racing Area**

8.1 The racing area will be the navigable waters of Lake Eustis.

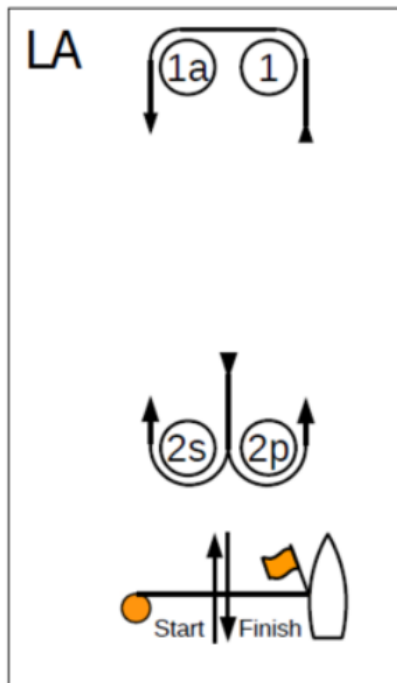
**9 Courses**

9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying one or two letters followed by a number, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

The course diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The supplement may include additional courses.



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 The marks used for the regatta will be described and shown at the competitor's briefing.
- 10.2 Starting Line flags will be Orange
- 10.3 Finishing Line flags will be Blue

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 The start will be governed by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be:
  - 11.2.1 Between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark or
  - 11.2.2 Between two staffs displaying Line flags on two race committee vessels or
  - 11.2.3 From a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel on the starboard end to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the approximate center of the line to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the port end of the starting line.
- 11.3 If a mid-line boat is in place in accordance with SI 11.2.3 yachts subject to the I Flag rule may return to the pre-start side of the line, round the mid-line boat, leaving it to port as if it were the port end of the starting line before starting. This changes RRS 30.1.
- 11.4 RRS A4.1 is changed so that a boat that has not started within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS.
- 11.5 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).

## 12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between two staffs displaying Line flags on race committee vessels or if only one Line flag is displayed, between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a finishing mark.

## 14 Time Limits

- 14.1 Mark 1 Time Limit: 30 Minutes. Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.
- 14.2 Race Time Limit: 90 Minutes. Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- 14.3 Finishing Window: 20 Minutes. Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- 14.4 Protest Time Limit: 75 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day, the finishing window expires for the last race of the day, or Flag A is displayed.
- 14.5 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall 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.

## **15 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Hearing requests may be delivered to the race office, the PRO, or emailed to jp@scowracers.net.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is listed in 14.4.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2
- 15.6 A boat that is intending to protest or request redress shall notify the protest committee as soon as practical after coming ashore.
- 15.7 Hearings will be conducted according to the MC Scow Midwinters 2021 Hearing Procedures.

## **16 Scoring**

- 16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 When fewer than 7 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 7 races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

## **17 Communication**

- 17.1 The Competitor VHF Channel is 72.
- 17.2 The RC will use the Competitor VHF Channel to communicate about the racing, weather issues, safety concerns, and other actions where clarification may be helpful to the competitors.
- 17.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 17.4 A boat that retires shall inform the Race Committee as soon as practicable via the Competitor VHF Channel and/or by informing a Race Committee vessel verbally and/or by informing an event official ashore.

## **18 Prizes**

- 18.1 Three races need to be completed before a Midwinter Championship is recognized and perpetual trophies awarded. One race constitutes a regatta for purposes of awarding keeper trophies. Awards will be based on her finishes in the overall fleet.
- 18.2 Keeper trophies are as follows:
  - Top 10 overall (any age, male or female)
  - Top 3 Masters (50-59 years of age)
  - Top 3 Grand Masters (60-69 years of age)
  - Top 2 Mega Masters (70-79 years of age)
  - Top Old Salt (80+ years of age)
  - Top Woman (any age, minimum of 2 needed)
  - Top Youth (under 25 on March 11, minimum of 2 needed)
  - Triple Crown 1st Place - Highest points

## **19 Outside Assistance**

- 19.1 A capsized boat that receives outside assistance while righting or a crew member who is ill, injured, overboard, or in danger that receives outside assistance shall retire except: if receiving said assistance from another competitor boat in the same race you may continue racing without penalty. This changes RRS 41.

## **20 Crew**

- 20.1 The decision to use or not use crew for a race(s) must be made at the dock. Crew changes on the water are not allowed.