

2019 Club Championship

BIRMINGHAM SAILING CLUB

November 16 & 17, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Flying Scot Class Rules, the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI). In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 and V2 shall be in effect. **See Penalties below.**
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T ("Arbitration") shall be in effect.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 a Competitor's Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday on the patio of the Clubhouse.
- 2.2 Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the Clubhouse.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Clubhouse.
- 3.2 When Code Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes".
- 3.3 A sound signal made when the Race committee returns to shore at the end of that day's racing, means the beginning of a one- hour time limit to file protests has begun.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACE ACTIVITIES:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

0930 Registration Opens
1000 Registration Closes
1000 Competitor's Meeting (BSC Patio)
1130 First Warning Signal Race 1
Subsequent races will follow Race 1,
No race started after 1600

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1030 Warning Signal
1530 Latest Time to start a race

Six (6) races are scheduled over the two-day period. For subsequent races to be held on the same day, the Warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. To alert boats that another race is about to start, a series of short sounds may be made by the Race Committee Signal Boat approximately 1 minute before the Warning signal is made.

5. COURSES and MARKS:

- 5.1 The Race committee Signal Boat will display letters designating the marks of the course in the order to be rounded, including the Finishing Mark, but not the Starting Mark.
- 5.2 "A" shall represent the Windward mark, "B" shall represent an Offset mark, "C" shall represent the Leeward mark, and "X" shall indicate a Downwind Finishing Mark that is other than a 'rounding mark' of the course.
- 5.3 Marks will be described at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 5.4 The Starting Line is not an obstruction; there is no closed gate.

6. THE START:

- 6.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 6.2 The Starting Line will be in between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an adjacent **port** end pin with orange pennant.
- 6.3 The Starting Sequence for the Fleet will be signaled with class flag, a blue flag with Flying Scot class logo.

7. RECALLS:

- 7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of boat(s) determined to be OCS at the start.
- 7.2 VHF Marine Radios are allowed and may be used to notify boats determined to be OCS.
- 7.3 A committee support boat may be used to pass along OCS notification but will not identify premature starters without concurrence from the PRO and as signaled from the Race Committee Signal Boat.

8. THE FINISH:

- 8.1 The Finishing line will be between an orange flag on a committee boat and an adjacent mark.
- 8.2 The Finishing Line, except for a Change of Course or Shortened Course, will use the Starting Mark "X" as one end of the line.

9. TIME LIMIT:

- 9.1 The time limit will be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 9.2 Boats still racing 15 minutes after the first boat 'Finishes' will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and receive a score equal to the number of boats that have Finished within the time limit Plus 2 Points not to exceed the number of boats Starting that race.
- 9.3 Expiration of the Time Limit shall be signaled with one long sound signal and display of Code Flag "L" if there are Finishers and with Code Flag "N" (Abandonment) if there are none.

10. PROTESTS:

- 10.1 PROTEST FLAGS are Not required, but a valid protest must be accompanied by a hail of "Protest", in conformance with RRS 61, to the infringing boat at the time of the incident without unnecessary delay.
- 10.2 Protests shall be submitted in writing on forms available at the clubhouse and submitted to the Race Committee within one hour of the committee Boat docking.

11. PEALTIES:

- 11.1 Any competitor using penalty turns shall report that use to the Race committee promptly upon finishing that race.
- 11.2 V1 – The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the Zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty”.
- 11.3 V2 – After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by informing the Race Committee that she is accepting a 30% Scoring Penalty and identifying the race number. Such Penalty shall not be afforded after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

12. SCORING:

- 12.1 The regatta shall be scored using US Sailing Low Point Scoring System.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 13.1 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.