

MCSA Sailing Instructions
2021 MCSA National Championship
June 25 - 27, 2021
Clear Lake Yacht Club, Clear Lake, IA

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix S, 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 on the first floor.

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 main hall at Clear Lake Yacht 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 Thursday, June 24, 2021

6.4 Competitor's Briefing: 0830 Friday, June 25, 2021 Front lawn of the yacht club and simultaneously on Channel 72.

6.5 The Warning Signal for Race #1 1000 Thursday, June 25, 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 Sunday, June 27, 2021

6.8 If fewer than three races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, June 27, 2021.

7 Class Flag

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

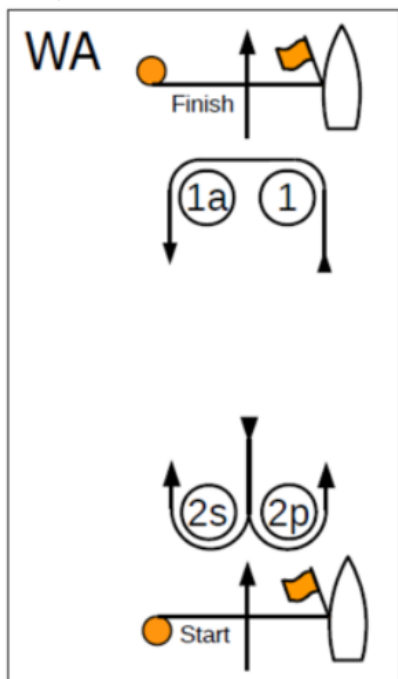
8 Racing Area

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

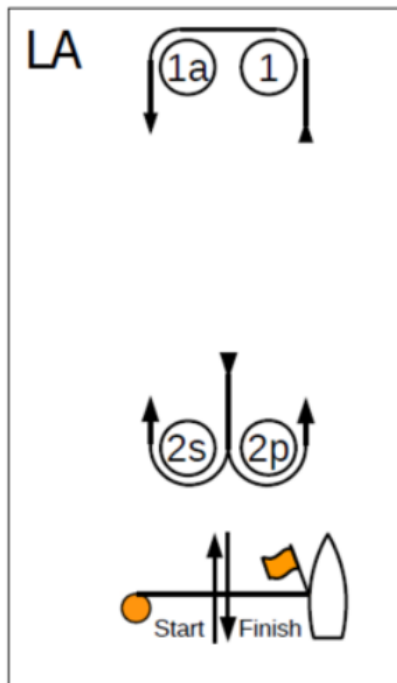
9 Courses

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 – 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 – Finish

10 Marks

- 10.1 Original marks will be Orange Round Marks
- 10.2 Change marks will be Orange Round Marks
- 10.3 Starting line flags will be orange flags. Finish line flags will be orange.

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. (Flag A 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. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office within the appropriate time limit and must include the name of the skipper of the boat, that person's email address, and phone numbers. This supplements RRS 61.2. .
- 15.2 The protest time limit is listed in 14.4. : 75 Minutes after the last boat *finishes* the last race of the day. (Flag A displayed).
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Virtual hearings will be held in the protest room located at the race office beginning at the time set forth in the posted notice using connection links to be provided by the hearing panel before the hearing time.
- 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 Hearings conducted in accordance with the rules of RRS Part 5, Section B [Hearings & Decisions], Section C [Misconduct], and Arbitrations conducted in accordance with Appendix T [Arbitration] to the RRS shall be virtual meetings held in the protest room located at the race office. Parties, party representatives, and witnesses to such hearings or arbitrations shall have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio & video capability and must use this audio & video to appear before a hearing panel or arbitrator unless advised otherwise by the hearing panel or arbitrator. See *Protest & Redress Information for Competitors* posted on the event website: mcscow.org.
- 15.6 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
- 15.7 A boat that is intending to protest or request redress shall notify the protest committee as soon as practical after coming ashore.

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 Channel is 72. The race committee channel will be 69 which is not to be monitored or to be used by the competitors except in an emergency.
- 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.

18 Prizes

- 18.1 Three races need to be completed before a National 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 15 overall (any age, male or female)
 - Top 3 Masters (50-59 years of age)
 - Top 3 Grand Masters (60-69 years of age)
 - Top Mega Master (70-79 years of age)
 - Top Old Salt (80+ years of age)
 - Top Woman (any age)
 - Top Youth (under 25 on June 25)
 - Top Single-Handed Sailor

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 Appendix T

- 20.1 Appendix T will apply. Upon receipt of a protest, the protest committee will attempt to have an arbitration hearing as soon as practicable. Appendix T1(b) is changed so the Post Race Penalty will be calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c) and, in accordance with RRS 44.3, be the lesser of the following:
 - 20.1.1 30% of the total number of entries or
 - 50% of the difference between the boats finishing position and the number of entries.