

BSC Sailing Instructions

Rules:

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012 including US Sailing prescriptions (RRS).

These instructions apply for regattas hosted by Birmingham Sailing Club unless a separate notice of race and/or sailing instructions are published.

Entries:

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority.

Notices to Competitors:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the Club house.

Changes in Sailing Instructions:

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted in writing at least one hour before the first race of the day on the day that it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will either be posted by the end of the skippers meeting or if after the skippers meeting by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

Signals Made Ashore:

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the shore in front of the Club house. Code flag "AP" with two sound signals means racing is postponed. Lowering with one sound signal means the next warning signal will be made in not less than 30 minutes. A sound signal made when the race committee returns to shore means that protest time has begun. Protest time ends one hour after the sound signal.

Schedule of Races:

Regattas & One-Days - As published in the notice of race or BSC's One Day Regatta policy, published on the club's website.

Sunday Club races - The warning signal for the first race is raised at 14:00.

Order of Starts:

Regattas - The order of starts and the boats that will start in each start will be given at the skippers meeting. **Club One-Days** - Posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat. All classes starting together act as a unit concerning general recalls.

Marks of The Course:

Marks of the course are normally orange spherical floats, approximately 3' in diameter. The race committee shall place the marks of the course as needed, in its discretion. The course to be sailed shall be designated as follows; by letters placed on the sides of the Race Committee Signal Boat.

A = the Windward mark

B = the Reaching mark

C = the Leeward mark

X = the Finishing mark

O = Windward **O**ffset mark

G = Leeward **G**ate (leeward gate has two marks)

Not all of these marks need be used in a race.

Course:

The Race Committee Signal Boat will display letters and numbers designating the marks of the course in the order to be sailed, including the finishing mark, but not the starting mark. The number "2" indicates twice around the previously displayed letters. The last letter displayed designates the finishing mark. For example, a windward-leeward, twice around course with an upwind finish would be designated as "AC2X." (See attachment "A" for example courses.)

If a course uses a leeward gate (designated by the letter "G"), there will be two leeward marks comprising the gate. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark (pass through the gate) and round either gate mark.

The starting line is not an obstruction; there is no closed gate.

The Start:

The Starting line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the adjacent mark. Races will be started in accordance with racing rule 26. A yacht whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

Recalls:

There may be a race committee boat stationed at the buoy end of the line with the authority to identify premature starters. All signals and flags, however, will be made/displayed only from the Race Committee Signal Boat.

The Finish:

The finish line will be between the "RC" flag or an orange flag on a committee boat and the adjacent mark of the course. A different committee boat may record finishers than the committee boat that started the race.

After the first yacht of each fleet has finished, the race committee reserves the right to terminate all races in progress by displaying code flag "G" accompanied by two sound signals and then determining the finishing positions or times of any boats still on the course in the following manner: A race committee boat will motor from the finish line, along the rhumb line to each previous mark in reverse order, assigning scores in ascending order or assigning times as it reaches the point at the perpendicular projection of each boat's position to the rhumb line.

Protests:

Protests shall be in writing and must be filed with the race committee within one hour of the race committee's return to shore.

Scoring:

The US Sailing Association Portsmouth DPN numbers (with wind velocity factors applied if wind velocity data are collected) will be used in scoring handicap races. Boats with unknown ratings will be assigned ratings by the race committee.

Regatta Scoring:

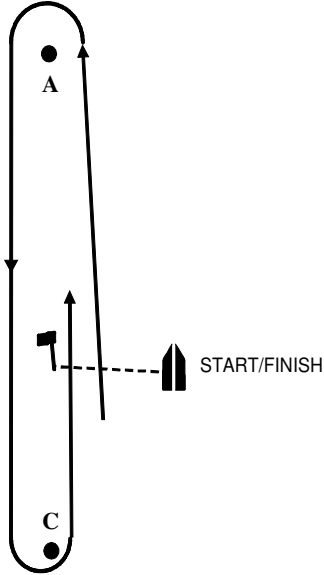
- A. Scoring will follow the Low Point System of Rule A4.1
- B. Only one race need be completed to constitute a series or regatta.
- C. No score will be excluded (no throw-out). This changes RRS A2.

Disclaimer of Liability:

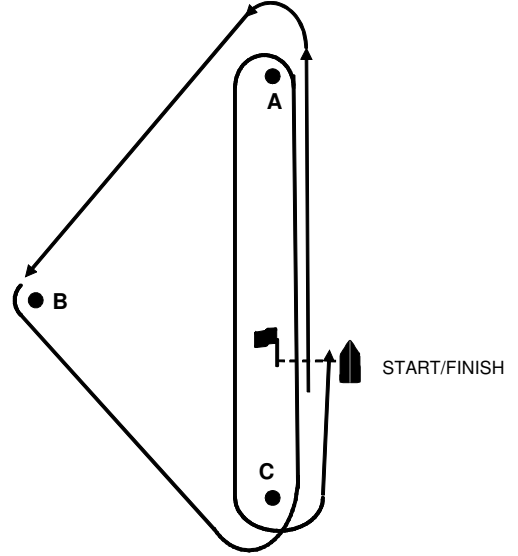
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Birmingham Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A

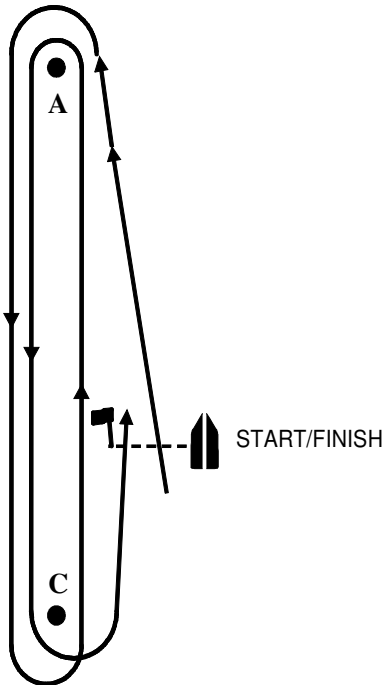
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