

# 2021 Club Championship

Birmingham Sailing Club  
November 13-14, 2021

## Notice of Race (NOR) as modified on November 7, 2021

This regatta is being held under the authority of the Birmingham Sailing Club on November 13 and 14, 2021 at Lake Logan Martin in an area designated by the club race committee. Conditions permitting, it will consist of six races. The rules for the regatta are described in the attached sailing instructions (SI). The regatta will determine the club skipper and crew championships and will use Flying Scot one design boats for the competition. The competition on November 13 will consist of three 30 minute races in the AM and three 30 minute races in the afternoon with a lunch break between morning and afternoon races. Each race will allow a 15 minute time break to permit skippers and crews to exchange boats.

In the event that weather and wind conditions require it, additional races will be held on November 14 to complete six races. In the event that weather and wind conditions are not conducive to racing on either day, an announcement will be made on the official bulletin board in the clubhouse and as indicated at the club flagpole.

The schedule for boat/ skipper & crew swapping between races will be distributed by the time of the skippers' meeting.

### RACE SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

08:00 Registration  
08:45 Competitors' (Skippers') meeting  
09:30 Signal for 1<sup>st</sup> race  
NOON Lunch  
13:00 Signal for 4th race

(No races will be started after 16:00)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30 Signal for additional races if required  
(See club bulletin board)

# Sailing Instructions

## 1. Rules

- 1.1 The rules for this regatta are determined as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS, 2021-2024), the Notice of Race (NOR, see above) and these Sailing Instructions (SI). In the event that there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 shall be in effect.

## 2. Notices (Communications) to Competitors

- 2.1 A competitors' meeting (aka "skippers' meeting") will be held at 8:45 Saturday on the patio of the clubhouse.
- 2.2 Notices for the regatta will be posted on the official 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 accompanied by a sound signal.
- 3.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the "1 minute" signal is changed to mean "not less than 30 minutes".
- 3.3 When the race committee returns to shore at the end of the day, it will make one long sound signal to indicate the beginning of a one hour time limit for the filing of protests.

## 4. Schedule of Race Activities

- 4.1 See the NOR above.
- 4.2 Preliminary warning: The race committee will make a series of short signals to indicate that the warning signal for the next race is about to begin.

## 5. Courses and Marks

- 5.1 The race committee signal boat will display letters designating the course in the order of rounding including the finishing mark. It will not display a starting mark.
- 5.2 “A” indicates the windward mark; “B” indicates an offset mark; “C” indicates the leeward mark; and “X” indicates the downwind finishing mark (not a rounding mark). Not every mark may be used for a course.
- 5.3 The marks will also be described at the competitors’ meeting.
- 5.4 The starting line is not an obstruction and there is no closed gate.

## 6. The Start

- 6.1 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 6.2 The starting line will be defined as the line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee signal boat and a port end pin with an orange pennant.
- 6.3 The starting sequence (warning signal) will begin with the Flying Scot Class flag (*FS* symbol).
- 6.4 The preparatory signal may be replaced by an I-flag (RRS 30.1, black circle on a yellow background) at the discretion of the race committee.

## 7. Recalls

- 7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled as in RRS 29.1 (blue cross on white background). The race committee will attempt to hail the OCS boat(s) involved.
- 7.2 Marine radios may be used to notify OCS boats with the concurrence of the PRO on the committee signal boat using the X flag.
- 7.3 If a general recall is made, the I-flag rule (RRS 30.1) may then be used.

## 8. The Use of VHF Radios

- 8.1 The use of VHF radios to monitor the race committee and learn of emergencies during the regatta is reasonable and useful.
- 8.2 Communication or requesting of information by a competitor from any member of the race committee in the conduct of a race will not be condoned and could be construed as misconduct [RRS 69.1 (b) (1)].
- 8.3 The race committee reserves the right to change radio frequencies if it judges that there is interference in the fair conduct of the regatta. Competitors, however, are encouraged to promptly report any emergencies to the PRO or any member of the race committee.

## 9. The finish

- 9.1 The finishing line will be a line between an orange flag on the committee signal boat and an orange pennant on an adjacent mark.
- 9.2 A boat is not required to cross the finish line completely in order to finish (RRS 28.1).

## 10. Shortened Course

- 10.1 If the race committee decides to shorten a course already started, then the race committee boat shall signal code flag S (blue square on a white background) with two sound signals.
- 10.2 The shortened course finish line will be set as described in RRS 32.2 (a). That is, it will be done at a rounding mark between the mark and a staff displaying flag S.

## 11. Protests

- 11.1 Protest flags are not required to be displayed. However, a valid protest must be promptly accompanied by a “protest” hail as stated in RRS 61.1.
- 11.2 The protesting boat should inform the protested boat that a protest will be filed at the first reasonable opportunity to do so.
- 11.3 Valid protests should be submitted in writing to the race committee within one hour when the race committee docks at day’s end.

## 12. Taking penalty turns

- 12.1 A competitor must promptly report to the race committee the use of penalty turns at the completion of each race and the circumstances of making those turns (e. g., sail number of other boat involved, etc.).
- 12.2 Under the 2021-2024 RRS, Appendix V1 applies to describe alternative penalty turns.
- 12.3 Post race penalties (described in Appendix V2) will not be used.

